

# BRESCIA

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Now!



## Graduation Class of 2017

Congratulations to all of the 2017 Brescia University graduates and welcome to the Alumni family! We cannot wait to see the difference you make in the lives of your communities, your churches, your families and others as you go forward. Thank you for letting us be part of your story!

### KENTUCKY

#### **Benton:**

Peggy Sue Potempa, B.A. in Theology:  
Emphasis in Pastoral Studies, Magna  
Cum Laude;

#### **Beverly:**

Meredith Hallie  
Asher, A.A

in Human Services;

#### **Brandenburg:**

Dylan Massey, B.S. in Computer Science:  
Emphasis in Business and Management  
Systems;

#### **Calhoun:**

Kayleigh Brooke Bowlds, B.S. in Speech  
Pathology and Audiology;

Kelsey Ranes Clouse, B.S. in Business;

#### **Clay:**

Maryjo Michelle Williams,  
B.S. in Biology;

#### **Crestwood:**

Robert Caudill, B.S.W. in Social Work;

#### **Elizabethtown:**

William Andrew Beams, B.S. in Biology  
with a Chemistry Minor;

Jessica Elizabeth McCray, A.A. in  
Human Services;

Kassie Rachele Spink, B.S.W. in Social

Work, Magna Cum Laude;

#### **Fordsville:**

Sarah Ann Hedges, M.S.M. in Management;

#### **Fort Campbell:**

Renea Jeanette Williams, B.S.W. in Social  
Work, Magna Cum Laude;

#### **Gravel Switch:**

Alexis Carla Michelle Kirkland, B.S.W. in  
Social Work, Cum Laude;

#### **Hardinsburg:**

Madalyn Adora Jarboe, B.A. in Psychology,  
Magna Cum Laude;

#### **Hartford:**

Sesiley Grace Ayers, A.A. in Human Services;

#### **Hawesville:**

Jessica Burk, B.S.W. in Social Work, Member  
of Honors College, Magna Cum Laude;

#### **Henderson:**

Amy Bassett, B.S.W. in Social Work, Member  
of Phi Alpha, Cum Laude;

Ready  
for my next  
Adventure

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Graduation  
2017

Lauren Rodgers, B.S. in Biology;

James A. Wilson, Jr, B.S. in Business;

**Hickory:**

Nicole Ashley Burks, B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology, Cum Laude;

**Lebanon Junction:**

Rashelle Nicole Juric, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Chemistry and Biology;

**Lexington:**

Antonio Juan Enrique Marchi, B.A. in Theology;

**Livermore:**

Kelsey Michelle Daugherty, B.S.W. in Social Work;

**Louisville:**

Andrew Ray Atkins, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Business and Sports Management;

Luis J. Aju Cottom, M.B.A. in Business Administration;

**Madisonville:**

Chad Edward Menser, M.B.A. in Business Administration;

Morgan Skye Wimberg, B.A. in English with a Psychology Minor;

**Milton:**

Heather Garcia, B.S.W. in Social Work, Magna Cum Laude;

**Morganfield:**

James R. Girten, B.S. in Business, Cum Laude;

**Morgantown:**

Tori McKenna Fugate, B.S. in Biology;

**Owensboro:**

Manuchimso David Amadi, B.S. in Computer Science: Emphasis in Quantative Theory;

Heather Hadley Boaz, B.S. in Middle School Education with Kentucky Teacher Certification 5–9 in English and Social Studies;

Kristen Nicole Boyens, B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology;

Jonathan Brey, B.S. in Middle School Education with Kentucky Teacher Certification 5–9 in Mathematics and Science, Summa Cum Laude;

Emily Whelan Cissell, B.S. in Accounting, Cum Laude;

Mary Megan Dunn, M.S.W. in Social Work;

Jacob Paul Fischer, B.A. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in History, Philosophy, and Theology;

William Charles Johnson, B.S. in Biology;

Nicholas Howard Krampe, B.S. in Accounting, Magna Cum Laude;

Sarah Elizabeth Lawson, M.S.W. in Social Work;

Erica Lee McFarland, B.S. in Biology;

Caleb McIntire, A.A in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Business and Social Work;

Tonya Moorman, B.S. in Accounting, Cum Laude;

Megan Leigh Morton, M.B.A. in Business Administration;

Daryle Scott Muench, M.S.M. in Management;

Jennifer Brown Nelson, B.S. in Accounting;

Christy Ann Probus, B.S.W. in Social Work, Member of Phi Alpha;

Jennifer Therese Robertson, B.S. in Accounting;

Audrey Rose Rock-Goetz, M.S.T.L. in Teacher Leadership;

Jonathan Byron Speed, A.S. Health Sciences;

Rachel Jean-Marie Tanner, B.S.W. in Social Work, Has met all requirements for Certification in Public Child Welfare in Kentucky;

Johanna Francheska Rosa Torres, A.A in Human Services;

Stephanie Theresa Wall, B.A. in English, Member of Alpha Chi, Cum Laude;

Hilary Ashton Wright, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Human Resource Management;

Joshua Yonts, A.S. in Business;

**Paducah:**

Tyler Thomas Neihoff, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Psychology and Sports Management;

**Philpot:**

Sarah Elizabeth Martin, B.S. in Elementary Education with Kentucky Teacher Certification P–5

**Providence;**

David Lee Drury, III, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Biology and Business;

**Radcliff:**

Victoria Alexandrina King, B.A. in Graphic Design;

Kumari Javaughn Logan, B.A. in Psychology, Member of Honors College;

**Somerset:**

Tyler Logan Hail, B.S. in Biology;

**Union:**

Daniel Matthew Lageman, B.A. in Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Ministry;

Mason W. Sturdivant, A.S. in Engineering Studies;

**Utica:**

Amber Elizabeth Boarman, B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology, Cum Laude;

Andrea Dawn Boarman, B.S. in Speech Pathology and Audiology, Cum Laude;

Andrew James Roberts, B.S. in Accounting, Member of Alpha Chi;

**Viper:**

Joyce Coots, B.S.W. in Social Work;

**Whitesville:**

Nathan Huff, B.A. in Graphic Design with a Business Minor, Cum Laude;

ALABAMA

**Huntsville:**

Christina S. Kirkland, B.S.W. in Social Work, Member of Alpha Chi and Phi Alpha;

**Mobile:**

Lindsay Louise Lum, B.S.W. in Social Work, Cum Laude;

**Wetumpka:**

Cynthia Ann Foote, B.S.W. in Social Work, Member of Alpha Chi and Phi Alpha, Magna Cum Laude;

ARIZONA

**Anthem:**

Laurie Mae White, B.S.W. in Social Work, Magna Cum Laude;

**Litchfield Part:**

Chelsie Loraine Stewman, B.S.W. in Social Work, Member of Phi Alpha, Cum Laude;

ARKANSAS

**Harrison:**

Elizabeth A. R. Wolfe, A.A in Human Services;

**Mountain Home:**

Autumn Louise Goss, B.S.W. in Social Work;

CALIFORNIA

**Adelanto:**

Demetria Renee Hill, A.A in Human Services;

**Colma:**

Taylor Ignaczak, B.S.W. in Social Work, Cum Laude;

**San Diego:**

Dulce Y. Lopez Filomeno, M.S.W. in Social Work, Member of Phi Alpha;

**Fontana:**

Johnny Murcia, B.A. in Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies;

**Hemet:**

Sarah Ann Perez, B.S.W. in Social Work;

**Oceanside:**

Elissa Noel Duggan, B.S.W. in Social Work;

**Olivehurst:**

Erin Elizabeth Ticarat, B.S.W. in Social Work, Member of Alpha Chi, Magna Cum Laude;

**Riverside:**

Marisol Lopez Saiz, A.A in Human Services;

**Sacramento:**

Pamela Jean Hammon, M.S.W. in Social Work, Member of Phi Alpha;

**Santa Rosa:**

Patrick Ross, B.S. in Business;

**Winnetka:**

Jessica Marie Castillo, B.S.W. in Social Work, Member of Phi Alpha, Cum Laude;

COLORADO

**Colorado Springs:**

Heather Elizabeth Wilkins, B.S.W. in Social Work, Member of Alpha Chi and Phi Alpha;

**Greeley:**

Krystal Kay Steinmetz, A.A in Human Services;

CONNECTICUT

**Ellington:**

Sabrina Sehl, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Business and Psychology;

**Wethersfield:**

Jaimie Marie Harlow, M.S.W. in Social Work, Member of Phi Alpha;

DELAWARE

**Milford:**

Paula Puello, A.A in Human Services;

FLORIDA

**Broward County:**

Melissa A. Kelly, B.S.W. in Social Work;

**Delray Beach:**

Florencia Martinez Echenique, B.A. in Psychology, Magna Cum Laude;

**Gainesville:**

Marnie Ryan Shaeffer, A.A in Human Services;

Karen Marie Smith, B.S.W. in Social Work, Magna Cum Laude;



"SAY PLEASE AND THANK YOU. AND,  
ABOVE ALL ELSE, REMEMBER TO USE  
THE TURN SIGNAL IN YOUR CAR."

DR. BELLE WHEELAN, PRESIDENT OF THE SOUTHERN ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND  
SCHOOLS COMMISSION ON COLLEGES, 2017 COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER.

**Palmetto:**

Noelia Fredericks, A.A in Human Services;

**Pensacola:**

Michele Alexandria Johnston, M.S.W. in Social Work, Member of Phi Alpha;

**Tampa:**

Mathew Robert Strell, B.S.W. in Social Work;

**Vero Beach:**

Sandhal Cay Guggeri, A.A in Human Services;

## GEORGIA

**Atlanta:**

Karen Marie Celestine, B.S.W. in Social Work;

**Carrollton:**

Peyton Noel Hutson, B.S.W. in Social Work, Cum Laude;

**Fitzgerald:**

Catherine DeLois Handley Herrin, B.S.W. in Social Work;

**Forest Park:**

Blair Katheren Weiseger, B.A. in Psychology, Cum Laude;

**Hartwell:**

Sophia L. Walker, B.S.W. in Social Work, Summa Cum Laude;

**Marshallville:**

Cassandra Ann Benton, B.S.W. in Social Work;

**Monroe:**

Keeley Danielle Kookan, B.S.W. in Social Work, Member of Alpha Chi, Magna Cum Laude;

## HAWAII

**Wahiawa:**

Kayla Mae Draughn, A.A in Human Services;

## IDAHO

**Boise:**

Courtney M. Lossmann, B.S.W. in Social Work;

**Caldwell:**

Brianne M. Fagenstrom, B.S.W. in Social Work, Cum Laude;

**Idaho Falls:**

Joan Marie Radford, B.S.W. in Social Work, Summa Cum Laude;

## ILLINOIS

**Carbondale:**

Matthew Dalton James, B.S. in Integrated Studies: Emphases in Social Work and Psychology;

**Mascoutah:**

Nickole Judith Renee Durbin, B.A. in Political Science, Member of Alpha Chi, Magna Cum Laude;

**Metropolis:**

Joshua A. Wetzel, B.S. in Accounting, Magna Cum Laude;

**Normal:**

Elizabeth L. DeRosa, A.A in Human Services;

## INDIANA

**Boonville:**

Samantha A. Shoulders, B.A. in Psychology;

**Cloverdale:**

Victoria Hettie Boyette, B.A. in English;

**Evansville:**

Andrea Marie Pearce, B.S.W. in Social Work, Cum Laude;

Allan Joseph Stockinger, M.S.M. in Management;

**Ferdinand:**

Mackenzie Weyer, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Management;

**Fort Branch:**

Kyle L. Nixon, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Management;

**Haubstadt:**

Courtney L. Naas, B.S. in Accounting, with a Pre-Law Studies Minor;

**Indianapolis:**

Tyra Michele Gooch, B.A. in Psychology;

**Marysville:**

Savannah Rose Stivers, B.S. in Business: Emphasis in Human Resource Management; and, because of her December 2016 completion date, the very FIRST graduate of our Brescia University Honors College;

**Richland:**

Hannah Meryl Freese, B.A. in Political Science;

**Rockport:**

Allison Anne Spaetti, B.A. in Psychology;

**Thorntown:**

Sarah Ann Ackerman, B.S.W. in Social Work, Member of Phi Alpha;

## MARYLAND

**Baltimore:**

Chantay Stanley, B.S.W. in Social Work, Cum Laude;

**Silver Spring:**

Clare Patricia Nolan, B.S.W. in Social Work, Cum Laude;

**Upper Marlboro:**

Laniece Goines-Wallace, B.S.W. in Social Work, Magna Cum Laude;

## MASSACHUSETTS

**Charlton:**

Jillian Elizabeth Daigneault, B.S.W. in Social Work;





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## MICHIGAN

### *Ann Arbor:*

Tami T. Moreno, B.S.W. in Social Work,  
Member of Alpha Chi, Magna Cum Laude;

### *Auburn:*

Margaret Ann White, B.S.W. in Social Work,  
Member of Phi Alpha;

### *Battle Creek:*

Rachel Elizabeth Gortitz, B.S.W. in Social  
Work, Member of Alpha Chi and Phi Alpha  
Cum Laude;

### *Charlotte:*

Leticia Loren Stone, B.S.W. in Social Work,  
Member of Phi Alpha;

### *Midland:*

Betsy Elise Morey, B.S.W. in Social Work,  
Magna Cum Laude;

### *Sault Ste Marie:*

Jorey Verrette, B.S.W. in Social Work, Cum  
Laude;

## MINNESOTA

### *Eden Prairie:*

Laura Jo Rodriguez, B.S.W. in Social Work,  
Summa Cum Laude;

### *Kasson:*

Sara Marjorite Tear, A.A in Human Services,  
Member of Phi Alpha;

### *Ortonville:*

Kirstin Scoblic, B.S.W. in Social Work, Magna  
Cum Laude;

## MISSISSIPPI

### *Pascagoula:*

Crysta B. Gardner, A.A in Human Services;

### *Tupelo:*

Chemika Gray Green, B.S.W. in Social Work,  
Member of Alpha Chi, Magna Cum Laude;

## MONTANA

### *Livingston:*

Chad Robert Petrulis, B.S.W. in Social Work;

## NEW JERSEY

### *Delran:*

Theresa L. San Martin, B.S.W. in Social Work,  
Cum Laude;

### *Egg Harbor City:*

Lesley Ann Adams, B.S.W. in Social Work,  
Cum Laude;

### *Hamilton*

Arielle M. Chesnovitz, B.S.W. in Social Work,  
Member of Alpha Chi and Phi Alpha, Magna  
Cum Laude;

## NEW MEXICO

### *Albuquerque:*

Sara Falcone, B.A. in Psychology;

## NEW YORK

### *Brewster:*

Marcella Paola Occhicone, A.A in Human  
Services;

### *Bronx:*

Giselle Triana Buie, A.A in Human Services;

### *Fort Drum:*

Niesha M. Porter, B.S.W. in Social Work;

### *Rochester:*

Victoria Alexandria Shaffer, B.A. in Political  
Science, Spanish Minor, Cum Laude;

## NORTH CAROLINA

### *Arden:*

Joanna Carson Earls, B.S.W. in Social Work,  
Magna Cum Laude;

### *Asheville:*

Diana Elizabeth Glover, B.S.W. in Social Work;

### *Bladenboro:*

Holly M. Carlyle, A.A in Human Services;

### *Charlotte:*

Kristin Marie Mobley, B.S.W. in Social Work,  
Magna Cum Laude;

### *Columbus:*

Madison Nicole Cantrell, B.S.W. in Social  
Work;

### *Sanford:*

Joey Leigh Mosley, B.S.W. in Social Work;

## OHIO

### *Blue Ash:*

Anna Orszynska, B.S.W. in Social Work;

### *Cable:*

Casey L. Wagner, B.A. in Psychology, Cum  
Laude;

### *Cincinnati:*

Rachel Michele Fedor, B.S. in Business;

### *Columbus Grove:*

Alyssa Plontz, B.S.W. in Social Work;

### *Englewood:*

Clifton A. Early, B.A. in Psychology;

### *Luckey:*

Melisa Ann Konesni, A.A in Human Services;

### *Lynchburg:*

Valerie L. Stewart, B.A. in Integrated Studies:  
Emphases in Psychology, Business, and  
Political Science, Magna Cum Laude;

## OKLAHOMA

### *McAlester:*

Geri M. Ward, B.S.W. in Social Work;

### *Norman:*

Jamarus Derez Johnson, A.A in Human  
Services;

## OREGON

### *Hermiston:*

Nicole Barnes Morris, B.S.W. in Social Work;

### *Irrigon:*

Rebecca Lynn Moore, B.S.W. in Social Work;

## PENNSYLVANIA

### *Marietta:*

Raquel Austin, B.S.W. in Social Work;

## TENNESSEE

### *Columbia:*



Gregory Allen Smith, B.A. in Psychology;

**Cordova:**  
JaQuan Jones, B.S. in Integrated Studies:  
Emphases in Sports Management and  
Social Work;

**Dayton:**  
Kimberly Spencer Poff, B.S.W. in Social  
Work;

**Hendersonville:**  
Celmarion JayMarque Cummings , B.A. in  
Psychology;

**Nolensville:**  
Shelby Leigh Nelson, B.S. in Speech  
Pathology and Audiology, Member of  
Honors College and Alpha Chi, Summa  
Cum Laude;

**Parsons:**  
Laura Chavez Boyer, A.A in Human  
Services;

**TEXAS**  
**College Station:**  
Lindsay Booze, A.A in Human Services;

**Friendswood:**  
Marissa Renee Meader, B.S.W. in Social  
Work, Summa Cum Laude;

**Houston:**  
Danielle Janine Smith, B.S.W. in Social  
Work;

**Killeen:**  
Cheyenne Keona Tonkin, A.A in Human  
Services;

**Lindale:**  
Deborah J. Sanchez, B.S.W. in Social Work,  
Member of Alpha Chi and Phi Alpha;

**Savoy:**  
Matthew Ray Stone, B.S. in Business, Cum  
Laude;

**VIRGINIA**  
**Arlington:**  
Angel Abundez Tapia, M.B.A. in Business  
Administration;

**Culpeper:**  
Emily Calabrese, B.S.W. in Social Work;

**Linden:**  
Sandra A. Davis, B.S.W. in Social Work,  
Cum Laude;

**Mechanicsville:**  
Kelin Santos, B.S.W. in Social Work;

**Roanoke:**  
Ana Lucia Zuniga Arana, B.S.W. in Social  
Work, Magna Cum Laude;

**WASHINGTON**  
**Bellingham:**  
Lila Grace Ruiz, B.A. in Theology, Magna  
Cum Laude;

**Mount Vernon:**  
Matthew Gunderson, B.S. in Accounting;

**Vancouver:**  
Joshua Dylan Settell, A.A in Human  
Services;

**WEST VIRGINIA**  
**Beckley:**  
Mary Harris, A.A in Human Services;

**WISCONSIN**  
**Chippewa Falls:**  
Tiffany J. Berg, B.S.W. in Social Work,  
Member of Phi Alpha;

**Luck:**  
Sarah Byerly Funk, B.S.W. in Social Work,  
Member of Phi Alpha, Magna Cum Laude;

**Madison:**  
Marquita Hilliard-Williams, B.A. in  
Psychology;

**Stanley:**  
Desiree J. Ciokiewicz, B.S.W. in Social  
Work;

**BRAZIL**  
Luan Cordeiro Yoshida, A.S. in  
Engineering Studies;

**PARAGUAY**  
Fernando Manuel Pinero Garcia, B.A. in  
Graphic Design;

**MEXICO**  
Yasmani Barragan Ochoa, B.S. in Biology,  
with a Chemistry Minor, Cum Laude;

**NIGERIA**  
Preye Agbana, B.S. in Chemistry; Summa  
Cum Laude

Millicent Tambari Akere, B.S. in  
Mathematics and Chemistry, Member of  
Alpha Chi, Summa Cum Laude;

Jeribai Andrew-Jaja, B.S. in Computer  
Science: Emphasis in Quantative Theory,  
Member of Alpha Chi, Cum Laude;

Deborah Sam Ogulu, B.S. in Chemistry,  
Member of Alpha Chi, Magna Cum Laude;

**VENEZUELA**  
Moises Manuel Goncalves Jimenez, B.S. in  
Business: Emphasis in Management;

**VIETNAM**  
Anh Hong Thi Tran, B.A. in Theology with  
a Philosophy Minor, Magna Cum Laude;  
Huyen Thu Thi Vu, B.A. in Psychology



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# Save the Date

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## GRAND OPENING OF THE MOORE CENTER.

717 Frederica Street, Owensboro, KY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

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## BRESCIA RECEIVES \$1.5 MILLION IN GIFTS FOR SECOND PHASE OF THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Brescia University has received a \$1 Million gift from the family of the late Charles Albert Reid, founder of Independence Bank, to name the Brescia University School of Business in his memory. The Charles Albert Reid School of Business will be located in Brescia University's new academic center for professional studies to be constructed on the corner of 9th and Frederica Streets.

In 1971, Mr. Reid and his brother-in-law, Maurice E. Reisz, purchased Farmers & Merchants Bank in McLean County as well as Providence State Bank in Webster County. In 1997, the two small banks were incorporated under one name, Independence Bank. After his passing in October 2001, his son Chris, also a Brescia graduate, took over his father's role as President that same year.

Today, the third generation of the Reid family, Jacob Reid and Lauren Patton, also third generation Brescia graduates, have assumed leadership roles within Independence Bank. Jacob serves as the Executive Vice President and Lauren as the Executive Director of the Independence Bank Foundation, the charitable arm of the bank.

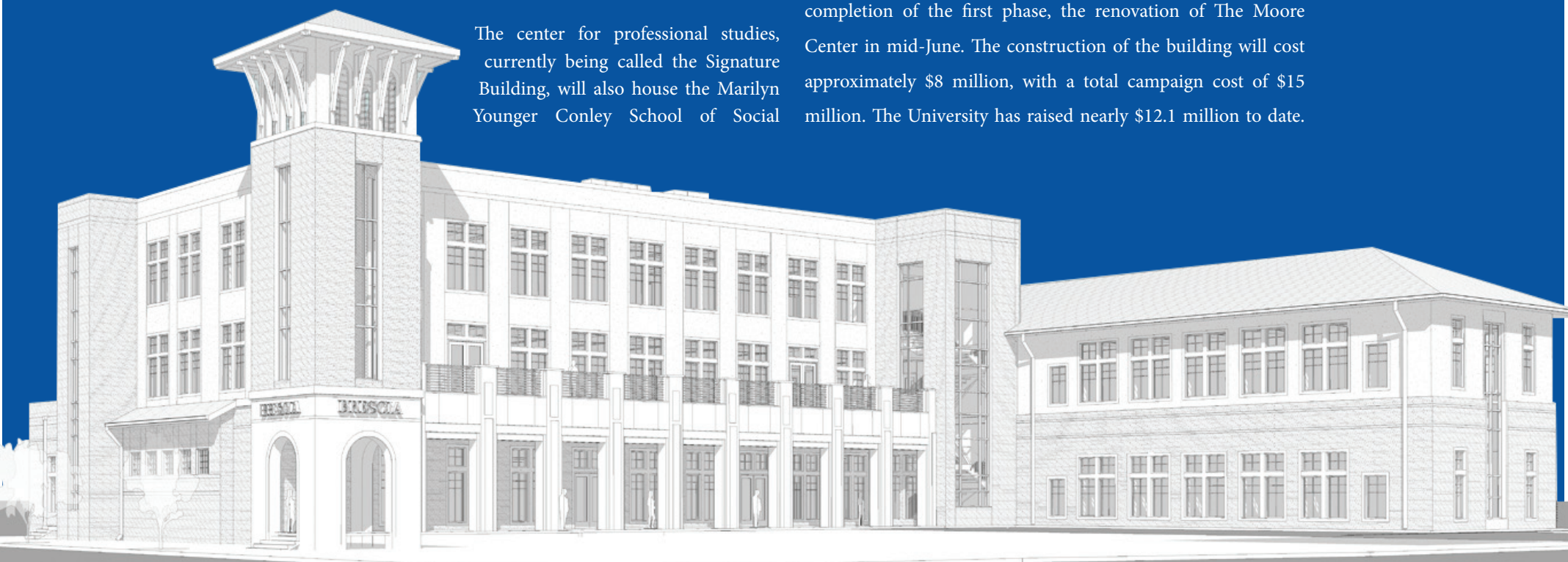
"The Reid family has a long tradition of service to the Owensboro region and we are incredibly proud of this family of alumni. I am humbled and thankful for their generosity and investment in the future of our students. They are not only models of philanthropy but also great examples of applying Christian principles to business practices, especially in their commitment to servant leadership," stated Father Larry Hostetter, President of Brescia University.

The center for professional studies, currently being called the Signature Building, will also house the Marilyn Younger Conley School of Social

Work, which recently received a \$500,000 grant from the James Graham Brown Foundation in Louisville, KY to expand and support the continued growth of the Marilyn Younger-Conley School of Social Work, potentially impacting thousands of lives. Brescia University will utilize the awarded funds to help construct a new academic building that will house the School of Social Work, to grow endowment funds, and to hire faculty to fully launch the new Master of Social Work program.

Enrollment in Brescia's School of Social Work has grown by 800 percent over the past eight years. The University has offered a traditional, on-ground Bachelors of Social Work (BSW) degree since 2004 and an online BSW degree since 2009. In 2016, an online Master of Social Work (MSW) degree was launched. These three programs represent 483 students at Brescia, 37% of total enrollment, and the numbers are anticipated to rise as the need for social workers in United States continues to increase.

The School of Education will also be housed in the Signature Building. Ground will be broken on the project in early 2018 as part of the second phase of The Campaign for Brescia University: Gateway to Our Second Century, following the completion of the first phase, the renovation of The Moore Center in mid-June. The construction of the building will cost approximately \$8 million, with a total campaign cost of \$15 million. The University has raised nearly \$12.1 million to date.





Faculty from Communication Studies and Disorders and Fine Arts coordinated a group of students from various fields of study to design and execute a mural expressing their respective disciplines and highlighting the integrated nature of learning in liberal arts. The mural is located in Bartholomy-Taylor Hall.

# The Ursuline Center FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

In 2015, Brescia University was awarded the largest grant in school history from the United States Department of Education as part of the Strengthening Institutions Program (SIP). More than \$1 million was designated to the establishment of the Ursuline Center for Teaching and Learning (UCTL) to increase retention and graduation rates through improved student achievement and enhanced faculty development.

Since then, the UCTL has provided the development of a new Computer Sciences lab, the expansion of the Communication Studies and Disorders Lab, and updates to technology, resources and equipment on campus.

Funding from the SIP Grant has also allowed faculty and staff to carry out activities with students that take learning outside the classroom, providing more hands on experiences. Students have had the opportunity to learn chemical processes at a distillery and car factory, visited museums and

libraries hosting ancient scripts and artifacts and traveled to professional conferences and workshops with faculty, locally and abroad.

The UCTL also added a Professional Advisor, Tom Pope, who helps students develop their academic skills and provides added support to freshmen and student athletes. In addition to supporting students, Tom also implemented the Sophomore Peer Mentor Program, which engages juniors and seniors as mentors to sophomores. Darlene Runyon also joined the team as the Educational Technology Specialist, providing professional development for faculty in the areas of technology that can be used in and out of the classroom, including incorporating new forms of technology in their lectures and classroom activity.

This summer the UCTL is working to renovate the Physics Lab and the Observatory, adding new equipment and space.



Students have access to tutoring services through The Learning Center, which provides on campus and online tutoring in the areas of basic math, writing, and research.



The new Computer Science lab on the fifth floor of the science building.



# Campus Life

## BRESCIA STUDENTS HONORED FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP



During the annual Founder's Day Convocation, Brescia University students were honored for their leadership roles on campus. Seniors Stephanie Wall '17, Owensboro, and Preye Agbana '17, Port-Harcourt, Nigeria, were named the 2017 Spirit of Angela Award recipients for their embodiment of the Brescia Difference and their servant leadership modeled after St. Angela Merici, Founder of the Ursuline Sisters.



## BRESCIA ALUM HITS THE STAGE WITH DRAMA CLASSES

David Wolfe '11, visited campus to speak to the students in DRM 120 AND DRM 141. He spoke about what he does as an actor and how he approaches and develops each of his characters he performs. He also spoke about his background, education and interest in ghost stories. David is the owner of Haunts of Owensboro Ghost Tour and shared with the classes how he developed both his historical and fictional characters.



## BRESCIA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS SHOWCASE TALENT

Brescia University students were juried to display their artistic talents in the Annual Student Juried Art Show that was held from April 6th – April 28th at the temporary home of the Anna Eaton Stout Gallery, located in the Holbrook Balcony, on the third floor of the RiverPark Center in downtown Owensboro.. A variety of media and styles of art were represented.



## ALUMNI SOCCER PLAYERS TAKE THE FIELD

Former members of the Brescia University soccer team from years past united with current members of the team for an Alumni Soccer game at Kamuf Park. The game was held in conjunction with the Brescia University Men's Soccer Championship Dinner.



## HORNETS WIN THE BATTLE

Barney the Bearcat got in the spirit for March Madness and created Barney's Bracket Challenge, an alternative bracket challenge, that allowed local high school mascots to face off. Users visited the Brescia University Facebook page to nominate and vote for their favorite high school. In the end, the Hancock County Hornets took the competition by storm and won the title, and \$500 for their athletic department for the 2017-2018 school year. Congratulations Hornets!

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION HOSTS INAUGURAL BALL FOR NEWLY ELECTED LEADERSHIP







## SUPER BOWL SELFIE

Brescia University Vice President of Advancement, Tracy Naylor '01, and Chloe and Maggie Cox, daughters of Julie Grant Cox '97 and Jason Cox '97, snap a selfie with the Brescia University television commercial that aired during the Super Bowl 51 pre-game show.

## BEARCATS RETURN HOME TO EDUCATE

Brescia University welcomed home alumni working in the medical field to speak to biology students. Featured here are soon-to-be chiropractor Dr. Kyle Wilgus '15, dentist Dr. Wes Booker '99, veterinarian Dr. Katie Willis, honorary alum for the day, family practitioner Dr. Steven Roby '03, and physical therapist Dr. Kevin Boothe '08.



## SENIOR ART STUDENTS DISPLAY THEIR WORK

Senior art students conducted a "Pop Up" art show in the Greenwell Apartments on the corner of 7th and St. Ann in April. The exhibit featured works in multiple media by seniors Nathan Huff, Jeribai Andrew-Jaja, Victoria King, and Lauren Reynolds.



## BRESCIA UNIVERSITY HOSTS COMMUNITY MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. CELEBRATION



## BRESCIA FAMILY HONORS BISHOP MCRAITH

Brescia University students, alumni, faculty and staff

honored The Most Reverend John Jeremiah McRaith, Bishop Emeritus of the Diocese of Owensboro, by lining the streets for his procession to show support and say farewell to the long-time friend, ardent supporter, and Trustee Emeritus of the University.

## STUDENTS ATTEND RETREAT



Senior, Rachel Tanner, and Junior, Carrie Williams, attended the Public Child Welfare Retreat (PC in Richmond, Kentucky with faculty member Susan Howard. The retreat is designed to provide an overview of the Public Child Welfare Certification Program (PCWCP) and training opportunities for new, on-going, and graduating students who participate in the program. The PCWCP is a model for Pre-Employment Preparation for the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services. Brescia University is one of 11 participating universities across the state.

## BRESCIA STARS



Members of the Theatre and Speech Club starred in monthly staged readings with a total of fifteen different students performing readers theatre style performances in which rehearsals are limited and the actors read directly from the script. In February, TSC performed George Orwell's 1984 adapted for the stage by Michael Gene Sullivan. In March, they performed Bad Seed by Maxwell Anderson, a dramatization of William March's novel The Bad Seed. Finally, in April TSC read Hookman by Lauren Yee. They also attended local productions and bi-weekly Improv Nights. You can expect to catch one act plays and full-length plays from the Theatre and Speech Club in the 2017-2018 school year!



## PSYCHOLOGY CLUB PARTICIPATES IN DAY OF SILENCE

The Brescia University Psychology Club participated in a "Day of Silence" in order to raise awareness for individuals with non-verbal autism. Approximately 25 percent to 50 percent of individuals with autism will not be able to communicate with spoken language, although most do learn an alternative form of communication. On the day of silence, students only used spoken language in class when required, but used alternative means of communication for the remainder of the day.

## STUDENTS PARTNER TO RAISE AWARENESS FOR GLOBAL CAUSE

The Brescia University Student Activities Program Board and Office of Residence Life partnered to present an Oxfam America Hunger Banquet. This event is meant to showcase the unequal distribution of resources throughout the globe through an interactive demonstration. Oxfam is a global movement of people working together to end the injustice of poverty. Students, faculty and staff who elect to participate are assigned at random a persona that correlates to an income level found in various countries around the world. After receiving their income level, each participant will be given a typical meal that someone of this income level would eat. The event came from the desire of the student leaders on campus at Brescia University to learn more about the disparities and lack of resources around the world.

"We ultimately hope to educate our campus. We are privileged compared to the rest of world, and we take that for granted," stated Icces Wilcox, a sophomore from Owensboro, Kentucky. "By hosting an event where participants can take on a persona that lives vastly different from themselves, it can make a bigger impact than just reading statistics or watching a YouTube video. We hope that the first-hand experience can be the motivator and educator that traditional ways cannot."



# Campus life



Brescia University faculty and staff celebrate the end of a successful school year and the Kentucky Derby at the annual Brescia Oaks celebration. They enjoyed food, fellowship, a fashion show, and the always popular wind-up toy races.

## OFF TO THE RACES



## SCHOOL OF EDUCATION ALUM WINS FREE IPAD

Brescia University School of Education alum, Suzanne Geiger '98, won a Facebook contest hosted by Brescia University in honor of Teacher Appreciation Day and received a free iPad to use in her classroom at St. Martha School in Louisville, Kentucky. Suzanne teaches this class full of kindergarteners who were excited about their iPad!

## EMPTY BOWLS HELPS FIGHT HUNGER



Brescia University once again helped Empty Bowls Owensboro raise money to feed those in need. Various community members and organizations are involved in the grassroots effort; area potters and Brescia University students volunteer to make ceramic bowls, and community members and organizations contribute through donations for a dinner of soup and fellowship. One hundred percent of the proceeds stay in the community

and go to local food pantries. The goal of the movement is to raise money to help organizations fight hunger, raise awareness about the issues of hunger and food security, and to help bring about an attitude that will not allow hunger to exist.

The committee selected King's Table Food Pantry as this year's recipient of the event's funds. Started in 2009, the organization delivers food to over 250 individuals each month on volunteers and donations only, often sharing in conversation and prayer with the recipients. King's Table plans to use the funds from Empty Bowls to expand the number of delivery teams and the number of seniors reached who are currently on waiting lists needing help.

## BRESCIA SAYS FAREWELL TO SENIORS

Students, faculty and staff enjoyed inflatable, cotton candy, popcorn and other indulgences in the quad at the annual Farewell Fest as they celebrated the end of the school year and said farewell to the graduates.



2017 SPRING ACADEMIC

# Dean's list

### KENTUCKY

- Bardstown: **Daniel Steele**, Sophomore, Accounting;
- Beaver Dam: **Andrea Flores**, Senior, Social Work; **Rylan Smith**, Junior, Political Science; **Katrina Vincent**, Senior, Psychology;
- Beverly: **Meredith Asher**, Junior, Social Work;
- Bowling Green: **Leah Armstrong**, Senior, English; **Allison Holeman**, Sophomore, Business: Emphasis in HRM; **Courtney Reels**, Senior, Communication Sciences and Disorders; **Brandon Stacker**, Sophomore, Special EduMid;
- Campbellsville: **Amber Flinchum**, Senior, Psychology;
- Caneyville: **Alanna Mudd**, Junior, Elementary Education;
- Central City: **April Gilbert**, Junior, Psychology; **Haley Hopper**, Senior, Social Work; **Kelsey Whitaker**, Senior, Special EduMid;
- Clarkson: **Brent Crawford**, Senior, Biology; **Amber Estes**, Senior, Medical Technology; **Nolan White**, Senior, Business;
- Cloverport: **Hallie Popham**, Senior, Medical Technology;
- Corydon: **Charlotte Hoge**, Junior, Social Work;
- Crestwood: **Robert Caudill**, Senior, Social Work; **Benjamin Sammet**, Junior, Psychology, Theatre;
- Crofton: **Haley Cook**, Junior, Psychology;
- Eddyville: **Courtney Klueppel**, Sophomore, Biology;
- Elkton: **Jayde Robinson**, Sophomore, Health Sciences; **Alicia Salazar**, Freshman, Elementary Education;
- Flemingsburg: **Tiffany Teegarden**, Senior, Social Work;
- Fordsville: **Lauren Reynolds**, Senior, Art, Music;
- Fort Campbell: **Renea Williams**, Senior, Social Work;
- Franklin: **Shelby Franklin**, Senior, Special EduElem;
- Greenville: **Andrew Hall**, Sophomore, Psychology;
- Hardinsburg: **Helen Coyle**, Senior, Middle School Education; **Tonya Tivitt**, Sophomore, Computer Science;
- Hartford: **Taylor Love**, Junior, Art Education;
- Hawesville: **Jessica Burk**, Senior, Social Work; **Megan Kurz**, Junior, English with an Emphasis in Professional Writing;
- Hazel: **Ryan Oates**, Junior, Biochemistry, Mathematics;
- Henderson: **Amy Bassett**, Senior, Social Work; **Kaylee Buckman-Nelson**, Senior, English; **Kyle Robinson**, Junior, Secondary English; **Mason Roland**, Sophomore, Biology;
- Hickory: **Barbara Stephens**, Senior, Social Work;
- Hopkinsville: **Debra Pitts**, Junior, Social Work;
- Knottsville: **Kelly Cecil**, Senior, Communication Sciences and Disorders;
- LaGrange: **Whitney Anderson**, Sophomore, Social Work; **Byron Williamson**, Senior, Biology, Business;
- Lebanon Junction: **Kassi Gilbert**, Junior, Secondary Biology, Chemistry;
- Lewisport: **Sara Lewis**, Senior, Theology, Philosophy; **Taylor Noble**, Sophomore, Biology; **Yasmani Ochoa**, Senior, Biology, Chemistry;
- Louisville: **Jamie Chowning**, Senior, Social Work; **Shannon Cleary**, Sophomore, Social Work; **Abigail Leanhart**, Junior, Communication Sciences and Disorders; **Abigail Munger**, Senior, Art; **Julie Ringham**, Senior, Integrated Studies;
- Lowes: **Nicole Burks**, Senior, Speech Pathology/Audiology;
- Maceo: **Adam Hayden**, Junior, Biology;
- Madisonville: **Katilyn Hamilton**, Senior, Secondary English;
- Maple Mount: **Mai Pham**, Junior, Social Work;
- Marion: **Brenden Phillips**, Senior, History;
- Mayfield: **Justin Roberts**, Senior, Business: Emphasis in Finance and Economics;
- Millwood: **Jessica Robinson**, Sophomore, Accounting;
- Milton: **Heather Garcia**, Senior, Social Work;
- Morganfield: **John Davis**, Sophomore, Biology;
- Owensboro: **Preye Agbana**, Senior, Chemistry; **Katelynn Arnold**, Sophomore, Business: Emphasis in Management; **Jamison Bowlds**, Sophomore, Elementary Education; **Brooklyn Bowman**, Junior, Middle School Education; **Londa Boyd**, Senior, Accounting; **Kristen Boyens**, Senior, Speech Pathology/Audiology; **Leigh Chapman**, Junior, PsycAdd; **Emily Cissell**, Senior, Accounting; **Nicole Cooke-Frost**, Senior, Social Work; **Haley Coons**, Junior, Accounting, Pre-Law Studies; **Larry Douglas**, Junior, Social Work; **Tammy Duncan**, Senior, Accounting; **Matthew Eaggleston**, Freshman; **Kristin Emmick**, Senior, Social Work; **Mary Frey**, Junior, Business; **Hunter Gaddis**, Sophomore, Computer Science; **Whitney Galloway**, Senior, Business; **Donna Goodwin**, Senior, Business; **Gena Gray**, Senior, Accounting; **Danielle Hancock**, Senior, Biology; **Chad Harl**, Junior, Accounting; **Briscoe Horrell**, Junior, Spanish Edu; **Kirstin Horsley**, Senior, Psychology; **Makenzie Jackson**, Junior, Special EduElem; **Jeanna James**, Sophomore, History, Pre-Law Studies; **Natalie Jones**, Freshman, Health Sciences; **Kathleen Jurkiewicz**, Senior, Accounting; **Benjamin Keller**, Junior, English with an Emphasis in Professional Writing; **Ashley Kruta**, Senior, Psychology; **Angela Kurz**, Senior, Accounting; **Bryan Lanham**, Senior, Accounting; **Katelyn McCarthy**, Junior, Psychology; **Emily Miller**, Sophomore, Communication Sciences and Disorders; **Jennifer Minton**, Senior, Biochemistry; **Deborah Ogulu**, Senior, Chemistry; **Kelsey Postiglione**, Sophomore, Elementary Education; **Christy Probus**, Senior, Social Work; **Natalie Renfrow**, Junior, Business; **Jennie Satterfield**, Junior, Psychology, Pre-Law Studies; **Victoria Shaffer**, Senior, Political Science, Spanish; **Jonathan Speed**, Sophomore, Health Sciences; **Micah Swift**, Sophomore, Communication Sciences and Disorders; **Rachel**



# CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS FROM BRESCIA UNIVERSITY WHO WERE NAMED TO THE SPRING 2017 DEAN’S LIST FOR COMPLETING AT LEAST 12 CREDIT HOURS WITH A 3.5 GPA OR HIGHER.

**Tanner**, Senior, Social Work; **Morgan Thomas**, Junior, Communication Sciences and Disorders; **Stephanie Wall**, Senior, English; **Teresa Whitten**, Junior, Political Science; **Icces Wilcox**, Junior, Social Studies Secondary; **Adam Wilkinson**, Junior, Special EduElem; **Megan Young**, Sophomore, Human Services;

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

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

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

Robinson Creek: **Devin Thacker**, Junior, Social Work;

Shelbyville: **Steven Standafer**, Junior, Business; **Melissa Wise**, Sophomore, Human Services;

Somerset: **Tyler Hail**, Senior, Biology;

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

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

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

Tompkinsville: **Dillon Gerald**s, Junior, Elementary Education; **Kelsey Kirkpatrick**, Senior, Integrated Studies;

Union: **Daniel Lageman**, Senior, Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies; **Mason Sturdivant**, Sophomore, Engineering Studies;

Utica: **Amber Boarman**, Senior, Speech Pathology/Audiology; **Andrea Boarman**, Senior, Speech Pathology/Audiology; **Tristan Haight**, Junior, Biochemistry, Biology; **Mallorie Polston**, Junior, Elementary Education; **Andrew Roberts**, Senior, Accounting;

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

Whitesville: **Hannah Bland**, Junior, Theology, Philosophy; **Reagan Calloway**, Sophomore, Business: Emphasis in Management; **Carrie Howard**, Sophomore, Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies;

**ALABAMA**

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

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

**ALASKA**

Chugiak: **April Beardslee**, Sophomore, Social Work;

**ARIZONA**

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

**ARKANSAS**

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

Harrison: **Elizabeth Wolfe**, Junior, Social Work;

**CALIFORNIA**

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

Fresno: **Dawn Batten**, Senior, Social Work;

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

Inglewood: **Zedrixaviel Santos**, Freshman, Human Services;

Oceanside: **Elissa Duggan**, Senior, Social Work;

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

Panorama City: **Hamaspur Arakelyan**, Senior, Accounting;

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

Rancho Palos Verdes: **Jessica Doria**, Junior, Social Work;

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

**COLORADO**

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

**DELAWARE**

Seaford: **Jessica Morgan**, Freshman, Human Services;

**FLORIDA**

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

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

Services;

Punta Gorda: **Haley Mandeville**, Sophomore, Human Services;

Trinity: **Renee LaSala**, Junior, Psychology;

Vero Beach: **Sandhal Guggeri**, Sophomore, Human Services;

**GEORGIA**

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

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

McDonough: **Jaleel Parris**, Sophomore, Graphic Design;

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

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

**HAWAII**

Honolulu: **Angela Stover**, Sophomore, Human Services;

Wahiawa: **Kayla Draughn**, Sophomore, Human Services; **Megan Miller**, Sophomore, Human Services;

**ILLINOIS**

Hoyleton: **Sophia Marick**, Junior, Social Work;

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

Metropolis: **Joshua Wetzel**, Senior, Accounting;

Midlothian: **Katie Clifford**, Junior, Social Work;

Normal: **Nicholle Resac**, Senior, Social Work;

Scott AFB: **Caleb Tisher**, Junior, History;

**INDIANA**

Corydon: **Nola Hudson-Paschal**, Senior, Psychology;

Evansville: **William Maxwell**, Junior, Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies; **Bertha Melendres**, Freshman, Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies; **Andrea Pearce**, Senior, Social Work;

Haubstadt: **Mariah Kramer**, Junior, Communication Sciences and Disorders;

Huntingburg: **Audrey Mehling**, Senior, Elementary Education; **Megan Stapleton**, Junior, Special EduElem;

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

Medora: **Brookelyn Hattabaugh**, Junior, Accounting;

Oakland City: **Jordan Blemker**, Sophomore, Middle School Education;

St Meinrad: **Antonio Marchi**, Senior, Theology;

**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;

Shreveport: **Tiffany Lewis**, Senior, Social Work;

**MARYLAND**

Glen Burnie: **Taryn Meyer**, Sophomore, Social Work;

Owings Mills: **Tynisha Thornes**, Junior, Social Work;

**MASSACHUSETTS**

Forestdale: **Courtney Onwuzuruigbo**, Senior, Social Work;

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;

**MINNESOTA**

Akeley: **Amanda Semmler**, Senior, Social Work;

Alpha: **Krystal Preuss**, Senior, Social Work;

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

Kasson: **Sara Tear**, Junior, Social Work;

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

Sauk Centre: **Alyssa Herbaugh**, Senior, Social Work;

**MISSISSIPPI**

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

**MISSOURI**

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

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

Butler: **Catherine Clowers**, Sophomore, Social Work;

Saint Louis: **Lanh Hoang**, Freshman, Theology; **Thoa Phan**, Freshman, English; **Toni Watson**, Junior, Social Work;

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

Warrenton: **Hattie Teal**, Junior, Business;

**MONTANA**

Big Timber: **Kay McDonnell**, Senior, Social Work;

**NEVADA**

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

**NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Nashua: **Barbara Bevins**, Senior, Social Work; **Candace Wilson**, Sophomore, Human Services;

**NEW JERSEY**

Atlantic City: **Helen Cheatham**, Senior, Social Work;

Berkeley Heights: **Jenna Wodash**, Sophomore, Human Services;

Blackwood: **Kelley McHutchison**, Senior, Social Work;

East Brunswick: **Jessica Seaboldt**, Senior, Social Work;

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

New Egypt: **Elaina LoAlbo**, Sophomore, Human Services;

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

**NEW YORK**

Brewster: **Marcella Occhicone**, Sophomore, Human Services;

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

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

**NORTH CAROLINA**

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

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

Columbus: **Madison Cantrell**, Senior, Social Work;

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

**OHIO**

Bidwell: **Bethany Corbin**, Senior, Social Work, Psychology;

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

Cleveland: **Rhonda Janey**, Junior, Social Work;

Columbus Grove: **Alyssa Plontz**, Senior, Social Work;

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

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

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

**OKLAHOMA**

McAlester: **Geri Ward**, Senior, Social Work;

**OREGON**

Hillsboro: **Colette Klein**, Senior, Social Work;

Springfield: **Tamara Johnson**, Junior, Social Work;

**PENNSYLVANIA**

Havertown: **Ashleigh Farrell**, Senior, Social Work;

**TENNESSEE**

Atwood: **Annie Emert**, Junior, Psychology;

Clarksville: **Brenden Williams**, Junior, Computer Science with Emphasis in Business & Management Sys;

Cross Plains: **Bonnie Jones**, Junior, Biology;

Fayetteville: **Julie Miller**, Senior, Social Work;

Lebanon: **Justin Maloney**, Senior, Political Science;

Madison: **Kristen Small**, Junior, Social Work;

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

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

**TEXAS**

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

Amarillo: **Jennifer Quintero**, Senior, Social Work;

Burkburnett: **Jessica Whitney**, Junior, Social Work;

Burleson: **Rhonda Perkins**, Freshman, Human Services;

Cibolo: **Alisha Jentz**, Senior, Social Work;

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

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

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

Mineola: **Erin Boyd**, Senior, Integrated Studies;

San Antonio: **Diane Milner**, Junior, Social Work;

Savoy: **Matthew Stone**, Senior, Business;

**UTAH**

Washington Terrace: **Kirsten Reinhard**, Junior, Social Work;

**VIRGINIA**

Linden: **Sandra Davis**, Senior, Social Work;

Vinton: **Ana Zuniga Arana**, Senior, Social Work;

Williamsburg: **Deanna Pepper-Balanta**, Junior, Social Work;

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

**WASHINGTON**

Bellingham: Lila Ruiz, Senior, Theology: Emphasis in Pastoral Studies;

Kennewick: Brittney Roske, Senior, Social Work;

**WISCONSIN**

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

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

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

Madison: **Erica Johnson**, Senior, Social Work;

Marinette: **Tiffany Lindbom**, Senior, Social Work;

Menasha: **Jenny Davis**, Senior, Social Work;

Milwaukee: **Kimberly Anderson**, Sophomore, Human Services;

**BRAZIL**

**Mateo Jurado Ruales**, Senior, Business; **Luan Cordeiro Yoshida**, Sophomore, Engineering Studies;

**CANADA**

**Kyran Weemaels**, Sophomore, Engineering Studies;

**COSTA RICA**

**Diego Saborio**, Freshman, Business: Emphasis in Management;

**GERMANY**

**Max Wolf**, Freshman, Business: Emphasis in Finance and Economics;

**NIGERIA**

**Millicent Akere**, Senior, Mathematics, Chemistry;

**SPAIN**

**Jose Alcazar Camargo**, Freshman, Business: Emphasis in Management, Business: Emphasis in Finance and Economics;





BEARCAT

athletics



Landon Holt, Dawson Springs, Kentucky, was selected for the River States Conference All-Conference Men's Track Team.



Kayode Daboiku, Cincinnati, Ohio, was selected as the River States Conference Men's Basketball Player of the Week January 16th – 22nd.



Zach Johnson, Beaver Dam, Kentucky, was named to the River States Conference Baseball Gold Glove Team.

## RIVER STATES CONFERENCE AWARDS

### FIRST ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Dillon Gerald, Tompkinsville, Kentucky (Men's Basketball)  
Megan Myers, Bardstown, Kentucky (Softball)

### SECOND ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Trevor Brown, Henderson, Kentucky (Men's Golf)  
Nicole Burks, Paducah, Kentucky (Women's Golf)  
Chance England, Tompkinsville, Kentucky (Men's Golf)  
Hector Horcajada, Madrid, Spain (Men's Tennis)  
Rachel Tanner, Owensboro, Kentucky (Softball)

### CHAMPIONS OF CHARACTER

Jacob England, Tompkinsville, Kentucky (Men's Golf)  
Brookelyn Hatabaugh, Brownstown, Indiana (Women's Golf)  
Hector Horcajada, Madrid, Spain (Men's Tennis)  
Tyrell Jacobs, Clarksville, Tennessee (Men's Track)  
Jayde Robinson, Elkton, Kentucky (Women's Basketball)  
Alicia Salazar, Elkton, Kentucky (Women's Track)  
Rachel Tanner, Owensboro, Kentucky (Softball)  
Josh Wetzel, Metropolis, Illinois (Baseball)  
Adam Wilkinson, Southampton, Great Britain (Men's Basketball)

**\*\* The Baseball, Men's Basketball, and Softball teams all qualified for their River States Conference Tournament.**



Senior Women's Soccer dinner at Coach Ralph's house.





# BRESCIA UNIVERSITY TO ADD Esports Team & Competitive Cheer And Dance Team

Brescia University will add eSports, as well as competitive cheer and dance, to their athletic department as intercollegiate sports starting in Fall 2017.

"Brescia University's strategic plan calls for continued growth of enrollment and continued development and promotion of an athletic culture," stated Father Larry Hostetter, President. "The addition of both an eSports program and a competitive cheer and dance program will allow us to not only work towards both of these goals, but it will expand the difference that Brescia University can make in the lives of students by providing additional scholarships to incoming students with a variety of interest."

eSports is an emerging form of competitive gaming and Brescia University will be one of only two private schools in the Commonwealth to offer eSports as a varsity sport. Brescia University will be joining the University of Pikeville, who announced their inclusion of the program early last year, as part of the National Collegiate eSports Association (NACE), an organization dedicated to unifying the collegiate eSports under one governing body.

While eSports is not formally recognized by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), the organization will be supporting the program and will be providing the eligibility requirements for students participating.

Brescia University has already signed seven students to compete and is offering scholarships to talented League of Legends players, with additional games added as the program develops. Students

representing Brescia University for eSports will compete against NCAA Division 1 schools at the varsity level in a variety of competitive matches.

"We are proud to be a founding member of NACE and for our eSports students to compete at the varsity level," said Joshua Clary, Vice President for Student Affairs, who serves on the NACE Board of Directors. "My goal for any of our student athletes is to have a holistic experience at Brescia. By adding eSports to our scholarship athletic program, we will compete against the best collegiate eSports programs from around the country. Our eSports athletes will complete the same requirements for the Champions of Character program with the NAIA and will perform community service like our existing varsity sports."

The eSports program will mirror that of Brescia University's other championship athletic programs, providing students with a holistic experience that challenges them mentally and physically, and trains them mind, body and soul.

Brescia University will also be adding competitive cheer and dance to their offerings, as one of only two independent schools in Kentucky that offer scholarships for the sport. The program will be co-ed and will involve students participating in competitions, as well as, cheering at Brescia University athletic events.

Kendal Connor, a native of Whitesville, was named the head coach of the newly added sport in March. She is a graduate of Trinity High School in Whitesville, Kentucky. She holds an Associate of Arts



degree from Owensboro Community and Technical College and has been the Assistant Dance Coach at Daviess County High School since 2012.

During her six years with the team, they have won numerous competitions, including five regional grand championships, and placing in the top 10 at NDA Nationals for five years. Most recently, she helped lead the Pantherettes of Daviess County High School to a state title at the 2017 State Dance Competition. The team will compete at the national level in March 2017.

"I am so excited to have this opportunity to work at Brescia University," stated Connor. "I'm honored to have been chosen to be the coach for this soon-to-be amazing program. I have a lot of plans and goals for my team, and can't wait to get started!"

Kendall has signed four new students to the team, and has eight students who will be joining the team as walk-ons.





## BRESCIA UNIVERSITY BIOCHEMISTRY STUDENTS CONDUCT STUDY ON ROSES

Students taking laboratory classes with Dr. Jacob Adler have been conducting research on the rose rosette disease, a disease that presents itself in all rose types as very large thorns, wilting floral petals, and thick gnarly stems, for the past three years. The disease is comparable to the rapid cell growth seen in human cancers and is destroying the global rose supply, especially in the Midwestern United States, and locally in Owensboro, Kentucky. In fact, the work of the students helped identify infected roses on campus that are being removed to prevent the further spread of the disease to other roses on campus.

The rose rosette disease is caused by the rose rosette virus, which is transmitted by mites from rose to rose and works similar to the relationship between AIDS and its virus, HIV, in humans.

"It is important that scientists work together as a team to unlock the mysteries of this disease, so that all of us may

continue to give and receive roses for all our special occasions. If we don't act soon, we might not be so fortunate," stated Dr. Adler.

Recent work with Dr. Adler's biochemistry students was just published this spring in the Kentucky Journal of Undergraduate Scholarship about the disease and how it manipulates the rose's genome. Prior to this study, there were no reports on how this virus works at the biochemical level. Dr. Adler and his students hope that the work they did will help to be able to identify the biochemical pathways of the disease and then use common molecular methods to cure infected plants.

"I am very proud of these students and their hard work, especially the two lead authors Andrew Beams and Eva Burelos. In one year, these two took this project from discovery to manuscript publication. That takes a lot of effort," said Adler. The research data submitted by the students was accepted through the process of scientific peer-review, which means that outside researchers in this field have deemed this work to be valuable and beneficial to include in the journal. The abstract and full copy of the manuscript is available by visiting [encompass.eku.edu/kjus/vol1/iss1/9](http://encompass.eku.edu/kjus/vol1/iss1/9).

## BRESCIA UNIVERSITY PARTNERS WITH *Owensboro Innovation Academy For Early College And Wellness*

The Owensboro Innovation Academy is partnering with Brescia University to offer an early college program for OIA students. With the close proximity of OIA to Brescia, students will be able to walk to Brescia to take college classes, which will result in the students' opportunity to earn an Associate Degree while in high school. The incoming junior class at OIA can begin taking courses at Brescia this fall. Degree options include: Associate of Arts in Integrated Studies, Associate of Science in Integrated Studies, Associate of Science in Health Science and Associate of Science in Engineering Studies.

"At just \$90 a class, this gives our students an incredible opportunity to further their education. We cannot thank Brescia enough for offering this prospect for our students," said Dr. Nick Brake, OPS Superintendent.

"When the Owensboro Innovation Academy presented

this partnership to us, we felt it to be a perfect fit. Our institutions share the same intimate, one-on-one learning experience that caters to the educational needs of each student," stated Father Larry Hostetter, President of Brescia University. "We admire the innovative educational approach that OIA provides students, and we are honored to be an extension of that educational experience. By taking classes at Brescia University, our hope is that the students at OIA will benefit from direct learning at the collegiate academic level that will allow them to seamlessly transition into college and find success in their lives," added Father Larry.

The partnership will also allow all OIA students to use the new health complex that is currently under construction at Brescia.

"Our students will get to use brand new facilities as part of a comprehensive wellness plan for each student. This

ensures that our students are not only getting a quality education in STEM fields, but will hopefully improve their overall health," said Beth Benjamin, OIA principal.

"From day one, Brescia has opened its doors to OIA students and staff to offer unique spaces for different learning activities. This exciting announcement is another example of two education entities working together to produce the best options for the students of our shared community," said Owens Saylor, DCPS Superintendent.

Brescia will also allow OIA to use some of its chemistry lab space making it easier to offer more science classes.

"Right now we are meeting with Brescia leaders and are hammering out all of the details of the new opportunity. We will host a parent information night on May 22 at 6 p.m. at OIA to let parents and students know what the next steps are to starting their degree," added Benjamin.





# Jubilarians

## URSULINE SISTERS WITH BRESCIA TIES CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES

Nine Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph are celebrating the jubilees of religious life in 2017, including eight graduates of Brescia University and a Sister who ministered at Brescia for 18 years.



Sister Suzanne Sims is celebrating 50 years. A native of Owensboro, she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Brescia in 1971. She also earned a master's degree in elementary curriculum and instruction from St. Louis University in 1976, and a doctorate in higher education administration from Loyola University, Chicago, in 1997. Sister Suzanne was a teacher in Louisville before becoming assistant professor of elementary education at Brescia from 1976-87. She also served as director of campus ministry from 1984-87. She returned to Brescia as assistant to the president from 1992-93. She was a member of the leadership Council of the Ursuline Sisters (1988-92) and served as assistant congregational leader (2000-2004). From 1997-2000, Sister Suzanne was president of Springfield (Ill.) College. She was director of Mission Advancement for the Ursuline Sisters (2000-2008). She was principal of St. Mary of the Woods School, Whitesville (2009-16). Since January 2017, she has served as director of faith formation at St. Pius X Church in Owensboro.



Sister Joseph Angela Boone is celebrating 70 years. A native of New Haven, Ky., she earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Brescia in 1961. She earned a master's degree in mathematics from The Catholic University of America in 1963. She served as a math professor at Brescia from 1963-70, and also served as dean of women during that time. She was treasurer/business administrator for the Ursuline Sisters (1970-89), which included being an elected member of the Ursuline Sisters' leadership Council. She was chancellor and director of administration for the Diocese of Owensboro (1989-2011). She lives at the Motherhouse, where she is the daily annalist, an information receptionist and part of the Powerhouse of Prayer.



Sister Rosemary Keough is celebrating 60 years. A native of Auburn, N.Y., she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Brescia in 1967. She earned a master's degree in counseling education from Western Kentucky University in 1973. Sister Rosemary served at Brescia in the Contemporary Woman Program and Student Support Services (1988-93). She also served as a teacher, in religious education, and as a missionary in Chile. She served at the Ursuline Motherhouse as activity director and director of liturgy (1993-99). Since 2000, Sister Rosemary has been engaged in Hispanic ministry with Centro Latino in Owensboro, with particular focus in the Sebree area.



Sister Lois Lindle (formerly Sister Lawrence Marie) is celebrating 60 years. A native of Louisville, she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Brescia in 1968. She earned a master's degree in education with an endorsement in special education from Murray State University in 1972. Sister Lois was a teacher for 44 years throughout Kentucky and in New Mexico. From 2005-2009, she was local community life coordinator at Maple Mount. Since 2009 she has served the sisters at Maple Mount offering transportation.



Sister Grace Simpson (formerly Sister Jean Michael) is celebrating 60 years. A native of Fairfield, Ky., she earned a bachelor's degree in English from Brescia in 1970. She earned a master's degree in education from Western Kentucky University in 1976. Sister Grace was a teacher or principal in Kentucky for 23 years. She found her true passion in life serving the poor as a caseworker for 30 years at the Sister Visitor Center in Louisville (1984-2014). She is now a volunteer at the St. John Center for Homeless Men in Louisville.



Sister Mary Elizabeth (Mimi) Ballard is celebrating 50 years. A native of Fairfield, Ky., she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Brescia in 1972. She earned a master's degree in early childhood education from Western Kentucky University in 1978. Sister Mimi was a teacher in Knottsville and then taught in the Brescia kindergarten program from 1973-78. She then embarked on missionary work in Chile and Guatemala that she continues today. In 1997, with a group of Chilean women, she founded the Dianna Ortiz Ursuline Center for Women (Casa Ursulina) in Chillán, Chile, where she continues to serve as director.



Sister Maureen O'Neill (formerly Sister Charles Maureen) is celebrating 50 years. A native of Louisville, she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Brescia in 1971. She earned a master's degree in elementary counseling from St. Louis University in 1981. Sister Maureen was an educator for 35 years in Kentucky and Nebraska. Since 2006 she has served as a caseworker for poor families at the Sister Visitor Center in Louisville.



Sister Judith Nell Riney is celebrating 50 years. A native of Owensboro, she earned a bachelor's degree in history from Brescia in 1971. She also earned a master's degree in library science from Spalding University in 1979, and a post-master's certificate in library science from The Catholic University of America in 1985. Sister Judith Nell was a teacher in Kentucky and Missouri before becoming the librarian at Brescia in 1980. Since 1984 she has served as director of library sciences at the Father Leonard Alvey Library at Brescia. In 2016 she began a six-year term as an elected member of the Ursuline Council.



Sister Marie Julie Fecher is celebrating 75 years. A native of Dayton, Ohio, and a graduate of DePaul University, she was a music instructor at Brescia from 1976-94. She ministered as a music instructor in Kentucky for almost 50 years, and was the organist at the Ursuline Motherhouse from 1994-2013. Sister Marie Julie lives at the Motherhouse, where she is engaged in the Powerhouse of Prayer



# Water With Blessings

## BRINGING CLEAN WATER TO GOD'S THIRSTY CHILDREN

BY: DEREK PETTINELLI, CATHOLIC DIGEST



The students spent eight days in Honduras, alongside WWB Founder and alumnus Sr. Larrain Lauter, OSU, working and praying with women in their communities, putting into action loving leadership and service.

With a staff of one full-time and three part-time employees, along with approximately 40 volunteers, a nonprofit organization based in Middletown, Kentucky, brings water to some of the poorest places in the world.

Water With Blessings works in 37 countries, including Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Kenya. Stephanie Kornexl, who serves as the part-time partnership lead with Water With Blessings, said the group's mission is to "partner with mothers and missionaries to bring clean water to God's thirsty children."

According to the World Health Organization, at least 1.8 billion people worldwide rely upon a contaminated water source. These sources can transmit diseases such as cholera, dysentery, typhoid, polio, and dengue fever. The contaminated sources can also cause diarrhea or infection by worms. Diarrhea alone accounts for more than 800,000 deaths per year. At least 300,000 of those deaths are children under the age of 5. Schistosomiasis, a chronic disease caused by parasitic worms that breed in contaminated water sources, affects almost 240 million people worldwide. Many of these deaths can be prevented simply by providing access to a consistent source of clean water, according to the WHO.

Based on their experience doing medical mission trips to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, Arnie LeMay of Eminence, Kentucky, Jim Burris of Frankfort, Kentucky, and Sister Larraine Lauter of Louisville, Kentucky, discerned the need for an organization to address the causes of these ailments. The hospital engineer, architect, and Ursuline sister found themselves returning each year to treat the same illnesses, caused primarily by ingesting water contaminated with parasites.

The three friends — and eventual co-founders of Water With Blessings — felt

helpless that they were merely treating the symptoms rather than the causes. Then they had an insight: If they could clean up the water sources, they would eliminate much of the patient load. In 2006 they began exploring various water solutions, which ultimately led to their organization's use of the Sawyer PointOne water filtration system.

Carol Lyvers, a Water With Blessings mission partner, attends St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Columbus, Indiana, which has had a sister parish in Haiti for nearly 25 years. She said her parish has used many water systems, but each has always had some issue, whether it's parts breaking or chemicals being required to maintain the system. However, according to Lyvers, "The WWB approach addressed all of these issues with the added bonus of each filter supplying clean water for several families."

When Water With Blessings visits a poor country, they train local people on how to set up and operate the filters. The filters function similarly to how kidney dialysis does, filtering out contaminants in water in order to make it safe to drink. The filters hold five gallons of water, require no electricity to operate, and are guaranteed for millions of gallons of safe filtered water.

Water With Blessings aims to bring these filters to regions abroad that have no access to clean water and provide training to mothers so that they can operate the filters.

According to Kornexl, Water With Blessings partners primarily with mothers and empowers them as "water women" because they are ideal candidates for helping share the filters with the local community. She said that the water women "make a faith-based commitment, for we know that adding 'the God-spark' will charge and sustain a mother for compassionate, joyful service to her neighbors." The mothers then sign a covenant,

making a commitment that they will use their filter to help not only their own family but also those around them.

Mary Meyers, a Water With Blessings mission partner from the Diocese of Joliet (Illinois), said during one of her missions to Sucre, Bolivia, she saw that the filters they had brought the year before to the Mission Esperanza free medical clinic were being used to provide water not just for the patients but also for a nearby school.

"Two of them take turns filtering water for the school, and one filters water for the clinic using a water clinic that they taped a Water With Blessings sign to," Meyers said.

In response to an April 2016 earthquake in Ecuador, Water With Blessings partnered with various congregations of Ecuadorian sisters to distribute and train people in the operation of filters. To date, they have trained nearly 5,500 people in order to distribute clean water to survivors.

Father Joseph Mungai, a Kenyan priest who works with the Franciscan Missionaries Sisters of Hope, has worked with Water With Blessings to distribute Sawyer PointOne filters to his parishioners at St. John the Apostle, Awasi, in the Diocese of Kisumu in Kenya. He has been able to distribute 100 filters in the six months since he began partnering with the organization. Father Mungai said that, before receiving the filters, he would often stop to get water during the workday, only to find that the water offered to him "was always brown in color and could be easily mistaken for tea."

In the past year, Water With Blessings has equipped almost as many water women with filters and training as in all the years since it became a nonprofit in 2011. The organization now totals nearly 25,000 members worldwide.

"Water With Blessings' plan is to continue to grow its worldwide community of water women in accord with God's abundant grace,"





Two students, Samantha Steckler and Amber Estes, recently traveled to Honduras with Director of Residence Life, Isaac Duncan, as part of the Caritas Leadership Program on campus.



Photo courtesy of Water With Blessings

Kornexl said.

### COLLEGE STUDENTS INVOLVED, TOO

Sister Lorraine Lauter, OSU, is Water With Blessings’ executive director. In 2015 she was named a distinguished alum of Brescia University in Owensboro, Kentucky. She subsequently began working with the college’s Caritas Leadership Program.

“The Caritas 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 and leading because of the love they have for others,” said Josh Clary, the university’s vice president of student affairs and dean of students.

The program culminates with an eight-day service and pilgrimage experience with Water With Blessings in which students travel to Honduras to work and pray alongside the local women.

“We love working with WWB because students are provided with an opportunity to put Caritas into action,” Clary said. “The transformation within the students because of this service is as much our goal as is the tangible work of helping to provide clean water.”

### HOW CAN YOU HELP?

You can get involved as a donor, volunteer, or mission partner — or join at 1 p.m. each day in your time zone when water women across the world stop for a moment of prayer to show solidarity with all of “God’s thirsty children.” You can also be supplied with materials to be a Water With Blessings advocate who helps to spread the news of this mission and find new partners and supporters. For a one-time payment of \$60, a water woman can be sponsored and supplied with clean water for a lifetime. For more information, email [Info@WaterWithBlessings.org](mailto:Info@WaterWithBlessings.org) or visit [WaterWithBlessings.org](http://WaterWithBlessings.org).

# Faculty NEWS

Brett Ballard, Instructor of Music, B.M.E, had a piece of music accepted for publication by World Library Publications, one of the “Big 3” Catholic publishers. The piece is entitled “Take My Life”, and is written for 2-part (optional 4-part) choir and piano. It is meant to be used during the collection/preparation of gifts in Mass, or can be used at ordinations or other profession of vows. This is Brett’s 7th piece to be published.

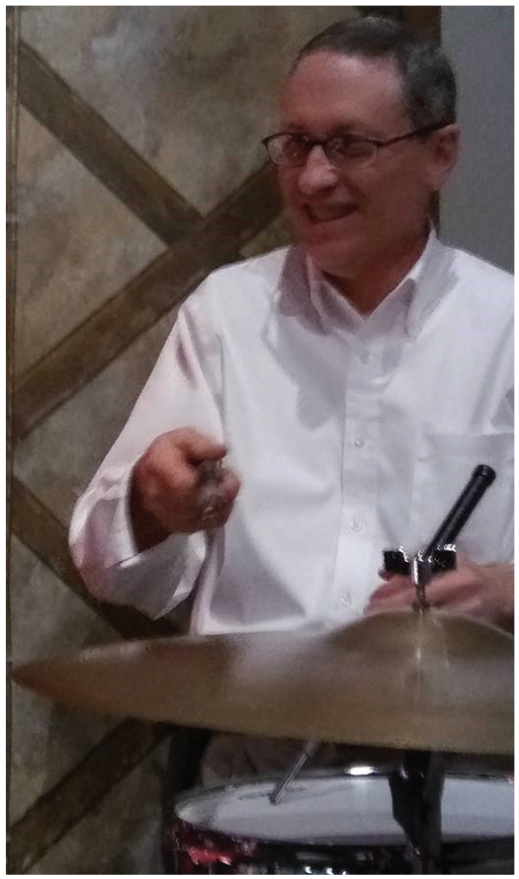
Laura Gibson, MSW Program Director, was accepted as an applicant for the Path to Licensure Institute from the Association of Social Work Boards and spent time onsite in May participating in intensive learning, planning, and research for the upcoming school year.

Donna Goodlett-Collins, Assistant Professor of Speech Pathology/Audiology, was presented the Johanna B. Hancock Award for Outstanding Dedication and Service to the KSHA Membership as an Executive Council Member.

Susan C. Howard, M.S.W., C.S.W., Association Professor of Social Work and Sociology, gave a presentation for the Housing Authority of Owensboro on March 1st. The residents of Adams Village heard the latest statistics about Alzheimer’s Disease as well as information on diagnosis, treatment, prevention, and the costs of caregiving.

Tom Malewitz, Adjunct in the Theology Department, co-authored an article published through the Journal of Catholic Education entitled “Living Solidarity: Helping students with learning differences develop dignity for all humanity.” Tom also has another co-authored article under consideration for publication through the Journal of Catholic Education: “Tolkien’s allegory: Using Peter Jackson’s vision of Fellowship to illuminate male adolescent Catholic education.”

Tom Pope, Professional Advisor, Ursuline Center for Teaching and Learning, and Senior Lecturer II, was selected to receive an Administrators’ Institute Scholarship. The Institute is sponsored by NACADA: The Global Community for Academic Advising. Tom attended the Institute in Daytona Beach, Florida this past February for an intensive program designed to benefit advising administrators of all levels at



institutions of higher education. Tom was one of six individuals honored with this scholarship award in the competition this year. Tom was also appointed to the Board of Directors of the Audubon Area Community Care Clinic, a new free clinic established to serve the homeless and low income population in a five-county area.

The work of David Stratton, Professor of Art, was juried for the Jack Lunt Memorial Juried Art Exhibition, which began in 1987 as a collaboration between southcentral Kentucky philanthropist Jerry E. Baker and the Capital Arts Alliance. His work was also juried for the US Bank Celebration of Arts 30th Anniversary Exhibit and the South Eastern College Art Conference (SECAC) Members Juried Exhibit in the Hollins University Gallery. David also attended the SECAC 2016 Conference held in conjunction with the exhibit in Roanoke, Virginia. He was recently invited to present his artwork in a solo exhibit at the Joe Downing Museum. The exhibit will be entitled “Gesture & Landscape,” and will take place May 30th -July, 1st.

Conrad Toepfer, Ph.D., Chair of the Math and Natural Sciences Division, recently had a case study entitled, “Do You See What I See?: Eye Evolution and Development,” accepted for publication on the National Center for Case Study Teaching in Science website. He also gave an invited address entitled “ACUBE at 60: Reflections from a Not-60 Historian at the 60th Annual Meeting of the Association of College and University Biology Educators.





# Honors Convocation

## BRESCIA UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES STUDENTS' ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Brescia University held its annual Honors Convocation on Sunday, April 23rd, to celebrate the academic achievements of its students and awarded a number of honors, scholarships and other recognition.

Brescia University alumna Trasey Holloway Falcone, DO '05 was the featured speaker and addressed the students giving them pointers for being successful as a student leader and as graduates, including surrounding themselves with people who make them a better version of themselves.

"All experiences that you've collected are just little pieces of your puzzle and tokens that other people are putting pieces in your life's puzzle as well," Falcone said. "I pray that your lives flourish as you pursue your distinct paths."

Falcone attended Brescia University and was a member of the Lady Bearcats Softball team. She graduated in 2005 Magna Cum Laude with a bachelors in science. She received her degree as doctor of osteopathic medicine in 2009 from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine (LECOM) in Bradenton, Florida.

From there she started residency training at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh, PA in the field of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PM&R). Upon residency graduation in 2013 she began work at Owensboro Health as the Medical Director of the acute inpatient rehab unit as well as the outpatient Comprehensive Outpatient Rehabilitation Facility (CORF). She continues her position at Owensboro health today.

The following students received honors at the event:

### SCHOLARSHIPS

Leah Armstrong, Bowling Green, St. Mary Carmel Browning Literature Scholarship

Tonice Banks, Radcliff, Lincoln Service Business Scholarship and Gruelich Scholarship

Cheyenne Bennett, Utica, Margarite Hawkett Art Scholarship and Theophilia Joan oexmann Art Show Award for Stained Glass

Reagan Calloway, Whitesville, Phillip Hayden Memorial Scholarship

Shaun Conklin, Owensboro, Sr. Mary Jean Cotter Art Scholarship; Theophilia Joan Oexmann Art Show Award for Ceramics and Photography

Karyssa Creager, Clarksville, OH, Phillip Hayden Memorial Scholarship  
Devin Ford, Philpot, Gary Karr Music Scholarship

Whitney Galloway, Owensboro, William M. Elmer Business Scholarship

Kassi Gilbert, Lebanon Junction, Sr. Casimir Czurles Biology Scholarship; Theodore Swigert Carlisle Chemistry Scholarship; and St. Catherine Award for Student Athletes

Katilyn Hamilton, Madisonville, Sr. Sharon Sullivan Education Scholarship

Adam Hayden, Maceo, Robert McDowell Scholarship

Makenzie Jackson, Owensboro, August C. Muckler Education Scholarship; Owensboro Civitan Jack Keeney Education Scholarship

Marla Lanham Phillips, Owensboro, J.B. Hocker Good Government Scholarship

Sara Lewis, Lewisport, Bill & Jacinta Garinger Scholarship and Alpha Chi New Member

Taylor Love, Hartford, John D. & Anna Marie Byrne Family Education Scholarship

Antonio Figueroa-Martinez, Goodlettsville, TN, Florence Henderson Music Scholarship

Angela Kurz, Owensboro, Charles E. Field Business Scholarship

Audrey McIntosh, Owensboro, Sr. Irene

Hayden Music Scholarship

Taylor Noble, Lewisport, Geoffrey Ferry Scholarship and Freshman Mathematics Award

Mallorie Polston, Utica, Suzetta Ebelhar Education Scholarship

Lauren Reynolds, Fordsville, Florence Henderson Music Scholarship

Cameron Robinson, White Plains, Delbert S. Murphy Alumni Scholarship

Mateo Ruales, Brazil, Sr. Alberta Birkhead Memorial Business Scholarship

Morgan Thomas, Owensboro, Virginia Stout Fitzgerald Endowed Scholarship

Autumn Tonkins, Evansville, IN, Sr. Robert Irene Golden Art Scholarship and Theophilia Joan Oexmann Art Show Award for Sculpture

Teresa Whitten, Owensboro, Phillip Hayden Memorial Scholarship

### AWARDS

Preye Agbana, Nigeria, High Scholastic Achievement; Fred J. Clements Honors Award for Science; and St. Sebastian Award for Student Athletes

Millicent Akere, Nigeria, High Scholastic Achievement; Outstanding Student in Mathematics and Alpha Chi Leadership

Jerabai Andrew-JaJa, Nigeria, Theophilia Joan Oexmann Art Show Award for Drawing and Best in Show; and Alpha Chi Leadership

Dakota Barron, Manhattan, KS, Outstanding Achievement in Computer Science Award and Outstanding First Year Advocate Award

John Bolin, Lewisport, Theophilia Joan Oexmann Art Show Award for Watercolor, Printmaking & Juror's Choice

Jonathan Brey, Philpot, High Scholastic Achievement

Olivia Conder, Philpot, Theophilia Joan Oexmann Art Show Award for Painting

Jacob Fischer, Owensboro, LaVega Clements History Award

Hadley Fitzgerald Boaz, Owensboro, Outstanding Middle School Clinical Practice Candidate

Hunter Gaddis, Owensboro, Outstanding First Year Computer Science Student Award

Danielle Hancock, Owensboro, Outstanding Service Award in the Biology Area  
Nathan Huff, Philpot, Theophilia Joan Oexmann Art Show Award for Digital Art

Daniel Matthew Lageman, Union, Maggie Clements Religious Studies Award

Dulce Lopez, San Diego, CA, Outstanding MSW Field Practicum Student

Marissa Meader, Friendswood, TX, High Scholastic Achievement

Tami Moreno, Ann Arbor, MI, Outstanding Bachelors of Social Work Student

Alanna Mudd, Caneyville, Sr. George Ann Cecil Leadership Award for Excellence in the Field of Education

Shelby Nelson, Nolensville, TN, High Scholastic Achievement; Honors College Graduate; Outstanding Achievement in Speech Pathology and Audiology; and Alpha Chi Leadership

Yasmani Ochoa, Lewisport, Sr. Michelle Morek Award for Outstanding Senior in Biology

Joan Radford, Idaho Falls, ID, High Scholastic Achievement

Andrew Robert, Utica, Outstanding Accounting Student and Alpha Chi Leadership

Lauren Rodgers, Henderson, Special Recognition in the Biology Area

Victoria Shaffer, Owensboro, Outstanding Achievement in Spanish

Samantha Steckler, Leopold, IN, Outstanding Business Student

Rachel Tanner, Owensboro, Certification in Public Child Welfare in the Commonwealth of Kentucky

Tonya Tivitt, Hardinsburg, Computer Science Sportsman Award

Sophia Walker, Hartwell, GA, High Scholastic Achievement

Josh Wetzel, Metropolis, IL, Institute of Management Accountants Honors Award

Laurie White, Anthem, AZ, Outstanding BSW Field Practicum Student

### HONORS COLLEGE GRADUATES

Jessica Burk, Hawesville  
Kumari Logan, Radcliff  
Shelby Nelson, Nolensville, TN  
Savannah Stivers, Maysville, IN

### STUDENT ATHLETES

Jose Alcazar, Malaga, St. Sebastian Award for Student Athletes

Haley Coons, Owensboro, St. Catherine Award for Student Athletes

Nickole Durbin, Mascoutah, IL, St. Catherine Award for Student Athletes; Alpha Chi Leadership; and Alpha Chi New Member

Courtney Klueppel, Eddyville, St. Catherine Award for Student Athletes

Chase McCauley, Louisville, St. Sebastian Award for Student Athletes

Justin Roberts, Mayfield, St. Sebastian Award for Student Athletes

Jayde Robinson, Elkton, St. Catherine Award for Student Athletes

Jennie Satterfield, Owensboro, St. Catherine Award for Student Athletes

Zachary Scheid, Washington, IN, St. Sebastian Award for Student Athletes

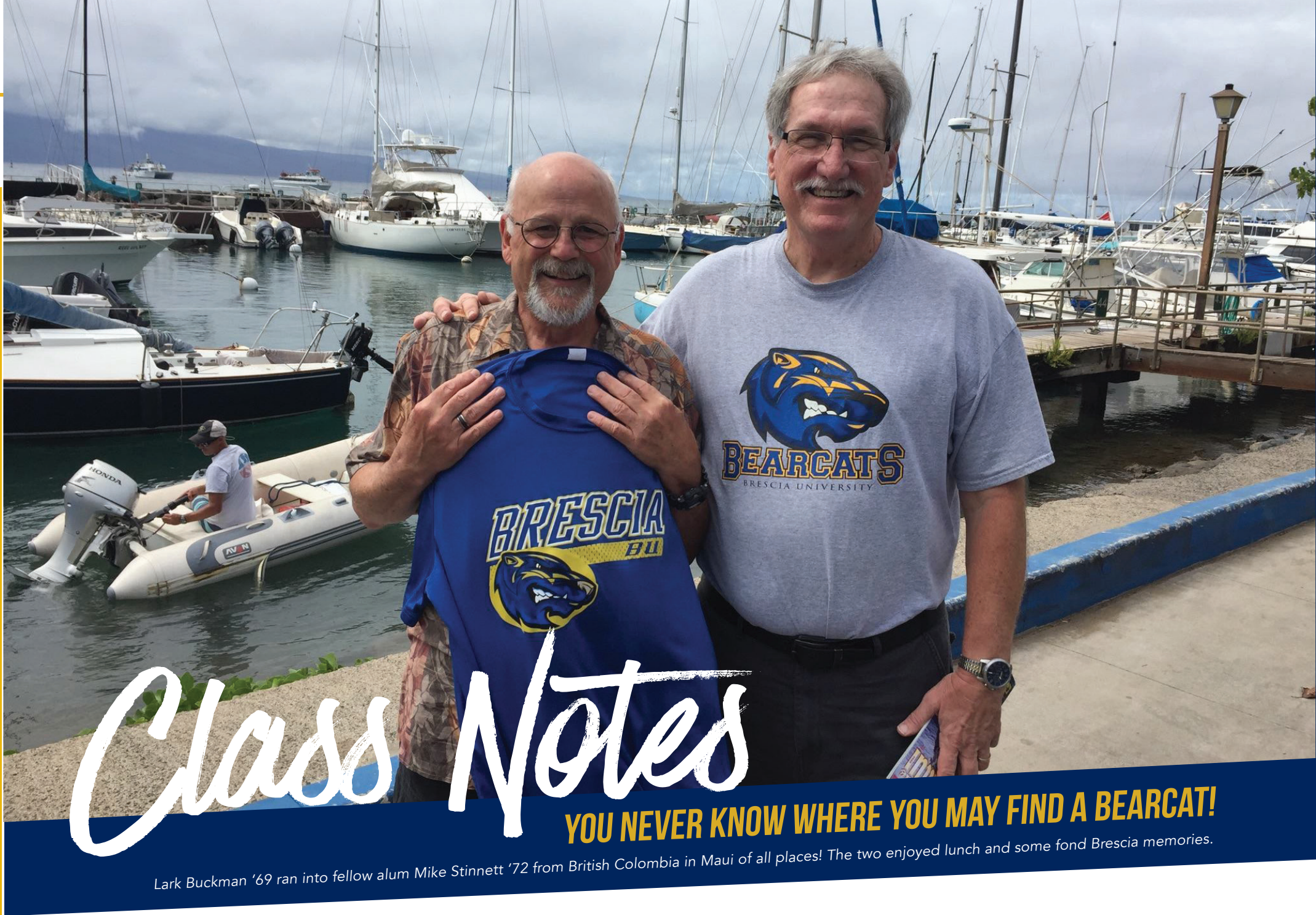
Brandon Stacker, Bowling Green, St. Sebastian Award for Student Athletes

Naruemon Wiriyachon, Prince Frederick, MD, St. Catherine Award for Student Athletes

### ALPHA CHI

Jamie Chowning, Louisville  
Cynthia Foote, Wetumpka, AL  
Chemika Green, Tupelo, MS  
Keeley Kookan, Monroe, GA  
Angela Kurz, Owensboro  
Deborah Ogulu, Nigeria  
Courtney Onwuzuruigbo, Forestdale, MA  
Deborah Sanchez, Lindale, TX  
Erin Ticarat, Olivehurst, CA  
Stephanie Wall, Owensboro





# Class Notes

**YOU NEVER KNOW WHERE YOU MAY FIND A BEARCAT!**

Lark Buckman '69 ran into fellow alum Mike Stinnett '72 from British Colombia in Maui of all places! The two enjoyed lunch and some fond Brescia memories.



## RON POOLE

Ron Poole was appointed to the Kentucky Board of Pharmacy by Governor Matt Bevin. Ron is the owner of four retail pharmacies in Central City, Greenville,

Livermore, and Owensboro and a specialty long term care pharmacy in Livermore.

## JAMIE ALVEY '16

Jamie Alvey '16 had a short story published in a horror anthology. The story is entitled "Initiation" and the first draft was written while Alvey was still at Brescia.

## ALEX MATTINGLY '02

Alex Mattingly '02 was named City Coordinator for the City of Florence, KY.

## AMBER BANKS '16 AND KRISTEN POWERS '99

Amber Banks '16 and Kristen Powers '99 were appointed to serve on the 2017 American Speech-Language-Hearing Association Topic Committee on Academic and Clinical Education. As members of the committee, Amber Banks and Kristen Powers will have the primary responsibility of participating in the peer-review process by reviewing narrative submissions for the 2017 ASHA convention and making recommendations regarding the inclusion of all Academic and Clinical Education submissions for the 2017 program, with a goal of ensuring a quality convention to benefit professional participants.

## HEATHER ESTES '98

Heather Estes '98, has been promoted to Senior Vice President, Corporate Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) Officer, and Director of Financial Intelligence with organization's Risk Management Department at Old National Bancorp.

## AUDREY LILLPOP '05

Audrey Lillpop '05, has been named the Farmers Bank and Trust Hopkins County Community President. Audrey has 12+ years of experience in the field and has expertise in Business Development, Lending, Treasury Management, Branch Leadership, and more.



## BRETNEA TURNER-THOMAS '12

Bretnea Turner-Thomas '12, was named the Kentucky High School Golf Coach of the Year by the National Federation of State High School Associations.

## DONNA TEAGUE '93

Donna Teague '93 was named the new Vice President of Fiscal Affairs for the University of Evansville.



## KATHRYN RAYMER '93

Kathryn Raymer '93, was named the 2017 Girls Inc. Athena Award recipient. The Athena Award is presented annually to an individual in the community who has achieved excellence in business or a profession, who has served the community in a meaningful way, and has assisted women in developing their leadership potential.



## JUDY TRUNNELL '93

Judy Trunnell '93, a family and consumer science teacher at College View Middle School, received the Kentucky Farm Bureau Excellence in Ag Literacy Award. Teachers were nominated for helping "students comprehend the value of agriculture as it impacts their personal well-being economically, environmentally, and socially.





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