

Ursuline Sisters of Mount St. Joseph awarded 2009 Athena Award



On March 12, the
Ursuline Sisters of Mount
St. Joseph were awarded the
ATHENA Award. This
award honors someone from
the Daviess County
community who has attained
and personifies the highest
level of professional excellence in their profession, has
devoted time and energy to
the community in a
meaningful way and most
especially, has opened doors
of opportunity for women.

Here are some of the

words used during the event to describe what the Ursuline Sisters have done for the community:

"This year's recipient has devoted their lives to helping others with an unheralded passion and dedication. Inspired by the words of ACT - MOVE - BELIEVE - STRIVE and HOPE, each day they have devoted themselves to the mission of freeing and nurturing women. They have sought to bring about change in our society through Social Justice, Education and Church Ministry. Approachable and energetic they seek to reach out to the voiceless; to enhance the world through peace and harmony; and address the needs of the whole person – body, mind and spirit. They have truly changed lives and opened doors."





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Brescia University is a coeducational Catholic institution founded by the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph. The University offers certificates, associate's, baccalaureate and master's degrees through semester and time-shortened programs of higher education in the Ursuline tradition. Brescia emphasizes the liberal arts and prepares its traditional and non-traditional students for successful careers and for service to others.

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FROM PRESIDENT LARRY HOSTETTER

ach season brings unique events and perspectives to life at Brescia University. But it is perhaps springtime that has the greatest impact. The flora and fauna of the Quad are coming to life after a long winter of dormancy. The blue skies and warmer weather make study and work more difficult, with students often asking their professors, "Can we have class outside today?" And of course, we have moved through the penitential season of Lent towards the celebration of the death and resurrection of Jesus

Christ at Easter.

Despite these "distractions," the academic life of Brescia is in full gear. Students are finishing papers and projects for the end of the semester, some of which will appear at our annual "Celebration of Excellence" event, which features original research of our students done in collaboration with our outstanding faculty. Our seniors, of course, are preparing for baccalaureate and commencement exercises. We are proud of all of our students, especially in their academic achievements.

This past year has also witnessed a renewed institutional effort to enhance the student life experience at Brescia. Our new Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development has sponsored numerous events and opportunities for student engagement and character formation. Our Athletic Department has encouraged our student athletes to become Servant Leaders through the Rocket Reader program in collaboration with Foust Elementary School. The Campus Ministry Office directed students to service at one of the ice storm shelters this winter. Sister Pam Mueller also led a group of students to Memphis for Spring Break to work in a day care for children with H.I.V. These and many other student life experiences ensure that a Brescia student receives a well-rounded education rooted in the Catholic/Ursuline values of respect for the sacred, especially as manifested in the life of the individual human person.

As you read through this issue of Brescia Now, you will see many other reasons why Brescia continues to be a dynamic, educational force in our region and beyond. I am committed to continuing Brescia's strong leadership as a Catholic, liberal arts institution dedicated to making a difference in the lives of our students, our community and our Church.

God bless you and your families,

Jan Lang Voletter

Fr. Larry Hostetter President

Bishop John J. McRaith Resigns

Faithful Supporter of Brescia University for More than 25 Years

Reflection by Fr. Larry Hostetter

n response to our beloved Bishop's resignation as Ordinary of the Diocese of Owensboro, Brescia University reflects, with gratitude, on the many years of service John McRaith gave to the people of Western Kentucky and Brescia University. I have heard him say many times that when he became our Bishop in 1982, he was impressed with the presence of a Catholic college in a small diocese. His commitment to Catholic higher education is witnessed by his oft repeated statement that if Brescia did not exist in the diocese, then he would have felt compelled to start a similar school himself.

That commitment was not limited to words. From the very beginning of his time as bishop, John McRaith supported Brescia University with ideas, leadership and financial support. He has served as a member of the Board of Trustees during his time and has been an important part of every major decision made in these last 26 years. Especially significant is his brainchild, the Ministry Formation Program. Animated by a vibrant ecclesiology that embraced the idea of lay ministerial service in the Church, Brescia responded by establishing a Bachelor of Arts in Pastoral Ministry. As the first accredited undergraduate Ministry Formation program in the United States, this initiative has produced dozens of lay ecclesial ministers who now serve in a variety of positions in the Church. Moved with gratitude

for his ongoing support of the Ministry Formation Program, Brescia University established the John J. McRaith Endowed Chair in Pastoral Ministry in 2006.

Bishop McRaith has also been keenly interested in the pastoral needs of our students as is evidenced by the funding he dedicated to hiring a full time Director of Campus Ministry. Every year we could count on Bishop McRaith to help start the year by celebrating the Opening Mass during the fall semester. We've offered him an office on campus and named him Scholar-in-Residence, so that he can continue to study, reflect and write on the subject he loves the most, Stewardship.

Brescia University wishes Bishop John McRaith all the best as he begins the next phase of his life's journey. Brescia is proud to have been a part of his life and ministry, and we look forward to being a part of the next chapter. God Bless You, Bishop McRaith!

Brescia Students Put Spotlight on Homelessness

The below was reprinted with permission by the Owensboro Messenger-Inquirer and education reporter Joy Campbell. 10/17/2008

our students at Brescia University [organized] a 12-hour event -- from 7 p.m. Oct. 24 to 7 a.m. Oct. 25 -- called "Think Inside the Box" to raise awareness of homelessness in Daviess County.

"We thought it was something that was overlooked," said Rachel Hanks of Cloverport, in Breckinridge County. "Real homelessness here is very different from homelessness in New York City. We wanted to make it real to people."

The students
encourag[ed] college
students and members of the community to sleep overnight in
cardboard boxes in the Quad on the
Brescia campus.

"We're hoping we can get a lot of people to come out for this, but we want to make it clear that it's not a party," said Sarah Worth, president of the Brescia Student Social Work Association. "We want to get people to humble themselves and be grateful for what they have and realize that a lot of people are struggling."

The students also [accepted] donations of non-perishable food and money that will be shared with the local homeless shelters.

Worth, Hanks and colleagues Latalia Ogisi and Michele Dodson, all seniors, [led] the event as a project in Brescia's Macro Social Work class.

"We had to come up with a project to address a problem in the community," Worth said.

Dodson has been involved with the Boulware Center Mission and got the other students interested in homeless-



ness, the students said.

Daviess County has 460 homeless people, according to Kentucky Housing Corp.'s 2008 Homeless Point-in-Time report released in June. The demographics show that emergency shelters help 125 and transitional housing holds 63. But that leaves 10 identified as living outdoors and another 262 people unsheltered in some other way.

The total number could be higher, and it's likely to get worse in the current economy, according to shelter officials. The demographics may not capture folks who are staying temporarily with friends or family members.

Worth said the students conducted research, including attending a meet-

ing of the Ohio Valley Homeless Council.

The overnight event will include "some quiet times" for participants to reflect on the issue, Worth said, thus, the name, "Think Inside the Box."

Several cardboard boxes have been

donated, but Worth [asked] people to bring their own if possible.

The night of October 24th couldn't have been more miserable as temperatures were around 40 degrees and a midnight rain dropped more than a quarter inch. Yet, 16 participants braved the elements to spend the night inside cardboard boxes.

The group also received six large boxes of non-perishable food items and

beverages. The donations were split evenly between the two homeless shelters in Owensboro, the Daniel Pitino Shelter and the Boulware Center.

Following the sleep-over, the four students spearheading this event were asked how this event touched their lives. In their own words, here is what they had to say.

Michele Dodson '08

"I thought that sleeping inside a box was very humbling. I am thankful that my three children wanted to spend the night outside with us. They were also grateful to have a warm place to sleep every night. I think this project was an eye opener of all of us. I am truly blessed for all the things I have."

"Sleeping inside a box was very humbling...I am truly blessed for all the things I have."

Michele Dodson

Latalia Ogisi '08

"Most people who are privileged do not realize all of the little things that they have been given all of their life. That was one of the things that stood out to me the most during this project. I did not realize how blessed I have always been to always have a place that I could call home. This experience has really made me realize that I am very blessed and privileged to have all of the luxuries that I have."

Rachel Hanks '08

"I think at first, this idea seemed like a small way to make a big impact. It was visual and a good way to interact with people and help them gain awareness about homelessness. After Michele Dodson and I attended the Ohio Valley Homeless Council Meeting, however, it became much more than that. We listened to professionals in the field talk about how the homeless count in Daviess County had almost tripled in the past three years, and that really brought it home to me. Rural homelessness is often unseen, and we wanted to take it front row and center - at least for one night."

Sarah Worth '08

"One thing I got from doing this project that really stuck out to me was how I take such simple things for granted. Every night I have a routine I go through of getting cleaned up before bed. Friday night I couldn't do those things before I got into my box. I didn't really think about it during the project but when I got home the next morning, I couldn't believe how good it felt to be able to do those things I do everyday. I was so grateful that morning just to have a place to wash my face and brush my teeth, though I do it everyday and don't even think about it. After doing this I've realized how fortunate I am to have a home to live in."

Sobering Homelessness Statistics

(Daviess County Homeless Demographics)

- 460 Homeless People in Daviess County
- 125 are Helped by Homeless Shelters
- 63 are in Transitional Housing
- 10 are Identified as Living Outdoors
- 262 People are Left Unsheltered in Some Way

(Nationwide Homeless Demographics)

- 3.5 million people will experience homelessness in a given year
- Children under the age of 18 account for 39% of the homeless population
- 42% of these are under the age of 5
- 43% of the homeless population are women
- 40% of the homeless population are veterans

SERVING OUR VETERANS

AND THEIR FAMILIES

ince the days of Angela Merici, the Ursuline mission has been to identify an unmet need, fill the need, and then train others to assist in meeting the

need. This mission is what brought the Ursulines of Mount St. Joseph to move and expand their educational endeavors to Owensboro in 1950. They were meeting the educational needs of returning WW II veterans.

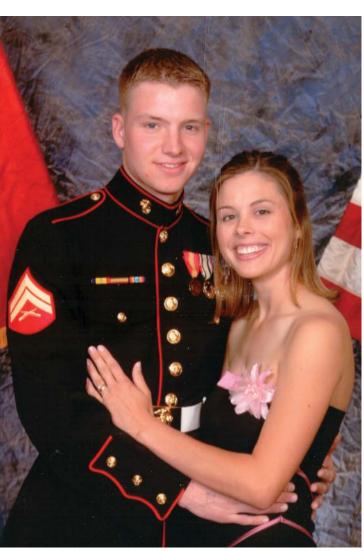
For nearly 60 years now, Brescia University has been assisting students achieve their higher educational goals. Our veterans were some of our first students and even today, Brescia is continuing to serve veterans who wish to use their GI Bill.

Jonathan Mattingly is one of those students. Jonathan joined the Marine Corps right out of high school in 2002. He was placed in the Infantry as a mortar man. In January of 2003, his unit was told they were going to Kuwait on a training mission. A few hours later, Jonathan discovered they were actually going to be part of the first invasion force into Iraq.

He spent the next nine months all over Iraq, included Baghdad and a trip to Saddam Hussein's palace. It was during this deployment,

that a phone call to Owensboro was made to his high school sweetheart, Laura Sampley. Laura describes the phone call as "fuzzy. I kept hearing static and then I heard words like, will, marry and me. I was so excited and of course I said yes."

Jonathan returned home and within two weeks they were married. At that time, Jonathan's unit was stationed in Palm Springs, California. Laura moved on base and for

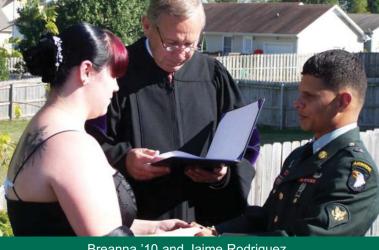


Jonathan '11 and Laura '09 Mattingly

several months, everything was perfect. Then in August 2004, Jonathan's unit was deployed for the second time to Iraq. This deployment would last seven months. Jonathan said Iraq was different this time around. "It was more violent." "It was rough this second time around," Laura said. "He was out in the streets every day. The wives would get together and piece where they might be going and what they were not telling some of us." Laura said it was her faith in God that kept her strong during both of Jonathan's deployments to Iraq. She said she clung to the verse, Philippians 4:13, "Pray without ceasing." To the amazement of Laura, Jonathan and their families. Jonathan came home both times without a single scratch. He said he would witness IED's going off all around him. He watched

as vehicles were blow up, carrying fellow Marines he knew, but he was never wounded. "I heard shots fly by, but not a single one ever hit me," Jonathan described. "God had his hand over the top of us," Laura responded, full of emotion.





Breanna '10 and Jaime Rodriguez

The couple both decided after Jonathan finished his fouryear enlistment with the Marine Corps in June of 2006, that they would not re-enlist but instead move closer to home. Laura was having a hard time deciding where to attend college. It was a toss-up between moving to Bowling Green to attend Western Kentucky University or Murray to Murray State University.

It wasn't until after a trip to Owensboro and a meeting with Sr. Sharon Sullivan and the Education Department that they decided to return to Owensboro. "They impressed me," Laura said about the Education Department. She enrolled and began her studies in special education and regular education. Jonathan began working full-time for a uniform company in town. It was never part of his plan to attend college. It wasn't until after he met Sr. Sharon and she inquired as to why he wasn't using his G-I Bill that he began to give it some thought. "Sr. Sharon convinced me to go back to school. She helped set everything up for me," Jonathan said.

Both Laura and Jonathan said that Brescia has given them opportunities and that the Education Department is second to none. "I'm proud to be in this department where I can get the best education," said Jonathan. Laura said she learned how valuable her education at Brescia is when she began student-teaching and people asked her what college she attended. She said when she answered "Brescia," people would exclaim how wonderful their program is. "I love it," Laura said smiling. "Tina Wolken, Phyllis Jones, and Mary Alice Wethington are like three moms in the education department," Laura said.

Laura is now a senior, student teaching at Meadowlands Elementary School. Jonathan is a sophomore this year, majoring in secondary social studies. Both of the Mattinglys plan on staying in Owensboro and teaching.

When asked if he missed being in the Marines, Jonathan immediately replied, "Yes. I loved it. I'm proud that I was part of that group. I miss the friendships I made and the camaraderie, but I don't miss being gone from my family all the time. It's great being near our families again."

Jonathan was honored this spring during the Founder's Day's activities with the Spirit of Angela award.

Brescia University honored all our veterans during the Saturday brunch during the annual Alumni Association meeting on April 18 as part of Alumni Weekend 2009.

here are also spouses of active duty military members as Brescia students. Breanna Gard-Rodriguez, junior studio art major from Clarksville, Ky., is married to Jaime, who is in the 563rd Charlie Company of the Army. Jaime is stationed in Afghanistan and should return to the U.S. in December.

Though Breanna and Jaime have been married for less than a year and the Army is his career, it doesn't make it any easier to say goodbye or to wake up each morning without him. "It's painful to watch the one I love walk in and out of my life to protect and serve," said Breanna. "It's harder to focus on school work. I spend most of my time wondering if he is ok and when I get to talk to him next instead of when my homework is due."

Breanna is no stranger to military life. Her father was in the Army for 25 years. She knows what to expect and understands her husband's job. "The only difference is that the soldier I love and support is my husband."

Breanna says that her Brescia family, namely Tabatha Lowman, Sara Farris, and Crissy Stevens, are there for her when she needs to talk. They are the ones who take her mind off of her husband's deployment. Breanna also says that one faculty member in particular has been a positive influence. "Mrs. [Vicki] Tinsley has been like a second mother to me. She has listened to me when I needed someone and helps me balance school with life." Another faculty member that has touched her is Sr. Diane Taylor. "She has taught me patience and how to work through my artistic struggles."

Breanna coordinates CARE KITS for the soldiers in Afghanistan. Those interested in being a part of this endeavor are welcome to contact Breanna at breanna.gard@brescia.edu.

the first year experience



rescia is designing a new experience for our students, specifically our first year students.

Through this new venture, incoming new students will learn the rich heritage surrounding the founding of Brescia, including our Ursuline tradition and the University mission. They will learn the history of the University, including where the name Brescia comes from, why Brescia opened in Owensboro, and what President Hostetter's four points to the Brescia Difference are.

When they hear names like St. Angela Merici, Fr. Paul Joseph Volk, and Sr. George Ann Lechner, they will be able to explain the significance of these people and the legacy they left behind.

Not only will our new students learn the history and importance of our founders, but they'll also experience a whole new approach to assist them in acclimating from high school to college.

Each freshman class at Brescia should be able to discover the nuances of the University among their peers, while making friendships that will last a lifetime.

The First Year Experience (FYE) will begin before a student ever steps foot on campus. Summer interaction, either face-to-face or through correspondence with first-year students, will help put them at ease when they arrive on campus to register for classes and meet others during New Student Orientation. Orientation will become the diving board for the FYE.

Some other goals include assisting students learn responsibility, independence, good study habits and the importance of servant leadership. A pillar of the Brescia Difference is servant leadership and one of the components of the FYE is a service project. Students will be involved in a particular community

project, maybe even during New Student Orientation, and would re-visit it throughout the year. This way, students learn the importance of helping others and giving back to our communities.

Through the FYE. students will also gain knowledge of campus life, campus resources, and the diverse multicultural environment of Brescia.

Lucas Langdon, Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development at Brescia, says "We really want the first-year students to have a foundation during their freshman year." He said the FYE is only successful because of a partnership between the administration and faculty.

Lucas and Dr. Todd Butler, Associate Academic Dean, will be the co-directors of the freshman year experience.

Growth is the only evidence of life.

~John Henry Newman Apologia Pro Vita Sua, 1864



rescia University was founded on a principle of the Ursuline Sisters – to read the signs of the times and adapt. You will notice upon a visit to Brescia's campus some of the most recent changes that have been implemented in order to read the signs of the 21st century and adapt.

One of our new additions includes an LED electronic message center that embraces one of Brescia's most defining architectural details, the

arched window. This new message center will serve as a beacon to the Owensboro community and will include information such as accomplishments, on-campus games, good news, campus events, and more. Our many thanks to Earl Lanham at Lanham Brother's Construction and alumnus David Simpson '79 at Brite-Way Signs for helping us capture the essence of Brescia in our limestone sign.

Another new feature on our campus is the bright blue and gold banners. These banners, which feature our University seal, replace the "Faces of Brescia" banners after 10 years. Our new banners hang on the Campus Center, Admissions Building, Science Building, St.

Joseph's Hall, and the Lechner Graduate Center. It was important to us when designing these banners that they maintain the integrity of our mission and share the Brescia Difference with anyone who visits our campus or drives down Frederica Street.

The electronic message center and the banners were made possible through a very generous gift by an anonymous donor.

If you take a step inside the Campus Center, you will notice yet another change. A new lounge experience has been created in the lobby of the building, thus creating a warm atmosphere for students and visitors. Upstairs in the Study Pavilion, new paint, carpet, chairs, a sofa and end tables take the room from outdated to updated. This remodeling project was made possible through a gift from Nancy Wilson, a dear friend of the University.



One of the last changes on campus requires that you visit the Fr. Leonard Alvey Library. You will recall from previous issues of *Brescia NOW* that a \$300,000 significant gift from the Marilyn and William Young Foundation in Owensboro was for the Young Instructional Technology Center. Brescia has created a fully equipped instructional lab with the necessary technology for faculty and student trainings and classes. There are also smaller areas for group or individual research and study. Our thanks to the Young Foundation for help in the funding of this project.

We hope that you will visit campus soon and tour the new additions and updates to our campus. See for yourself how we are adapting and changing during the 21st century.





State of the University Address



Fr. Larry Hostetter held a State of the University Address in November to update the campus community on what has been happening since his last address. We thought you might be interested in reading his statement.

"Good morning and welcome to the second State of the University address. As I did last year, I'd like to share some of the highlights and challenges in the life of Brescia University at this time in our history. Last year I used the various cabinet departments as the structure of the address, this year I want to use a different approach.

By now you will have heard reference made to the **Brescia Difference** several times, which can be synthesized into four characteristics: respect for the sacred, devotion to learning, commitment to growth in virtue, and promotion of servant leadership. These four characteristics have served as the main themes of most of the speeches that I've given since I've become President. Some of you have heard me give this speech;

those of you who travel with me to the parishes have probably heard it more often than you want to. Others however have asked about how I present the Brescia Difference to the wider community, so I thought it would be good to use these four characteristics as the outline for this morning's talk. I'll share with you what I tell people when I'm asked to speak at civic groups and at parishes about what is distinctive about Brescia. And I'll also identify ways that we bring those characteristics to life here at Brescia in the practical initiatives that we have implemented and the ongoing challenges that remain.

Respect for the Sacred

At our foundation is our Catholic and Ursuline heritage which calls us to respect the inherent dignity of every individual. As a community of learners and educators, how we view our students determines how we teach. Our heritage reminds us that our students are created in the image and likeness of God, wonderfully made, never to be repeated. That calls from us a profound respect for this sacred identity that characterizes every person who walks through our doors. Practically, this characteristic finds life in several ways. Clearly in the attention we pay to the spiritual formation of our students through the celebration of the sacraments, but also with opportunities such as the busy person's retreat which was just successfully completed. Providing opportunities for those students, faculty and staff who want to grow spiritually remains a priority for me.

A particular challenge that we continue to face and requires dialogue and discussion is the very nature of our Catholic identity. The role of Catholic identity in Catholic colleges

and universities is a hot-button topic within the Catholic community that has the potential for causing misunderstanding and division. As we continue to highlight our own Catholic identity, members of our own community, internal and external, may disagree with how we express our own ecclesial role as an institution rooted in the Catholic tradition. I intend for Brescia to be intimately involved in this national and regional conversation. I also hope that Brescia will become a model of what it means to be a Catholic University in the 21st century that remains true to its heritage, inclusive of the diversity that exists among all people of faith, and representative of the complexity that can be found in the Catholic faith tradition.

But respect for the sacred is not limited to our Catholic identity. How we treat each other, especially our students, is a very real way we express this characteristic of the Brescia Difference. Putting our students first, responding to and meeting their needs has been an important part of the Brescia Difference. Our early alert system, our counseling services, a strong residence life program, our student support services and the close collaborative relationship with faculty are just a few ways we do this. While I believe that we do these things very well, there is always room for improvement. We must remain vigilant and look for ways to improve our service to our students. For this reason we have created a Retention Task force charged with identifying issues with student satisfaction and making specific recommendations to me about how we can improve the total experience of our students.

As you know, we made significant strides in enrollment these past two years. I'll share with you the statistics

that come from Sr. Helena's office and are part of our official reporting. Our total undergraduate population increase from 543 last year to 586 this year. Our total graduate numbers increased from 29 students two years ago to 43 this year. Our total combined headcount went from 579 last year to 629 this year. These numbers have actually gone up since they were submitted before mod 2 began. Our numbers are looking good for next year, although it is very early to make any strong predictions. For next year we already have 128 more applications than we did last year this time. And we have 27 more admitted students than we did last year this time.

It's still early, but these are positive signs. The strides we've made in enrollment have helped a great deal, but we must still work on retention. Our six year graduation rate is far too low. Improving retention is not only important because of the fiscal consequences, but also because low retention may mean that our students are not experiencing the respect and care that characterize the Brescia Difference.

Devotion to Learning

We must never forget that we are, first and foremost, an educational institution and what we are about is teaching and learning. I love to tell people that we are a part of a 500 year teaching tradition, received from the daughters of St. Angela Merici, that demands an individualized educational experience within the liberal arts tradition that is directed to the formation of body. mind and spirit. Because of our difference, there cannot be a cookie cutter education at Brescia, but a sense of customizing the educational experience to the needs of our students. With our liberal arts emphasis we advocate for learning as a value in itself, worthy of pursuit as

an end in itself. This stands in opposition to an attitude in which education is valued primarily for its ability to contribute to economic development. An important part of Brescia's role is to serve as a reminder to the wider community that our students are not simply cogs in the economic machine, but individuals with a God given potential that is realized through their educational experience. While we pride ourselves on our ability to equip our students with the skills needed to pursue ethical and rewarding careers, we also recognize that we don't really need a reason to learn. The love of learning is reason enough.

One practical way that we bring our devotion to learning to life is through our new STARS program. We began this program last spring as a way of updating our weekend college program and expanding our offerings for non-traditional students and those requiring greater flexibility in their educational experience. The program is designed to be flexible, accessible and affordable. Consisting of weekend, accelerated and online courses, our STARS program continues the Brescia mission and Ursuline charism of identifying a need and responding appropriately. The STARS numbers highlight this programs success. So far this year, summer and fall, we have increased the number of enrollments from 87 last year to 138. This is not counting the students we have in Pensacola, our graduate students, or the students we have at the Green River Correctional Complex. This success of our STARS program is due to the faculty who understand the needs of our nontraditional students and who paved the way for our online program and our staff that makes sure the students needs are met and everything runs smoothly.

This past year we unveiled two online degree completion programs in

social work and theology, instituted an accelerated MBA and most recently approved an online certificate in accounting. This January we will introduce a pre-nursing program that will provide the pre-requisites for the anticipated U of L school of nursing that will open in the old OMHS building pending approval from the State Board of Nursing. We are also exploring the possibility of putting our master of science in management online for next fall, along with a degree completion program in psychology.

A significant budgetary challenge remains in the amount of institutional aid required to attract students to Brescia. For that reason we've used part of our anonymous million-dollar gift (received in spring 2008) to employ the national firm, Noel Levitz, to design for us an Enrollment Revenue Management System that will help us use our institutional aid in a smarter and more effective way.

Another very important way that we are strengthening our devotion to learning is through the QEP which we will present to the onsite SACS team in February. Our QEP as everyone knows is about enhancing learning by enhancing our student life experience, specifically through the implementation of a first year experience (which we expect to happen in the fall of 09). We believe that our OEP will promote student satisfaction, student engagement, and ultimately student learning. The QEP is critical to our successful reaffirmation of accreditation with SACS, but more importantly, we believe it is critical to the effective mission of our University.

Commitment to Growth in Virtue

All of us know that an education is much more than just learning stuff. It's also about growing in our moral character. At Brescia we are interested in the whole person, so we not only provide an excellent career-focused education, we are also interested in helping our students to appreciate the values they've received from their families and help them to develop strong ethics professionally and personally.

There are many ways this happens, principally through the example of integrity given every day by our faculty and staff. Ethics must be practiced to be learned. Practice happens when we have good models. I've seen faculty and staff model ethical behavior to our students and I've seen students model ethical behavior to each other. We should never underestimate the power of our personal witness.

Our athletics program is one way that our students are given an opportunity to grow in virtue. Discipline, sacrifice and teamwork are essential in sports. I'm especially proud that our athletic department will be participating in the NAIA's Champion's of Character program that seeks to instill in student athletes a sense of service and ethical accountability. The development of a strong Fellowship of Christian Athletes also contributes to the ethical development of our students.

Our witness of character and moral virtue extends beyond the immediate campus of Brescia. Our marketing and development efforts are not just about our commercial interests. The reason we market ourselves beyond the needs we have for enrollment and donor dollars is that we also have a responsibility to witness to the wider community. So, when you see our students on a billboard, we hope that

will inspire others to seek an education, preferably here, but if elsewhere, that's not a bad thing. As you see the banners and electronic sign that we soon will have on our Frederica Frontage, hopefully these will remind all of us that we have something to contribute to this community. We are actively seeking out our alumni and reconnecting with those that have been out of touch. Not just because we want them as active alumni, but also because we believe that Brescia can continue to be a positive moral force in their lives. All of these efforts are a way for us to reach out beyond our boundaries, inspiring others to reach their full potential. Our tag line "Making a Difference in the lives of our students, community and church" is not just a collection of words, it is what we do.

Promotion of Servant Leadership

Closely related to character development is the fourth characteristic of the Brescia Difference. When I travel to parishes and speak to groups I acknowledge that all educational institutions want their students to develop leadership skills. As a Catholic school enlivened by our Ursuline tradition, I believe that the leadership we promote should be modeled after the example given by Jesus Christ, who as a leader got down on his hands and knees and washed his disciples' feet, who preached that the last will be first and the first will be last. With leadership comes the responsibility to serve, and what a critical message that is for

One significant way we've strengthened this characteristic is through the development of a student activities and leadership development office. Since its inception this fall, there have been 23 events ranging from musical performances, karaoke,

dances and midnight bowling. But these activities are not just about fun. They are about leadership development. One example that I witnessed was the series of events surrounding the presidential election. Students not only had fun, but also had an important lesson in civic responsibility.

I'm always filled with a great deal of pride whenever I think about the various student organizations, clubs and activities that are dependent on our student's participation: the Broadcast, choir, our honor societies, SGA, Student Activities Board, the social work club, speech and hearing, just to name a few. These all happen because students, faculty and staff are giving of their time in the spirit of servant leadership.

Angela Merici believed that our world could be transformed for the good, one person at a time. The Ursuline Sisters developed this vision into one of the finest educational philosophies in the world. I too believe our world can be transformed through the work of places like Brescia University. When we teach our students that they can make a difference whether in small or big ways, we are doing something incredibly significant, that will have an impact long after we are gone.

What we are doing today, all of us, whether as students, faculty or staff has far reaching implications that we can't even imagine. You are making a difference, and don't ever let anyone tell you any differently. And I want to thank you for being a part of the Brescia family and contributing to the Brescia Difference. We still have a lot of work to do, but I know, because I know you, that together we can forge Brescia into the institution we know it can be. Thank you."

student news



Students Exhibit Servant Leadership

Brescia's students have been very busy in the Owensboro/Daviess County community, volunteering their time and effort, exemplifying one of the pillars of the Brescia Difference: Servant Leadership.



Julie Reynolds sweeping the kitchen with a smile!

In January, an ice/snow storm hit the area, causing power outages for weeks. Brescia University opened its doors to anyone who needed refuge, and several faculty and staff were assisted.

Elsewhere, students spent time for several nights in a row, cleaning a shelter at First Baptist Church. While most people were eating dinner, these students were sweeping and mopping floors, cleaning restrooms, and sanitizing areas.

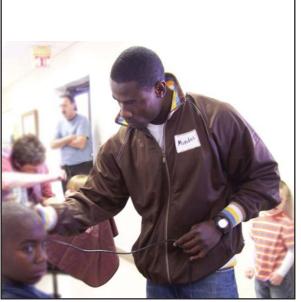
The Outreach Ministry of Evangelization is held in the fall of each year at Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Owensboro. The event is called the Block Party and is like an old-fashion church picnic. This year, over one thousand people came through the Block Party with over 100 volunteers manning the booths.

Clothes, baby items, bags of groceries, cakes, gift certificates and cash door prizes, toys, books, school supplies and much more were given away. Everything at the Block Party was free to those who attended. One Brescia student, a barber, cut and styled hair all day. There were health screenings that included educational, dental, blood pressure and blood sugar.

Pictured below are Brescia students who volunteered at the Block Party.



Back Row: (L to R) Grace Frizzell, Clare Martin, Esaie Nazarie, and Mindes Dorlean. Front Row: (L to R) Sara Worth, Deborah Case, Danielle Zogg, and Jodi Tanner.



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around campus



(L to R): Dr. Carol Maillet, Fr. Richard Meredith, Dr. Philip Decker, Dr. Anne Federline, Dr. Chris Tiahrt, Amber Stuckey, and Dr. James Naas.

What is Science?

Brescia University seeks to provide students with a rigorous liberal arts learning environment that challenges them academically and ethically.

One of the ways that Brescia is doing the above is through four interdisciplinary seminars during the spring semester. Brescia's Division of Mathematics & Natural Sciences is hosting "Model Seminars" that will demonstrated to students how to think, reason and discuss topics assigned in a professional and well-prepared method.

James Naas, Ph.D., associate professor of speech pathology/audiology, spearheaded these seminars. The first night's topic was "What is Science?"

The above picture are those professionals who participated in the first seminar.

Making a Difference in the Community

Each year, seniors in the Social Work department, take a trip to Saint Paul's Mission in Crownpoint, New Mexico as part of their field practicum. The mission, which serves Navajo families and children, provides the housing for the students. While there, students work as interns in social service agencies.

For the past five years, the Social Work Department, along with the Brescia Student Social Work Association, hosts a Soup Day fundraiser to benefit the Navajo families. In November, more than 250 people showed up for at least 50 homemade soups, desserts, breads and beverages. Donations were accepted, and totalled more than \$2,000, breaking last year's amount by \$700.

All proceeds go to the mission, where the Sisters of the Order of the Adorer's of the Blood of Christ set up a toy shop for the Navajo families to come and pick out toys for their children's Christmas. This year, two Sisters from the



(L to R): George Gray with Sr. Mareen Farrar and Sr. Barb Smith.

mission came to Brescia's campus, Sr. Maureen Farrar and Sr. Barb Smith. The Sisters shared stories of how the donations are being used to touch lives.

The Brescia Social Work Department has now raised more than \$7,000 in Soup Day fundraisers for the Mission.

Christmas Spirit

The public was invited to a concert featuring the Brescia University Choir, Handbell Choir, and newly formed Pep Band on Dec. 4. The event took place inside the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel.



Brescia University Student Choir lead by Sr. Mary Henning.

Book Donation

In March, students majoring in education purchased \$400 worth of books and donated them to the St. Joseph's Peace Mission in Owensboro. St. Joseph's Peace Mission is a safe haven for children under the age of 18 who are abused, neglected or pregnant. June Bell is the mission director.

(L to R): Jason Ward, Audrey Popham, Nicholas Blandford, June Bell, and Tina Wolken.



Making a Difference

in the lives of our students • our community • our Church







rescia University's mission of making a difference in the lives of others is evident through the teamwork of student-athletes. Nineteen Brescia students spent several Thursday afternoons this spring semester mentoring students from Foust Elementary School in Owensboro. The purpose for this partnership between Brescia's athletic department and Foust was to promote literacy and a love for reading through an after school reading club called Rocket Readers.

Last fall, Brescia donated \$300 to purchase books for the reading club. The donation was made possible through a Champions of Character grant sponsored by the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, of which Brescia is a member.

"The KIAC is one of the first conferences in the country to provide funds for its members to use for community service," Brescia Athletic Director Jeff Falkner said. "We thought it would be a great way to build on an already existing relationship we have with Foust Elementary."

For the past several years, Brescia athletes and students in the Education program have participated in Foust workdays to improve conditions in the school's courtyard. Volunteers help by pulling weeds, digging up dead plants and removing old landscaping.

Addison Rouse, a senior baseball player at Brescia, said that volunteering at Foust was a great experience to share with his fellow student-athletes.

"It's nice to know that we're making a difference," he said. "Helping others makes you appreciate what you have and it's rewarding to work with your peers on something outside of athletics."

The Rocket Readers Club paired Foust Elementary students with mentors from the Brescia Athletic Department. The mentors met with their students on a weekly basis for six weeks to read books, promote education and encourage the students to work hard toward achieving their goals.

Rachel Mason, family resource coordinator at Foust, said that her students always looked forward to spending time with their reading buddies.

"This has been such a rewarding experience for our kids because it has allowed them to bond with someone special as well as encourage their appreciation and love for reading and sports."

Mason said that the Rocket Readers club allowed her elementary school students to meet college students who have worked hard to be where they are today.

"Many of our students do not see college in their future for one reason or another. I hope that Rocket Readers will change that by showing our kids that they do have the abilities to make it to college and to be successful in life."

Junior baseball athlete, Johnny Merrill, said that if he didn't have help from others growing up, he wouldn't be in college and playing ball.

"I'm looking forward to hopefully being that kind of influence in someone else's life."

athletics

In December, Brescia University and the Athletic Department recognized student athletes that achieved individual honors during the 2008 fall season. The following student athletes put in many hours over the fall semester to achieve honors, all while maintaining their academics. Student athletes from women's tennis, women's soccer, men's cross country and women's cross country were honored.

Women's Tennis Kellie Childress, senior

from Munfordville, Ky., named Player of the Week for the week of Oct. 29. **Candace Skaggs**, freshman from Leitchfield, Ky., named KIAC Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 29 and a member of the KIAC All-Conference team.

Women's Soccer Kat Howard, senior

defender from Owensboro, Ky., named Defensive Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 29. **McKenzie Stone**, senior midfielder from Owensboro, Ky., named Offensive Player of the Week for the week of Sept. 29. Stone also served as a team captain for the 2008 season.

Second Team KIAC All Conference

Mallory Spencer, sophomore defender from Henderson, Ky,

Jackie Durbin, sophomore midfielder from Hopkinsville, Ky.

Valerie Kamuf, junior midfielder from Owensboro, Ky.

First Team KIAC All Conference Kelsey Cromwell, sophomore goal keeper from Benton, Ky.

Paige McDowell, freshman forward from Scarborough, Ontario.

McDowell was also selected as Offensive Player of the Week for the week of Nov. 3 and was selected to the NAIA Unaffiliated All-Conference Team.

Chelsea Anderson, senior midfielder from Owensboro, Ky. Anderson was also selected to the NAIA Unaffiliated



Student-athletes who achieved honors during Fall 2008 season, along with Dean of Student Development,
Dr. James Fitzpatrick and Athletic Director, Jeff Falkner.

All-Conference Team and set the career record for assists at Brescia University in the 2008 season.

Men's Cross Country

Cody Hybarger, freshman from Henderson, Ky., finished 10th in KIAC meet and was an individual national qualifier for the 2008 NAIA National Cross-Country Championships in Kenosha, Wis. Chris Becker, freshman from Louisville, Ky., finished 6th at the KIAC meet and was named to the All-Conference team. Chris was also an individual national qualifier for the NAIA Cross-Country National Championships.

Matt Lowe, from Clay, Ky., finished runner up at the KIAC meet and was a member of the All-Conference team. He was KIAC Runner of the Week for the week of Oct. 13 and was an individual national qualifier for the NAIA Cross-Country National Championships.

Women's Cross Country

The women's cross country team won the KIAC meet by 7 points and qualified as a team for the NAIA National Championship meet in Kenosha, Wis. where they placed 31st in the field.

The team members are:

Courtney Turner, freshman from Owensboro, Ky. Turner finished 29th at the conference meet.

Emily Deig, freshman from Henderson, Ky. Deig placed 9th at conference.

Brittney Hybarger, freshman from Henderson, Ky. Hybarger placed 8th at conference.

Julie Reynolds, freshman from Green Field, Ind. Reynolds finished 5th at the conference meet and was named to the All-Conference team.

Ashley Miller, freshman from Owensboro, Ky. Miller was a three time winner of the KIAC Runner of the Week for the weeks of Sept. 15, Oct. 13 and Oct. 20. Miller also won the KIAC Individual Championship and was named the KIAC Runner of the Year.

faculty news



Almost every student who has attended Brescia during the past several decades has had an encounter with David Bartholomy, associate professor English. There's good reason, too: this is his forty-first year of teaching at Brescia.

"Brescia has given me a lot of freedom and encouragement," Bartholomy said, "and an occasional poke in the eye for what were perceived to be excesses, such as organizing anti-war demonstrations,

Dilia Hasanova, Ph.D., Director of the ESL Program, recently had her dissertation published by a German publishing house. The title of the book is Functional Allocations of English in Post-Soviet Uzbekistan: Pedagogical Implications for English Language Teachers. The book is now available to all major book distributors in the U.S. and Europe.

In March, Hasanova presented research on "communicative language teaching principles and activities in a situation of limited resources" at the national TESOL conference in Denver, Co. TESOL only accepts 19% of submissions for a presentation.

David "Bart" Bartholomy

Beloved English Professor Celebrates 41 Years at Brescia

giving students "objectional" things to read, and allowing articles in the Broadcast that might be hurtful to the school."

Bartholomy said that the idea of teaching was always in a corner of his mind, but he didn't consider the career seriously until he was working toward his master's degree and he decided he could probably do a better job than most of the teachers he had encountered.

In a whirlwind hire just a month before the fall semester of 1968, Bartholomy filled a vacant English position. After a failed effort in his second year to move to another university where he could pursue a Ph.D., he said he has never again thought about leaving. "Brescia grows on you," he said.

"My relationship with students is the greatest reward of this job," Bartholomy said. "They surprise me, they entertain me, and they educate me, and many of them become my friends." He said that he doesn't see himself as a teacher to his students, but as a learning facilitator who offers

Sandra Obilade, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Management, presented two papers at the International Industrial Relations and Human Resources Conference held at the University of Louisville in October.

One of her papers, "Motivating Downsizing Survivors in Small Business Organizations," received top honors as the best paper of the conference. The proceedings of the conference will be archived at the Martin P. Catherwood Library in the ILR School at Cornell University, and as the best paper of the conference Obilade's paper will be published in the *Southern Business Review*.

opportunities for students to teach themselves.

Ellen Dugan-Barrette, Professor of English, said, "Most important, from my perspective, he provides students with the opportunity to see their own work in print or to present it orally the goals of any aspiring writer. He can count among his successful students at least two published novelists: Mary Welp and Joey Goebel."

Bartholomy rejuvenated *The Broadcast* after years of its dormancy; edits Open 24 Hours, Brescia's annual literary journal; and produces Third Tuesday Coffeehouse, a monthly coffeehouse that features regional writing talent.

"Every August, after being away from teaching for a few months, I think of all the long hours of hard work ahead of me and I don't want to face it," Bartholomy said. "However, after a couple of weeks of working with students I've had before and becoming close to some really interesting new ones, I realize I'm exactly where I want to be."

Obilade's study, a sequel to her 1998 study of Connecticut small businesses, found that Daviess County businesses still face the same type of problems experienced by Connecticut small businesses regarding the search for appropriate ways to motivate employees in a business environment where downsizing is no longer considered unusual. Obilade's earlier study of Connecticut small businesses was published in the *New England Journal of Entrepreneurship*.

Brescia University 09/10 Annual Fund

What is the Brescia Annual Fund?

The annual fund directly supports teaching, learning and discovery at Brescia University and plays a vital part in the thriving day-to-day operation of the university. Though tuition, state, and federal dollars provide part of Brescia's operating budget, there are always more needs than these sources can supply. Unrestricted gifts to the annual fund help meet these needs. Your gift to the annual fund goes where the need is the greatest.

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Why should I give to the Annual Fund?

It's about the teamwork, family, and community. Being part of a team - whether it's the newly formed pep band, student government, *The Broadcast*, classroom activities, or athletics... Brescia students learn to give their very best, they learn to appreciate the needs of others, and they develop a willingness to give of themselves if needed. Brescia's students learn that they are part of the big picture, making a difference.

Alumni, parents, faculty, staff, trustees, friends, and community partners are all part of the big picture too. Together, collective unrestricted gifts provide the extra resources needed to make the Brescia difference...the vital difference between a good educational experience and a life transforming experience.

How much should I give?

Gifts to the 08/09 Annual Fund range from \$1 to \$80,000. What matters most is participation. Every gift matters and every donor is valued. Every gift is a vote of confidence in the Brescia Difference.

How is the Annual Fund collected?

- Direct Mail Appeals
- Parent Giving
- Faculty and Staff Giving
- Brescia Sunday
- Special Collection
- Society of the Arch Memberships
- Fall and Spring Alumni Phone Calling
- Collection during Mass in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel
- The envelope attached in this issue of Brescia Now

These are all avenues of giving to the Brescia Annual Fund. No matter what you respond to, the impact is the same. Supporting the Brescia Annual Fund through any of these efforts helps make the Brescia Difference.

How do I give?

There are many ways to make a contribution. Donors may make an outright gift with a check, credit card or gift of stock or they may prefer to make a pledge. Annual Fund pledges are payable by May 31, 2010.

Feel free to contact Tracy Naylor '01, Director of Annual Giving at tracy.naylor@brescia.edu or 270-686-6417 for any questions, comments or concerns regarding the Annual Fund.

New Director of Alumni Relations Josh Clary '06

Dorothy from The Wizard of Oz may have said, "There's no place like home," and for Joshua Clary, Director of Alumni Relations, that home is Brescia

University. "Quite honestly, if it weren't for Brescia, I wouldn't be here," said Clary. "My parents met and fell in love at Brescia. So in a sense I owe Brescia my life."

Clary, a 2006 graduate, has made a home at Brescia. His journey did not start here, however. "In high school, I always wanted to attend the US Naval Academy in Annapolis," Clary said, "but I didn't pass the physical because I have flat feet. So my backup was to go the University of Louisville." Spending only a semester at U of L, Clary said he left the large, public university because, "I didn't feel at home, like I had a place at the table." "After deciding to leave Louisville, I spoke with Fr. Brian Roby, who is still at Owensboro Catholic High. He

advised me to look into Brescia, specifically at the Paul VI Discernment Experience," said Clary. (Note: the Paul VI Discernment Experience is now known as St. Joseph's Table.) "When I met my admissions counselor, she drove me over to see Fr. Larry Hostetter, who would be my advisor. I knew then that this was a place where students mattered and I would feel at home."

Knowing he was home, Clary made the best out of his new home at Brescia. "I decided I had to be involved in as many clubs and groups as I could," Clary said. "At Louisville, I only played video games, but at Brescia I wrote for the Broadcast, was a member of both Alpha Chi and Delta Epsilon Sigma, and my joy was being involved in SGA, where I served as President my senior year." "What I will forever cherish is the family atmosphere," said Clary. "My junior year, when my father was in a car accident that left him paralyzed, I felt the support of the faculty and staff. Some of my professors visited my family in the hospital. We even got a casserole! I will never forget that."

Upon graduation Clary spent a year at St. Meinrad School of Theology as a seminarian for the Diocese of Owensboro. "Meinrad was exactly what I needed in my

life. I was able to discern and figure out that God was not calling me to the priesthood. I needed that opportunity to search and learn more about myself," said Clary. Leaving Meinrad, Clary returned to Brescia, taking a position as an Admissions Counselor. "What could be more fun than hanging out with high school kids and telling them about this special place?"

Taking the energy he showed as a road warrior in the Admissions Office, Clary now has taken on work in Alumni Relations. "We have so many interesting and successful alumni out there," Clary said, "I want to meet them all. I want to help them reconnect with this place. I want them to be excited to be Brescia alumni."

How does Clary plan to accom-

plish his vision? "One person at a time," he said. "Whether I meet an alumnus at the grocery store or at Alumni Weekend, I want to hear from them their story. And I want to share the story of Brescia today, of our wonderfully creative and unique students who have taken up the story from those who have gone before. I want Brescia's alumni to feel ownership of campus and that only happens by coming back and visiting."

"I truly believe that the special quality of this place is that every student, every staff member, every faculty member, every alum matters. When they walk across that Quad to class or a meeting, they are people who make a tremendous difference in our world. The community would be lesser without them."

To contact Joshua Clary, you can call (270) 686-2111 or josh.clary@brescia.edu. Josh is always looking for your stories, classnotes, news or meeting you for the first time.



Sister Ruth Gehres '62, OSU, served 17 years as an English professor at Brescia, then was president from 1986-95. She is currently working at Casa Ursulina in Chile, South America.

"My first year at Casa Ursulina ended Oct. 31. I begin a new year amazed at all I have learned. First, a new language ... at least I've made a beginning of deciphering Chilean Spanish, which has its own unique challenges. I've

learned new ways of doing things, new ways of looking at things. I've learned that it's possible to get through the winter without central heating, and to eat more beans and less meat. I've learned, through experience, that public transportation can be more practical than driving a car ... and much less expensive. I've learned to shop at tiny corner shops where a person can buy one egg, one aspirin, one carrot, or one cigarette.

And I've become a part of a new community ... the

munity ... the women of Casa Ursulina. Living

so close to them has taught me that people who are poor -- and who will probably always be poor -- can be creative, joyful, and determined beyond what I had ever imagined. And they can also be generous, reaching out in compassion to neighbors and friends who need physical help or just someone to listen.

At Casa Ursulina, giving is a way of life, and all share in it. Since its founding 11 years ago, this ministry has grown to include close to 200 women in classes and workshops, and many others -- especially women and children -- who come to the door because someone told them they will find help here. The house has been enlarged several times, and again we are looking for a way to create more space.

The founders of Casa Ursulina were one Ursuline Sister -- Sister Mary Elizabeth (Mimi) Ballard -- and seven Chilean women, who in 2001 became Ursuline Associates. All of these women are still at the core of the Casa Ursulina community, including Inés Gálvez, who died in October 2007, and whose memory is still very much alive in the hearts of all who knew her.

Some of these first Chilean associates serve on the coordination team, about 20 women who work with Sister

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(Left to right): Sr. Mimi Ballard and Sr. Ruth Gehres

Mimi to manage the programs and activities of the house. When there's a special project, like the recent "peña," an annual party for more than 200 guests for the benefit of Casa Ursulina, these women are here getting the house ready, cooking and serving well into the night, and helping with a formidable cleanup operation. There are many who say, "yes" whenever they're called on to help. Our associates are always among them.

Wednesday evening finds the "Ursulinas" gathering

for their weekly meeting. This

group includes our first associates as well as other faithful women who have a special interest in being together for prayer and reflection ... then a light snack and conversation. Soon these women will also become Ursuline Associates.

When I look at the history of Casa Ursulina and what is happening here today, I think of the parable of the leaven. It's a woman's parable: The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened (Matthew 13:33). The spirit of the first eight women has spread, over and over again, through the whole -- a blessing to all who come here."

Maggie Yeckerling '88 received the 2009 President's Award from Owensboro Medical Health System. The award honors employees and physicians who "exemplify the core commitments of our organization - integrity, service, excellence, innovation, respect and teamwork." Maggie works in the behavioral health office.

Christina O'Bryan Howard '93 has joined the O'Bryan Financial Group of Hilliard Lyons' Owensboro South Branch as a financial consultant. Howard has been a math and language arts teacher in the Daviess County School system for 14 years. She holds Series 7, Series 66 and Kentucky agent life and health licenses and has a master's degree from Western Kentucky University.

Tammy Marksberry '95 received the 2009 President's Award from Owensboro Medical Health System. The award honors employees and physicians who "exemplify the core commitments of our organization - integrity, service, excellence, innovation, respect and teamwork." Tammy works in the medical staff office.

Elaine R. Wright '95 was awarded a doctorate of philosophy in social work in December of 2007 from the University of Louisville. Graduating with a 4.0 GPA in her doctoral studies, she also received a Dean's Citation and was a nominee for Student Speaker at the university-wide commencement ceremony. A 1991 graduate of Owensboro High School, Elaine previously earned a bachelor's in social work from Brescia University in 1995 and a master's of science in social work from the University of Louisville Kent School of Social Work in 1998. She is currently an assistant professor and field director in the Social Work Department at Avila University in Kansas City, Mo. Elaine is the daughter of John S. and Brenda Wright of Owensboro, Ky.

Kevin Morgan '02 & '06 was installed as the Vice President of the Humane Society of Henderson County in December. Morgan says the shelter is helping people become aware of the needs of homeless pets in the Henderson area. He donates space on his photo web site to the HSHC to help spread the word of homeless pets looking for homes. Those photos can be seen at: http://digitalimage.albumpost.com/albums.php.

Andrea Conder '04 graduated from the University of Southern Indiana with a bachelors of science in nursing. She is now a Cardiac Critical Care Nurse at the Heart Hospital at Deaconess Gateway in Newburgh, IN.

Jeff Laster '04 has been named manager of lean process improvement, a new hospital department focusing on process improvements to streamline the delivery of health care at Owensboro Medical Health System. He was most recently manager of organizational development. He also was a case manager and human resources generalist at the hospital the past eight years and earned the professional human resource certification from the HR Certification Institute. Laster is an Army veteran and has a Master of Science degree in Management from Brescia University as well as degrees in nursing and biology.

Ryan Howard '06 set a new BKD Over Night Travel Award record, working 71 nights of overnight travel. Howard is a Senior Accountant at BKD Louisville, KY.

Rachel Pate '06 was recently honored with the Beacon Award, given by Owensboro Community Solutions and Owensboro Lighthouse Recovery. This award is given to an individual who demonstrates outstanding achievement in the Daviess County community. Pate was recognized for her efforts in helping both adults and youth in various recovery processes. She is involved with her community through her work as a social worker for the Kentucky Department of Public Advocacy in Owensboro, and also as part of a macro practice internship at the University of Louisville where she is a graduate student in the Social Work Program.

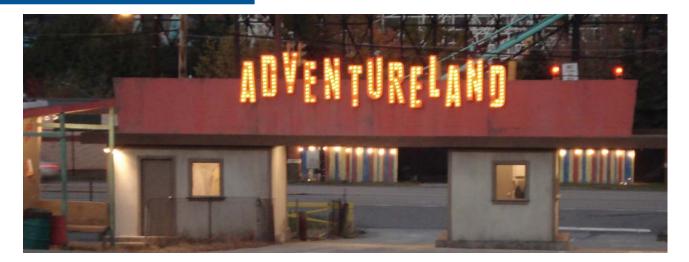


Rachel Pate

Marc Bjorn Beck '07 has finished his master's degree in industrial technology at Morehead University and has been accepted into the doctorate program this fall in computer science and engineering at the University of Louisville.

Jason Brand '08 was promoted to financial center leader at BB&T's New Hartford Road Branch. He joined the bank in 2008 after earning his bachelor's degree in business from Brescia. Brand is a 2008 graduate of the BB&T Leadership Development Program.

class notes



rescia University was represented this year at the Oscars, as an alumnus was the set designer for the movie, The Wrestler. **Matthew Munn '95**, freelance set designer in New York City, was also the art director for the independent movie, Adventureland, released in March. He also did some work for the movies: The Winning Season, which was favored at the Sundance Film Festival and The Good Heart.

Matt graduated from Brescia with an art degree. He went on to obtain his masters in architecture at the University of Tennessee. Matt said he always had an interest in films and wanted to work on movies. He was also interested in architecture and construction and was able to mesh the two interests together in becoming a set designer. "In a way designing sets for movies is similar to designing any other kind of living space — except that it

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only has to stay up for a week or so. You have to take into account the character you are designing a space for and try to invest a bit of their personality into it."

Matt says there were several people at Brescia that were instrumental in making a difference in his life.

"Steve Driver had a big impact on me not only as a teacher but also as a good friend. As a teacher he was great at helping me to figure out what I wanted out of my work and pushing me to achieve it."

"Dave Stratton was also a great teacher and always tried to get me to loosen up when it came to drawing (something I was never comfortable with, but it wasn't until my drafting classes in architectural school that I really appreciated his methods)."

"Belinda Thomson was also a big influence on me through the Theatre Troupe at Brescia. I loved being a part of the Troupe and having the opportunity to perform in plays has actually helped as I design spaces for actors now. It is amazing how the inclusion of the tiniest details will sometimes bring out a performance."

Matt says his future plans include designing more

features. He would also like to start producing some of his own projects too. He's currently working on a script and would love to produce a small film.

The photos on this page are from the movie, Adventureland, where Matt had to design a set around an amusement park, conveying late 1960s signage.



Matt on the set of The Wrestler



The Brescia University community joins in prayerful remembrance of those who have died. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

From June 29, 2008 - March 20, 2009

In Memoriam:

Ann Wilson Whittinghill '59, who died on Jan. 20, 2009.

Timothy R. Riney '77, who died on Jan. 22, 2009.

Benjamin Kelley Salmon '79, who died on Jan. 11, 2009. Survivors include his wife, Mary Bickwermert Salmon '78.

Paula Gail Payne '80, who died on Jan. 28, 2009.

Leona Owen Curry '92, who died March 20, 2009.

John Ward '05, who died on Oct. 8, 2008. Survivors include his wife, Virginia (Ginny) Mills Ward '04.

We extend our deepest Sympathy:

Cecilia Rose Clouse '65, whose husband, Harold Clouse, died on Dec. 14, 2008.

Helen Meister '69 and Fred Meister '83, whose father and father-in-law, Cyril Tobias Echele, died on Oct. 22, 2008.

Donna Favors '73, whose husband, Charles Edward Favors, died on Jan. 22, 2009.

Michael Scherm '75, whose mother, Margaret "Maggie" Thompson Scherm, died on Jan. 31, 2009.

Martha Anne Schmuckie '92, whose father, Louis A. Schmuckie III, died on Feb. 23, 2009.

Jack Wilson '01, whose grandfather, Jack Moseley, died on Nov. 14, 2008.

Jill Conrad '07, whose mother, Janice Renee Askins, died on Jan. 12, 2009.

Jacob Popham '08 and Audrey Popham '11, whose great-grandmother, Eva Roach, died on Dec. 13, 2008.

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For the 2007/2008 Fiscal Year

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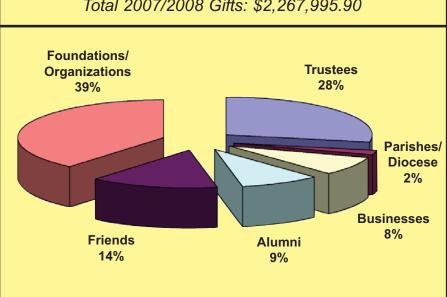
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Banner Year at Brescia

Brescia Admissions Office released some numbers recently showing what a banner year 2009 began for the University.

Brescia shows a 21% increase in total student population during the 2009 spring semester over spring 2008. There is a 21% increase in undergraduate students and a 56% increase in graduate students.

Currently, Brescia has seen more students apply at the University, than this time last year. A banner year could turn into a bumper crop for fall 2009!

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