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On Thursday, April 17, Rev. Larry Hostetter met with Pope Benedict XVI in a historic meeting with American Catholic College and University Presidents.



Rev. Hostetter's reflections on the Papal visit:

“I was eager to hear what the Pope’s message would be since he had been a university professor himself and has previously expressed his love for the university environment. And, he certainly did not disappoint.

He affirmed the long tradition of Catholic education in the United States at all levels, highlighting the early pioneers who created our Catholic educational system from scratch. Mentioning Sts. Elizabeth Ann Seton and Katherine Drexel, he highlighted the role of religious women in this endeavor who, primarily through their congregations, devoted their lives to Catholic education. The founders of Brescia, the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph, certainly are representative of these courageous educators.

He affirmed academic freedom, arguing that the search for truth that characterizes the work of a Catholic University must be free, but also in service to the teachings and mission of the Catholic Church.

I was most struck by his reminder to the 251 Presidents that Catholic Colleges and Universities in the United States were originally created as an outreach to those who could not receive an education through the established means. He reminded us that we must never forget the poor and disenfranchised.

There was much to reflect on in the Pope’s address that will have relevance for the mission of Brescia University. As a Catholic institution we are committed to doing our part in promoting the message and life of Jesus Christ.



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Brescia University Mission Statement:
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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Cover photo: Left to right: Justin Scherrer '08, Alpha Chi Leadership Award
recipient; Miranda Li '08, Brescia Juried Student Art Show Juror's Choice Award
recipient, after Commencement on May 10, 2008.



FROM PRESIDENT LARRY HOSTETTER

hope all of you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer. It is hard to believe but our students have already begun another school year. And what a school year this is going to be. This year our focus will be to

continue to develop and strengthen the student life experience for the men and women who live at and commute to Brescia University. Our commitment to our students is demonstrated in the newly created Office of Student Activities and Leadership Development. This summer we hired Lucas Langdon to serve as director of this office. He will be responsible for ensuring that our students have an engaging and fulfilling student life experience through activities that are designed not only for fun, but for leadership and character development. Our residence life program is also under new direction, after the retirement of Sr. Rose Jean Powers. Jeff Rudnick was hired as the new director of residence life. He too will bring experience and new ideas to enrich campus life for our students.

While our focus is certainly on the future, it is also important to highlight and celebrate the accomplishments and activities of this past year, which we are happy to do with this issue of *Brescia NOW!* Some of the highlights include:

- The development of a revised strategic plan that will take us to the fall of 2010.
- The second annual Alumni Weekend celebration, including three new Distinguished Alumni recipients.
- The development of our new **STARS** program for non-traditional students. Brescia continues to lead the way for adult learners.
- A visit to Washington D.C. to meet the Holy Father, Benedict XVI, along with other Catholic college and university presidents.
- A reflection by our recent graduates and a glimpse at our newest class.

Of course, our students have been very busy as well. This past year their accomplishments were highlighted at the annual Celebration of Excellence, which allows students to present original projects and research. It was very gratifying to see the results of a Brescia education on display. Several of our athletic teams have had stellar seasons, especially our women's basketball team which made it to the NAIA national tournament. Along with the usual spiritual activities available to our students, Brescia partnered with a local parish to produce a passion play called *For One Such as This*. It was a great success with several of our students in the production, on stage and behind the scenes. As you can see, Brescia continues in its dedication to offering an education directed to the mind, body and spirit.

As you flip through the pages of this *Brescia Now*, keep a little prayer on your lips for us and our mission of teaching and learning. I'm convinced that God has great things in store for Brescia and I'm glad you are part of our family.

Sincerely,

Rev. Larry Hostetter

The seal of Brescia University is a circular emblem. The outer ring contains the text "BRESCIA UNIVERSITY" at the top and "OWENSBORO, KY." at the bottom. Inside this ring, the words "RELIGION", "SCIENCE", and "CULTURE" are arranged around a central shield. The shield is divided into four quadrants: the top-left contains three stars, the top-right contains a cross, the bottom-left contains a book, and the bottom-right contains a tree. Above the shield is a banner with the Latin motto "SOLI DEO GLORIA".

The Stars that Guide Us...

Since its inception, Brescia University has been guided by a mission that emerged from the 500 year-old teaching tradition of the Ursuline Sisters. At the core of this mission is teaching and learning in the context of the **Brescia Difference**: Respect for the **Sacred**, Devotion to **Learning**, Commitment to **Growth in Virtue**, and Promotion of **Servant Leadership**. In designing our strategic plan, we identified those goals and objectives that would ensure the realization of our mission in a changing and unpredictable environment.

Our current strategic plan, “Brescia University: Making a Difference,” is a revision of the 2005-2010 plan. As such, it incorporates the spirit and theme of the previous plan while shifting focus on those strategic goals and objectives that will place Brescia in a position of strength over the next three years.

You will notice that each goal is identified by its Brescia “Lodestar.” Just as navigators were guided by the North Star, so Brescia will be guided by these navigational points. Our lodestars are expressions of our commitment to the following areas: to our Catholic values and Ursuline heritage; to excellence in academics; to a fulfilling student life experience; to steward well our resources; to serving the community in outreach; and to ensuring that we deliver on what we promise.

Brescia University's Strategic Plan

BRESCIA LODESTAR: Catholic Values and Ursuline Heritage

Goal: As a Catholic/Ursuline University, Brescia will be recognized as a moral and educational force that promotes a profound respect for the transcendent destiny of the human person.



Garden of Hope Memorial Statue

Objectives:

1. Develop ways to integrate the stated values of the University into the lives of students and the Brescia community.
2. Foster a sense of collegiality that embodies St. Angela's vision of a community united in heart and will.
3. Promote greater engagement with the Catholic community.
4. As an institution, explore the implications of Brescia's Catholic/Ursuline tradition and make appropriate environmental and cultural changes to ensure a strong identity.

Goal overview:

Brescia University's uniqueness is rooted in our liberal arts emphasis and shaped by our Catholic/Ursuline heritage that give us our distinctive identity and mission. So, it becomes imperative for us to establish stronger connections with the Catholic community and to explore the vision of St. Angela Merici as it applies to our contemporary situation.

Progress toward goal:

The President, with staff from enrollment and advancement, visited 33% of the total parishes within the Diocese of Owensboro to talk about the importance of Catholic education and Brescia, specifically. Admissions developed new publications directed to Catholic students and initiated a new grant program called the Catholic Connections Grant. Advancement created communications, appeals and donor gifts that reflect this identity. Founder's Week reflected a special appreciation for the Ursuline sisters who minister at Brescia. Catholic Schools Week was celebrated with Diocesan school systems in various ways. Brescia will be the host site for a statue designed and funded by The Gospel of Life Committee for the Diocese of Owensboro. Fr. Larry is hosting a trip to Brescia and Rome, Italy, in December 2008 to explore our unique heritage. The first annual "Report to our Catholic Community" was distributed to the parishes and the Catholic School Systems in July 2008, as a means to share the actions taken to embrace this goal.

Strategic Plan

BRESCIA LODESTAR: Academics



Goal: Academic excellence will be the hallmark of Brescia University with distinctive programs, outstanding faculty and a strong culture of preparation for graduate and professional study.

Objectives:

1. Strengthen academic assessment.
2. Create new academic programs that support the mission of the University and grow enrollment.
3. Broaden learning opportunities beyond the classroom.
4. Develop a comprehensive and coordinated flexible format educational system.
5. Promote an environment of informational and technological literacy.
6. Develop and coordinate activities and policies that will promote preparation for continued or advanced study and increase the application and acceptance rates into graduate and professional schools.
7. Develop and coordinate practices that enhance support for faculty development and retention.

Goal overview:

At its core, Brescia's mission is about teaching and learning. A strong intellectual and academic life must be at the center of any university. Upon graduation, we want our students to have the skills of their academic area and the skills needed to adapt creatively to an unpredictable environment in which job expectations are constantly changing.

Progress toward goal:

In fall 2007, the President charged the Academic Program Review Committee with conducting a global review of programs. The completed review was presented to the Board in February 2008. Identified were three programs for additional study for viability and several academic programs of merit, which can become the focus of future marketing efforts. Of particular significance was the restructuring of our non-traditional program into the **STARS** program (Success Tracks for Adults Returning to School) featuring flexible formats to meet the needs of adult learners. Two new online degree completion programs, Social Work and Theology with an emphasis in pastoral studies, and an accelerated leadership MBA, began fall 2008. A grant of \$300,000 was secured to establish an information and technology literacy teaching and learning lab in the Fr. Leonard Alvey Library. To highlight the importance of academics, the first President's Innovative Teaching Award recognized Dr. Conrad Toepfer, biology professor, who presented his innovative methodology to the faculty, thus providing a faculty development opportunity.

Strategic Plan

BRESCIA LODESTAR: Student Life Services

Goal: Brescia University will increase the number and quality of students and create a dynamic, vibrant and fulfilling collegiate experience.



Day Two of New Student Orientation '08

Objectives:

1. Strengthen and articulate a value-based environment in which students are encouraged and given the tools to grow in character.
2. Determine the appropriate services and programs needed to assist international students with their assimilation into American educational culture.
3. Reach a head count enrollment of 600 undergraduate degree-seeking students (580 full-time undergraduate) by fall 2010.
4. Promote a campus culture that attends to the needs of Brescia students by providing necessary services in an efficient manner.

Goal overview:

Increasing our enrollment by attracting new students and retaining our existing student population is a priority. A full campus experience must be provided as research continues to reveal that students who are engaged in campus activities are also engaged academically.

Progress toward goal:

An additional enrollment counselor was hired to expand our recruitment efforts. Enrollment of freshmen and new students continues to see increases over the previous years with the fall 2008 first-time, full time student count the highest in decades. We contracted with an enrollment management firm to help Brescia establish a system for leveraging financial aid with prospective students. To improve services and accessibility to students, the financial aid office was moved to the Administration Building to be in close proximity to the business office. A formal orientation program acquainted new students and their parents with the academic and student life expectations of the University. A new position was created, Director of Student Activities and Leadership Development, to focus on enhancing the quality of student life and assist students to integrate into their lives the values of Brescia. Focused attention was given to completing Kamuf Park, Brescia's home fields for soccer, baseball and softball. The first game was played this past spring with all teams claiming their fields this fall although funding for items such as bleachers, scoreboards, and lockers is still needed.

Strategic Plan

BRESCIA LODESTAR: Stewardship

Goal: Brescia University will generate and manage resources to assure the University's strong and stable financial future.



Society of the Arch Annual Dinner - Fr. Larry presenting Brescia Rosaries to four of the six members members at the Arch level.

Objectives:

1. Balance the operating budget.
2. Provide high standard facilities that optimize the living and learning environments.
3. Identify and prioritize capital and major gift needs to support the strategic objectives and develop a campaign to meet those needs.
4. Design and implement a comprehensive development program which fosters a sustainable and growth-oriented culture of philanthropy.
5. Identify just compensation practices and develop a plan to implement those practices for faculty and staff.

Goal overview:

We decided to call the lodestar that deals with finances and resources "Stewardship." This term is rooted in Sacred Scripture reminding us that all material possessions are given to us by God and that we are called to be responsible in the use of these goods. For Brescia this means securing and managing our resources to fulfill our mission in the most efficient and effective way possible.

Progress toward goal:

Two million dollar gifts were received during the 07/08 fiscal year. One to establish an endowed scholarship to assist with our efforts to attract academically gifted and leadership-oriented students and the other to address emerging priorities. Several activities were held during the year to allow benefactors to see the impact of their gifts. Focus placed on the Annual Fund, which generates unrestricted dollars to address priorities, realized the highest amount of gifts in the history of Brescia. The **Society of the Arch** was established to encourage and recognize donors who give \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund. The number of donors in this category almost doubled. The first **Society of the Arch** recognition dinner and Mass was held in June. A Deficit Reduction Plan was developed and approved by the Trustees.



A specially designed Brescia University Rosary given to Society of the Arch members at the highest level.

Strategic Plan

BRESCIA LODESTAR: Community Outreach

Goal: Brescia University will be a recognized leader in education in Western Kentucky and beyond.



Objectives:

1. Strengthen our relationship with our Catholic community and build relationships with industry, the professions, government and other churches.
2. Promote name recognition of the University.
3. Address and strengthen current communication strategies with constituent groups, internally and externally.

Goal overview:

The climate of higher education is highly competitive. As with any institution, Brescia's visibility to and awareness by the public of its unique characteristics and its impact on its students is critical for success in attracting students and investors in our mission.

Progress toward goal:

An email newsletter, *Brescia Beat*, was initiated as a cost-effective, timely, environmentally conscious way of communicating to our constituents. The President engaged in 5-8 speaking opportunities a month both locally and beyond, highlighting the unique characteristics of and the values received from a Brescia education. Each semester the president gave a State of the University address to faculty, staff and students. A new website will be launched in January 2009. A year-long billboard campaign in Owensboro showcased our successes, our programs, and our graduates. A 3-month television campaign, featuring our **STARS** program for adult learners, resulted in significant response to the program. Brescia was featured in other Diocesan and several state-wide publications. A Report to the Community was sent in July to over 800 key business and community leaders of greater Owensboro.

Strategic Plan

BRESCIA LODESTAR: Institutional Effectiveness

Goal: Brescia University will create a culture of ongoing and consistent institutional assessment.

Objectives:

1. Create a comprehensive plan of assessment.
2. Successfully complete SACS reaffirmation of accreditation process.
3. Develop and implement a Quality Enhancement Plan.

Goal overview:

Key to Brescia's success is ensuring the effectiveness of our mission. Promoting a culture of continuous institutional assessment is one way of ensuring that Brescia delivers on its promise of providing a high quality, holistic educational experience in the Catholic/Ursuline tradition.

Progress toward goal:

Improvements were made to the institutional assessment plan created in 2002 to ensure greater effectiveness of our academic and support programs as these are essential to the long term success of our students. Our assessment plan is characterized as systematic, broad-based, interrelated and appropriate to our institution. This past year also saw the creation of our reaffirmation of accreditation document required by our regional accreditation agency, SACS, to ensure that Brescia remains compliant with the principles of accreditation. As part of the reaccreditation process, work was begun to develop a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Brescia's QEP will be directed to improving student learning by enhancing student life. The full plan will be presented to all constituents in Spring 2009.

Brescia University encourages you to help us go “green” by sending us your email addresses.

By sending your email address, we can send you information without having to deplete more resources for paper.

Thank you for helping us be environmentally conscious and by going green with us!





Blessing of Pets

On October 2, students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends were invited to bring their pets to campus on the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi for Fr. Larry to bless them. More than 30 dogs, cats, fish, and crabs were on hand for a blessing.

One of the most beloved and popular saints, Francis, is often associated with animals and a concern for creation. He preached that all creatures are proof of divine goodness and beauty in the world.

Bishop McRaith Celebrates Opening School Mass

September 30th, Bishop John McRaith and a near capacity congregation, celebrated the annual Brescia University Opening School Mass which coincided with the Feast of Saint Jerome. Saint Jerome was a noted scholar who translated the entire Bible into Latin and the Bishop acknowledged that it was fitting that we were gathered on this day as a community of scholars.

The Bishop encouraged the Brescia community to "let the secret out" about the good work of Brescia University. He spoke of Christ being the foundation of the University and how that informs the mission of everyone - faculty, staff, students, trustees, alumni - who is associated with Brescia.



Foust Work Day

On September 27, nearly 60 students, most of them baseball players, gave up their Saturday morning to help Foust Elementary in Owensboro. It is part of an effort to complete an outdoor classroom for the students at Foust.

This has been an ongoing project with Foust and Brescia's Kentucky Education Association Student Program, who received grant money in 2006 to start the project.



Annual Brescia Division of Fine Arts Faculty Exhibition

Brescia University opened the 2008/09 school year with the Annual Brescia Division of Fine Arts Faculty Exhibition in August. The exhibition featured ceramics, paintings, graphic art, photographs and more.

Brescia's Division of Fine Art faculty who submitted work included: Stephen Driver, Louise Halsey, Monty Helm, David Stratton, and Sr. Mary Diane Taylor '64.



Building on our Strengths

Helping the Adult Learner Reach for the Stars

In 1950 when the Ursuline Sisters of Mount Saint Joseph answered the call of leaders in Owensboro to establish a college for returning WW II veterans to complete their education, they were doing what had been a part of the Ursuline heritage since Angela Merici in the 1500's: addressing the needs of the community. In this case, the needs were those of the non-traditional student or what is termed the "adult learner." Using Brescia's strengths to address community needs is the impetus for a new initiative.

National, state and even local surveys within the greater Owensboro area indicate that a significant portion of the population, ages 24-50, has started college but not completed it. Nationally, approximately 50 percent of the students currently enrolled in college are over the age of 25. In Kentucky, recent studies indicate that over 500,000 residents, 25 years of older, have some college but no bachelor's degree, with over 5,000 residing in Daviess County alone.

The challenges for adult learners to continue their education are many. Time and money are often at the forefront. Access to courses, and concerns over doing well and fitting in are also on the minds of adults. They are faced with the challenge of overcoming many of the barriers and restraints resulting from work schedules, family commitments, and other personal and social conflicts.

For over 20 years Brescia University successfully offered an innovative Weekend College format to help adult learners juggle the time constraints of work and family. In an effort to continue to address and remove the mounting challenges facing today's adult learner, Brescia University has repackaged its entire adult education delivery system into an umbrella program called **STARS: Success Tracks for Adults Returning to School**, thus expanding format delivery options and services. All adult educational offerings, including bachelor's degrees, master's, associate degrees, and certificate programs will be administered through **STARS**. Greg Alvey, former Weekend College director, is the new **STARS** director and brings over ____ years of experience to the program.



"The experience I have had at Brescia is amazing. It is about learning. The faculty is respectful of adult learners; they want you to make it. They offer their time to make sure that learning is happening."

*Zaneta Riley
STARS Student*

Innovative On-line Degree Completion Programs

Beginning this fall Brescia is offering two distinctive on-line degree-completion programs, one in social work (BSW) and the other in theology, with an emphasis in pastoral studies. At this time Brescia's on-line BSW degree completion is the only one of its kind available in the country. Students nation-wide can now benefit from Brescia's well-earned reputation as being a leader in Social Work preparation. The online theology major with an emphasis in pastoral studies offers a unique degree for those interested in making a significant difference in their Church and students can benefit from Brescia's faculty who have taught the first accredited ministry formation program from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Commission for Certification and Accreditation.

Accelerated MBA

A new Leadership MBA in an accelerated 15-month coursework format is designed specifically for the professional who has experience, is time-conscious, shows leadership potential and possesses strong quantitative skills. James Garvin, Ph.D., associate professor of business and chair of the William H. Thompson School of Business states, "after extensive research as to what best fits the accelerated model and how Brescia could best deliver it,

we're excited to offer a high quality accelerated MBA program to the greater Owensboro community. "

The MBA program consists of 10 three-credit hour courses with two start-dates a year: August and January.

STARS participants can benefit from low, competitive tuition rates, opportunities for an employee tuition reimbursement program, and workforce investment funds thus eliminating financial barriers. With one-stop shopping, a service-oriented institution, one-on-one advising and technical assistance, outstanding faculty, accredited studies and a successful history of serving adult learners, Brescia University is confident that **STARS** can help adults access and achieve their higher education goals.

The Brescia Difference Lives On

Alumni Distinguish Themselves By Living The Difference



Pictured left to right: Denzil Edge, Tara Parker, James Voyles, and Fr. Larry Hostetter. This picture of the 2008 Distinguished Alumni was taken following the closing banquet during Alumni Weekend 2008.

“Of all the awards and recognitions I have received over my life, I value the Distinguished Alumnus award above all.”

- James E. Voyles '65

The recognition of Distinguished Alumni was created to honor those graduates who exemplify in their lives the elements that comprise **The Brescia Difference**. This prestigious annual award is the only one that the University bestows upon its alumni. All other alumni awards originate with the Alumni Association.

Since the award's inception in 2000, Brescia University has awarded 39 alumni with the Distinguished Alumni title. They represent an elite group of individuals selected because of the breadth and scope of their life's work and the magnitude of their impact on the regional, national, and perhaps international scene. Their examples of service and leadership distinguished them among their peers and demonstrate that they are a true star of Brescia.

During Alumni Weekend 2008, University faculty, staff, alumni and friends gathered at a banquet, *An Evening Among Brescia's Stars*, on Saturday, April 19, 2008 to honor those previously selected and to bestow its highest honor on three alumni who have distinguished themselves and in turn brought honor to Brescia's mission.

Gallery of Distinguished Alumni

Evelyn Kennedy Ambrose '84
Honorable Thomas O. Castlen '76
Denzil Edge '67
Robert Earl Fischer '62
George Frey '63

Michael D. Gilles '75
W. Gerald '63 † and Sue Kuhn '80
Gough
Carl V. Greenwell '73
Suzanne King Hagan, '67

Susan Kulka Hager '66 †
Susanne Wright Harris '79
Edward F. "Jerry" Hayden, Jr. '63
James T. Hines, Jr. '63 †
Gary D. Jackson '78

Carl P. Lewis '91
Jean Lorraine Lonergan '58
Dianne M. Marcum '80
Beverly A. McAuliffe '66
Patricia O'Malley McCarthy '58

† Deceased



Above, left to right: Denzil Edge, Roy Roberts, Suzanne Hagan, Vicki Roberts, Sr. Rose Marita O'Bryan, James Voyles, Susie Harris, Carl Greenwell, Tom Castlen, Tara Parker, George Frey, Larry O'Bryan, Diane Marcum, Carl Lewis, Donna Murphy, Ron Payne, Patricia Anne O'Malley, and Ernie Taliaferro.

Brescia University 2008 Distinguished Alumni

Denzil Edge, Ph.D. Class of 1967

Denzil, a native of Fordsville, Ky., graduated from Brescia with a Bachelor of Science degree in history and a minor in special education.

Denzil holds a Ph.D. from Ohio State University in the areas of Learning and Behavioral Theory and Computer and Information Systems. He has been one of the driving forces behind distance learning education in the U.S. and parts of Europe.

Denzil is president and founder of The Learning House, Inc., the largest eLearning services company in Kentucky with clients throughout the nation. He pioneered the development of distance learning television and internet programs in the fields of special education and teacher education.

The Learning House has been nationally recognized by the United States Distance Learning Association with the "Best Distance Learning Programs in Higher Education" distinction.

Denzil is the author of more than 90 articles, books and reports and is sought after as a speaker on distance learning, parent/family education, and the education of children with special needs.

Tara Henderson Parker Class of 1974

Tara, an Owensboro native, graduated magna cum laude from Brescia with a Bachelor of Arts in mathematics. She holds a Master of Arts and Rank I in Counselor Education.

An award winning educator, Tara's career has impacted technical education on the state and national levels. One of her professional achievements was becoming the first female technical school principal in Kentucky. She was named a 1994 Fellow and graduate of The Johns Hopkins University Institute for Policy Studies through the National Vocational Technical Education Foundation.

Tara has served on numerous boards and councils at the state level including the Kentucky Department of Education Advisory Council on High School Restructuring. In 1998 Tara was named Co-Chancellor for the KCTCS Technical College Branch. After retirement, Tara served as a consultant for Special Projects to the Office of the Secretary for the Cabinet for Families and Children.

James E. Voyles, Ph.D., J.D. Class of 1965

Jim, originally from Owensboro, graduated from Brescia with a Bachelor of Science in political science. He received his Master of Arts from the University of Mississippi, a doctorate with honors from North Texas State University and a Juris Doctor, cum laude, from Georgia State University College of Law.

From 1972 to 1986 Jim successfully raced sports cars in the United States and Europe.

Jim's law career includes professorship of law at several colleges and universities.

He is the author of numerous professional publications and is a respected speaker of continuing education courses nationally and internationally.

Jim gained national recognition when he successfully served as plaintiffs' attorney in a case that resulted in the largest settlement ever in an employment case. He is currently a senior partner in the Voyles Milhollin Law Firm which specializes in class action litigation. And, he serves as Special Assistant Administrative Law Judge for the State of Georgia.

Gallery of Distinguished Alumni

John A. Meister '71
Joseph D. Moore '74
James A. Mudd '59
Donna Schueler Murphy '81 & '88
H. Joseph O'Bryan '72

Sr. Rose Marita O'Bryan '65
Larry O'Bryan '70
Sr. Diana Ortiz '83
Tara Henderson Parker '74
Ronald L. Payne '72

Roy '68 and Vicki Duffy '67 Roberts
Frank R. Schadler '60 †
Michael J. Scherm, '75
Robert '62 and Marge Weaver '57 Slack
Ernest E. Taliaferro '70

Mary Lynn Tichenor '71
Carolyn Kempf Veigl '80
James E. Voyles '65
William Marvin Wathen '78
Joyce Bittel Yeiser '69



Erin Schrecker
Accepted into UK School of Pharmacy



Jim Mattingly '08
BS in Computer Science



Katharina Hopp '08
BS in biology
Accepted into doctoral
program at Mayo Clinic

Leaving Having Experienced the Brescia Difference...

Many of our students headed straight to graduate schools, professional schools, and into the workplace. As they packed their belongings this past May, they shared their thoughts on the value of their experience at Brescia.

"Brescia gave me opportunities and resources to help achieve my goal of getting into Pharmacy School. How many college sophomores can say they helped to interview candidates for the University President, let alone serve on the Board of Trustees?"

Reviewing resumes, going through preliminary interviews, and then actually interviewing the final three candidates gave me confidence and skills to make decisions that would affect numerous people, not just myself. On the Board of Trustees, I was a voting member of the Board and the Trustees actually wanted to hear what campus life was like for Brescia students. In the dorms I formed lasting friendships with people not only from different cities or different states, but from different countries.

I will miss the personal attention I received from faculty members at Brescia that went above and beyond their job descriptions. I will miss the opportunities that helped ready me to be a leader and to judge how my

decisions will affect others. But most of all, I will miss the friends and the long nights that seemed like every day life at the time, but are now cherished memories that made three years of my life more fun than I could ever have imagined."

- Erin Schrecker

"The beauty of Brescia lies in its wealth of caring and devoted people, which is exemplified by the spark and exuberance I see in a Brescia professor when a student truly wants to succeed. This characteristic has been the driving force in my education.

So I leave Brescia a knowledgeable and better person, for which I couldn't be more grateful."

- Jim Mattingly

"Brescia is the perfect place because it provides students with the opportunity to grow and develop as whole individuals.

Where else could I have gotten the opportunity to learn the skills of a

newspaper editor, to experience the joy of playing on a university soccer team, to develop the leadership character for an academic honors society, to learn a new sport from scratch, and to become a teacher and role model to other students?"

The uniqueness of Brescia is its small size and its ability and willingness to provide students with any opportunity they can imagine.

Throughout the years, I had the opportunity to sit as a full voting member with faculty members representing each division and make decisions about curriculum changes, and I travelled from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic coast of the USA to present my scientific research at national conferences.

These opportunities allowed me to develop skills which will help me to be an independent and self-secure individual, and they gave me memories which I would not like to miss."

- Katharina Hopp



A few of the new faces on campus!



Gaining a new perspective...



Fr. Larry officiating Mass in the Quad

...Arriving to Experience the Brescia Difference

This fall, Brescia University experienced the largest first time, full time student enrollment in 23 years! At New Student Orientation, the campus was buzzing as our incoming students anticipated their first year at Brescia.

New Student Orientation took place August 17-19 and day one was full of enthusiasm as more than 200 students and guests were on campus. Many of the athletic teams pitched in to help move the new students into their residence halls. An outdoor Mass was held in the Quad with Fr. Larry Hostetter officiating. In the Academic Mall, informational tents were set up so students could receive access to their email account, have their picture taken for their identification card and pick-up their parking permit. Other campus areas represented included Campus Ministry, Student Support Services, the Fr. Leonard Alvey Library, Counseling, and the Alumni Association to name a few.

Days two and three included extensive interactive opportunities to integrate the new students into the campus community, familiarize the students with campus facilities, and create a relationship between new students which will foster a connection for a lifetime.



Orientation leaders grouping new students.



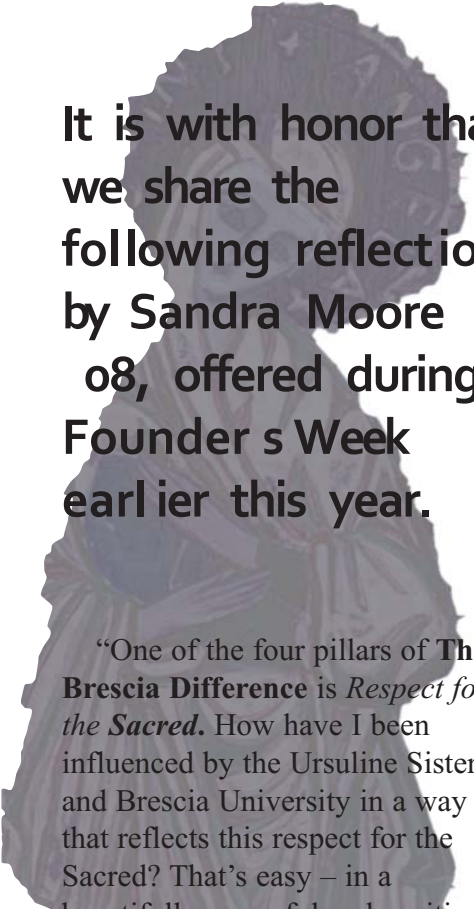
New students exploring campus.



Athletes moving students in.

Respect for the Sacred

As Expressed by a Student



It is with honor that we share the following reflection by Sandra Moore o8, offered during Founder's Week earlier this year.

“One of the four pillars of **The Brescia Difference** is *Respect for the Sacred*. How have I been influenced by the Ursuline Sisters and Brescia University in a way that reflects this respect for the Sacred? That's easy – in a beautifully powerful and positive way.

I have had numerous opportunities to visit, learn from, and share with the Ursuline Sisters in workshops, Prayer Days, and Retreat Weekends both before and after joining Brescia University as a student in the Ministry Formation Program, where annual Retreats and Reflection days are a required aspect of our personal and spiritual growth.

I am always blessed in witnessing the deep love and devotion to God, especially in the celebration of the Eucharist, the dedication to personal and communal prayer life, and the love

The more you esteem others, the more you will love them; the more you love them, the more you will care for and watch over them.

Angela Merici, Prologue to the Counsels

and service provided to others that is essential to the Ursuline tradition.

Not only is respect for the sacredness of God, liturgical worship, and prayer important to the Ursuline tradition, but respect for the sacredness of nature and respect for the sacredness of individual persons. This influence has inspired me to be more conscious of looking beyond surface appearances of situations to see the sacredness of the moment and in my interactions with others to see the sacredness within them. It has challenged me to allow myself to recognize and respect that there is sacredness within my own self as well.

This sense of respect for the sacredness extends out to the wider community, especially through Brescia University. The devotion Ursulines have to the sacredness of individual persons is part of the

reason Brescia University exists in the first place - to provide the opportunity to the wider community to become educated, to grow academically, personally and spiritually, and to improve their own lives and the lives of the community.

I have been touched by, inspired by, and challenged by my experience with the Ursuline community and Brescia University in my own personal growth and development by the beautiful respect for the sacred that is an essential aspect of the Ursuline tradition. Who I am today, in a large way, is due to the influence of the Ursuline Sisters and Brescia University. Even though the day will come when I am no longer a Brescia student, the Ursuline Sisters and Brescia University will always be a part of me; and I will always be a part of you.”

Making a Difference

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

Since the days of Angela Merici, the Ursuline strategy has been to identify an unmet need, fill the need, then train others to assist in meeting the need. This strategy is what brought the Ursulines of Mount Saint Joseph to move and expand their educational endeavors to Owensboro. They were meeting the educational needs of returning WW II veterans. This strategy is what led the Ursulines following Vatican II, when the number of priests began to decline, to see and assume the need for pastoral ministry on a parish level. And, this strategy is what propelled Brescia University and the Diocese of Owensboro in 1986, with the far-sighted vision of Bishop John McRaith for lay ecclesial ministry, to establish the Ministry Formation Program, the first and one of the few undergraduate programs in the country to be accredited by the USCCB-CCA.

And today, Brescia University is continuing that tradition by addressing a need found within the Home Mission dioceses within the United States.

In 1965 there was one priest for every 671 Catholics in the U.S. Today, there is one priest for every 1,543 Catholics. This creates an extreme need for lay ecclesial ministers and deacons. This need is particularly great within our country's Home Mission dioceses. There are typically fewer priests serving these areas, the economy is usually stressed, and they often cover vast geographical distances. Research has revealed that there is a critical need within the home mission dioceses for people to receive sound theological formation

Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel



and be able to obtain a degree in ministry or theology.

With Brescia's existing ministry formation program and several years of experience in delivering on-line distance education, Brescia University was in a unique position to continue the tradition of addressing a need.

Beginning this fall, Brescia has partnered with the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee in Florida to provide training for a cohort of students, chosen by the Diocese, who are a mix of lay ecclesial ministers and diaconal candidates. Being sensitive to the specific needs of the church in forming lay ministers and deacons it was important that the spiritual and theological formation that Brescia provided include face to face components. Thus a hybrid learning project was conceived in which Brescia faculty teach online for a period of weeks, then the faculty

member travels to the Diocese for an extended weekend of face-to-face learning with his/her students.

And, in the spirit of the Ursuline tradition of identifying a need, filling the need, then training others to assist in meeting the need, priests and selected lay leaders from the Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee will be team teaching with the Brescia faculty during the entire first cohort, mentoring them to success. In future cohorts they will be taking the leadership role teaching from Brescia's intellectual property and utilizing Brescia's storehouse of experience.

In this way, Brescia University is proud to say that it is continuing to make a difference in our Church today, by meeting an unmet need and simultaneously building a sustainable model for helping others meet that need in the future.

New Coach for Lady Bearcat Basketball

The Lady Bearcat basketball team will defend their two-time regional title this year under the leadership of new coach, John Swickrath. Swickrath comes to Brescia after spending the past four seasons as head men's basketball coach at Lynchburg College in Virginia.

"I am eager to start working with the team and build on the successes of the last few seasons," said Swickrath.

In college, Swickrath was a four-year letter-winner and 2001 graduate of Division III Denison University in Ohio where he averaged 13 points and nine rebounds in his senior season. Swickrath also competed in baseball and football for the Big Red.

Swickrath earned a B.A. in History and Education from Denison and holds a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership from Indiana Wesleyan University.

The Lady Bearcats are coming off of an 18-13 season and back-to-back appearances in the NAIA Division I National Tournament.



Brescia Receives Grant for Fitness Center from OMHS

A new project is underway at Brescia, thanks in part to a grant from the Owensboro Medical Health System's Community Benefits Program.

The hospital contributed \$15,000 toward Brescia's goal of \$60,000 to provide on-campus resources that will lead to healthy lifestyles and improving the general fitness levels of those who come to the University on a regular basis.

This project, the expansion of the current Strength Center and the addition of a Cardiovascular Center, will create opportunities for better health and nutrition education and for physical fitness activities on the Brescia campus. Over 550 students, 144 employees, and numerous alumni in the area will be taking advantage of these centers upon completion.



Current Brescia Strength Center

Brescia Dominates All Scholar Athlete Honors

The Brescia Bearcats had 35 student-athletes named as a Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference 2007-08 All Scholar Athlete. Students who receive the award have kept a cumulative 3.25 grade point average for at least two semesters at Brescia. Out of the 134 students from the nine KIAC member institutions, 26% of the athletes named to the list this past year are Brescia athletes. Way to go Bearcats!

The 2008-09 season is underway for volleyball, tennis, cross country and soccer. Be sure to look for updates in the winter edition of **Brescia NOW!**

Eva Atkinson, instructor in psychology, was published in an electronic newsletter for higher education professionals who deal with alcohol, drug and violence within the 1,600 member institutions of The Network Addressing Collegiate Alcohol and Other Drug Issues. Eva has been asked to be a regular writer in this twice monthly publication.

Stephen Driver, professor of art, made a trip to Brazil in November 2007 to attend the Partners of America Annual meeting and Leadership Orientation. Then he traveled to Ecuador to work on cultural exchange programs and gave a pottery workshop outside of Quito.

Stephen also had an article published in *The Logbook*, a journal on wood firing published in Ireland. The article was on research that he has been doing on a specific type of kiln design.

In December and January, Stephen's work was shown in the Mid-States Crafts Exhibition at the Evansville Museum of Arts, History, and Science and he was invited to participate in Dinner Works, an event sponsored by the Louisville Visual Art Association where each participant produced an original set of dinnerware for 8 and a designer creates a table specific to the place setting.

David Stratton, professor of art, had a multiple page article published in

the *Kentucky Homes and Garden* magazine.

David was also invited as an "Al Smith Fellowship" award winner to exhibit artwork in the Kentucky Capitol Building.

Belinda Thomson '72, associate professor of speech and drama, directed *The Cajun P.I.* at the June 2008 International Mystery Writers' Festival. While there, Belinda had the opportunity to meet actor Gene Hackman.



Several of Brescia's faculty members were promoted during the spring Board of Trustees meeting:

Stephen Driver in the fine arts department was named professor; **David Stratton** in the fine arts department was named professor; **Carol Maillet** in the mathematics and natural sciences department was named associate professor; **John Marvin** in the mathematics and natural sciences department was granted tenure and named associate professor; and **Vicki Tinsley** in the social and behavior sciences department was granted tenure.

Fr. Larry's visit to China

In May, Fr. Larry Hostetter, visited China at the invitation of Shaoyang University, located in Shaoyang, Hunan province. The purpose of the trip was to begin negotiations with Shaoyang University to develop a student/faculty exchange agreement. While in China, Fr. Hostetter also visited the

birthplace of Chairman Mao and the World Heritage sites Fenghuang City and the beautiful wilderness area of Zhangjiajie.

President's Award for Teaching Innovation

Conrad Toepfer, Ph.D., assistant professor of biology, was presented this year with the first annual President's Award for Teaching Innovation by his peers and President Larry Hostetter.

Conrad Toepfer was selected for his "Teaching Without a Net" practice. This method was first used during a new upper-level elective biology course at Brescia. Most of the students in his class had already taken a four-semester biology core, but had no previous exposure to environmental biology. Conrad designed the course to center around discussion and research of case studies versus lectures. Students were evaluated on participation in discussion, coordination of research, and a journal they produced. Conrad says the students, through taking this course, "developed a greater level of skepticism and were more willing to question the validity of statements from different sides of controversial issues."





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Gifts of \$1,000+

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Gifts of \$25,000+

When we established the **Society of the Arch** last fall, our objectives were three-fold: the generation of substantial unrestricted support for Brescia's mission; recognition and appreciation for those willing to make such a significant commitment; and Brescia's promise to those major benefactors that we would keep them informed on key and pertinent issues, initiatives and accomplishments.

Brescia University was blessed to have so many of you realize the impact you could make toward our goal to position Brescia to be recognized as a Catholic institution of distinction, known as both a moral and educational force. The collective unrestricted, substantial gifts of **Society of the Arch** members help realize that goal by allowing the University to invest in key initiatives and priorities.

When we created the **Society**, we were hopeful that we would see an increase in those willing to partner with Brescia in our quest for a growth-oriented, solid future. The response far-exceeded our expectations representing a resounding "yes!" to our invitation to join us. As we closed the fiscal year, we had more than doubled the number of individuals and businesses who gave \$1,000 or more last year. Thank you for believing in us, investing in us and for your willingness to make a difference, a significant difference, in Brescia University. Your partnership is critical to our continued success.

Annual Fund Reaches Highest Mark in History

All gifts to the 07/08 Annual Fund, from \$1.00 to \$65,000, resulted in Brescia receiving the highest amount of unrestricted gifts in its history within a fiscal year.

These gifts helped Brescia University not only meet its Annual Fund goal of \$525,000, but to surpass it.

This faithful, unrestricted giving allows Brescia to provide attractive financial aid packages making it more feasible for students to receive a quality education and an enriching student life experience. It helps maintain a 14:1 student-faculty ratio. Our professors are able to maintain a strong standard of academic excellence while still providing the students the attention they deserve. The university has better flexibility to address emerging priorities, making Brescia a competitive institution of strength. Unrestricted support of the Brescia Annual Fund plays a key role in helping attract those students seeking to experience **The Brescia Difference**.

Thank you alumni and friends!



Annual Alumni Phone Outreach

November 10-13, 2008

Your phone will be ringing soon! Enthusiastic Brescia alumni will be calling you in November to let you know about all of the great things happening at Brescia this school year.

If you don't want for the phone call, you are welcome to send in your gift to the Annual Fund with the envelope you received in your most recent appeal.

Tracy Naylor, Director of Annual Giving, is looking for volunteers to call their fellow classmates. If you would like to help make calls, please contact Tracy at (270) 686-6417 or tracy.naylor@brescia.edu.

We look forward to speaking to you!



Garry Pierce - Alumni Weekend Chair

Chair for Alumni Weekend 2009 Committee Announced

Garry Pierce '68 has been selected Chair for Alumni Weekend April 17-18, 2009. We are excited that Garry volunteered his tremendous talents to making Alumni Weekend 2009 the best yet.

"I think that our alumni will be interested in Brescia's plans for the future, a willingness to support Brescia that will benefit both the student body on Campus and future high school students considering Brescia as their choice for higher education."

Sabrina Grant '05 and Beth Osborne '05 will bring energy and creativity to the Alumni Weekend Committee serving as sub co-chairs.

To volunteer to help make Alumni Weekend 2009 a success contact Garry Pierce at gpierce@gcnp.com or the Office of Alumni Relations at (270) 686-2111 or at josh.clary@brescia.edu.

Seeking Alumni Award Nominations

Brescia's Office of Alumni Relations is currently accepting applications for the Fr. Saffer and Outstanding Alumnus awards. To receive a nomination form and criteria, contact Josh Clary, Director of Alumni Relations, at josh.clary@brescia.edu.

The deadline for nominations is January 31, 2008.

IT WAS A BRESCIA BLUE EXPERIENCE!

ALUMNI WEEKEND 2008

TRIED AND TRUE FACULTY
OF 25 YEARS OR MORE:

Highlights



Left to right: Marilyn Conley, Sr. Mary Diane Taylor '64, Iris Moreno-Brown '80, PhD, (behind Sr. Mary Diane), Sr. Judith Nell Riney '71, Sr. Mary Henning '69, Robert Cinnamond, EdD, Ellen Dugan-Barrette, PhD, Fr. Leonard Alvey '86, Craig Barrette, PhD, and David Bartholomy.

Missing from picture: Belinda Thomson '72 and James Naas, PhD.



Above: A. Gayle Rhodes '88 dancing to music by the Owensboro Velvet Bombers.



Above, left to right: Mary Elizabeth Atherton '58 and Patricia Anne O'Malley '58 celebrating their 50th class reunion.



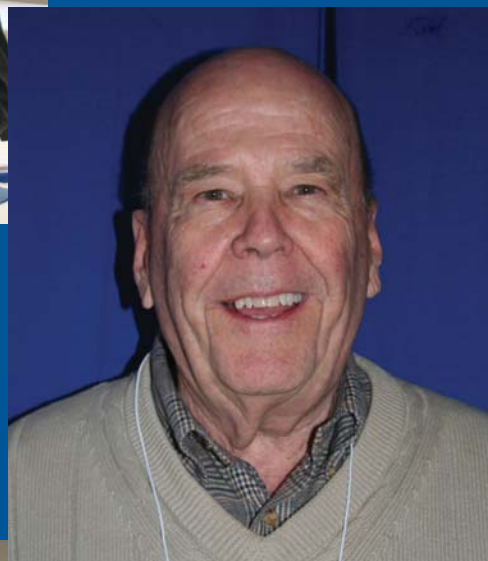
The famous Martin's Bar, which has been placed on permanent loan to Brescia by the King family, was used to serve up the Brescia Blue Martini on Friday night.

Save the Date
April 17-18
Alumni Weekend '09

Right: T. Alex Mattingly, Alumni Association President, and Margaret Knott '64. Knott won one of the two 2008 Outstanding Alumnus Awards.



Left to right: T. Alex Mattingly '02, Majella Mills and William Owen Mills '73. Mills won the 2008 Fr. Charles Saffer Alumni Hall of Fame Award.



George Frey '63. Frey won one of the two 2008 Outstanding Alumnus Awards.



Left: ? and Sr. Rose Marita O'Bryan '65 visiting Saturday before brunch.



Choir members Jim Mattingly '08, ?, and Stephanie Thomas '09 performed during the Sweetheart Brunch Saturday.



Left to right: Garry Pierce '68, Ann Pierce '68, Carl Greenwell '73, and J.C. Hagan '68 laughing it up for class pictures.

class notes

1960's

Wesley Acton '60 received the R. L. McFarland Leadership Award for his work on the Greenwood Cemetery project in Owensboro. Since 1991 he has been involved in doing historical and legal research and in rallying the community to support the reclamation of this important historical landmark in the black community. Wesley is retired from the Daviess County school system and is a longtime community activist.

Ida "Beth" Badger '67 celebrated her 80th birthday with a one-person art show through the cooperation of Brescia. Beth taught in Hancock County for 25 years and has been a member of the Owensboro Art Guild for many years. Beth received her M.A. from Western Kentucky University.

Mary Ivolou Ward '69 received a Masters of Library and Information Studies from the University of Oklahoma in May 2006. In the fall of 2007 she returned to the University of Oklahoma to take courses in Instructional Technology and to complete her school media specialist certification. Before moving to Oklahoma in 2003, Mary Ivolou was a teacher of Spanish and French in Kentucky and Mississippi, and in the mid-1990's she taught high school students in Sydney, Australia.

1970's

Larry E. O'Bryan '70 has been elected first vice president of the Owensboro office of J. J. B. Hilliard-W. L. Lyons. This recognition is based on Larry's account service achievements.

Sandra Storm Wilson '71 has been recognized by Baptist Hospital East of Louisville as a champion for exemplary service to patients and families, physicians and co-workers.

Ursula Ann Ward '72 received her 25 years-of-service pin as the government documents cataloger with the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Library System.

Frank Werner '73 was elected as the 2007-08 president of The Kiwanis Club of West Chester, Pennsylvania. Frank, a Certified Public Accountant, is employed by Genesis Healthcare Corporation as Manager of Employee Services. He was an active member of the Brescia Circle-K and served as Director and Vice President during the period 1965-68 and as Treasurer of the

Kentucky-Tennessee District for 1968-69. Frank is an active volunteer and supporter of senior and youth services and those serving in the armed forces.

Donna Wilson Lanham '75 retired from the Daviess County Public Schools after 32 years in education. She taught for 12 years at Daviess County High School and served as a guidance counselor for eight years. In 1995, Donna was hired as principal of Beacon Central High School, an alternative school. She is planning to finish work on a doctorate program in Christian counseling.

1980's

Hugh Abell '82 and his wife, Sandy, have recently moved to Hoover, Alabama. He has worked for Belk, Inc. over twenty years and is the manager for the Division Loss Prevention for the western division. Hugh covers 78 stores in eight states from Alabama to Texas and Tennessee to the southern coast of Louisiana. His daughter, Leslie, will graduate in May from Western Kentucky University with a major in sociology and his son, Logan, is finishing his junior year at Owensboro High School. Hugh and Sandy will celebrate their 6th anniversary in July and are planning to adopt two golden retriever puppies in the spring.

Rita Weitlauf Gerteisen '83 earned a doctorate in audiology from A.T. Still University's Arizona School of Health Sciences. She graduated in March 2008 in a ceremony at the Phoenix campus. The program is designed for audiology practitioners to increase their knowledge and skills while continuing practice. Rita is an audiologist for Owensboro Medical Health System.

William A. Wimsatt '85 earned his master of business administration degree with distinction with a concentration in international business from Keller Graduate School of Management of DeVry University. Bill is a sales manager with GE Energy in Newburgh, IN.

Karen Hayden '86 has started her own business, Community Training Network. C. T. N. provides training, events, and conference services including: determining resources and presenters, budgeting, location research, event and promotional development, recruitment (virtual and media), registration procedures, site set-up recommendations, delivery (online or on site), and evaluation and



Kellie Nash Hood '98 was one of three Catholic teachers in the Archdiocese of Louisville who received the Catholic Education Foundation Teacher Award.

Kellie teaches third and fourth grade classes at Holy Family School where she has been on the faculty since 2000. "It feels incredible to know that I have made an impact on my community," said Kellie about receiving the award. "I have always been of the understanding that the purpose of life is to work to the benefit of others."

Kellie and her husband David '98, have two children, Grace, who will be five in May and Nash, who turned three in March.

Rosanna Schadler Vessels '88 was also one of three teachers in the Archdiocese of Louisville to be awarded the Catholic Education Foundation Teacher Award for excellence in Catholic schools. She is the chair of the theology department at St. Xavier High School, where she has taught since 2002. She previously taught at Holy Rosary Academy.

The CEF Teacher Award recognizes teachers who consistently surpass expectations, have creative teaching styles and serve as a positive influence on students.

survey distribution tools. More information can be obtained by visiting the website at <http://www.community-trainingnetwork.org>.

Kent Fuqua '86 began a new job with Univest National Bank in Souderton, Penn. in May 2007. He is the Electronic Services Officer for the company. Kent and his wife, Amy, have now live in Perkiomenville, Penn.

Jane Kamuf '86 has been made a shareholder of the firm of Alexander & Co., PSC, certified public accountants and consultants. Jane rejoined the company in 2006 after starting her career there in 1986.

Carolyn Hilgenhold Reynolds '89 recently became a published author. *Battling the MonSter Within* came about in Carolyn's effort to deal with a diagnosis of multiple sclerosis which ended a lifelong dream of teaching. This book is filled with poetry from the author's heart and a number of short stories that will welcome you to the world of magic and miracles, angels and romance. Carolyn and seven other MS sufferers also began an online monthly magazine, MS MuSings, in Sept.1999.

1990's

Sally Halbig '90 and her husband, Dan, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with a trip to Edisto Island, South Carolina, and with their family at the home of their son in Lilburn, Georgia. Sally and Dan were married on May 11, 1963 and have

four children: Dwayne, Dale '95, and Randy '91 Halbig and Debbie Halbig Reed '89. Sally is the secretary to the president at Brescia University.

Drew Hawley '90 has been promoted to first vice president of investments by Wachovia Securities, a national brokerage firm based in St. Louis. He is a financial adviser in the firm's Owensboro office. Drew is also deputy judge-executive for Breckinridge County.

Laura Bennett Shea '91 became a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in Jan. 2007. She completed her masters in healthcare administration from Seton Hall University in July 2006. Laura is head of marketing, public relations, and planning at Claxton-Hepburn Medical Center in Ogdensburg, New York. She and her husband, John, have three children: Aidan who is 9, Jack who is 6, and Grace who is 3.



Laura, John, Grace, Jack, & Aidan Shea

Arron '96 and Amy Jo Warren '96 Crumbley sent this photo over the Christmas holidays. Pictured with them is their son, Nate.



Arron, Nate, & Amy Jo Crumbley

Keith Sinkhorn '96 has accepted a position on the mathematics faculty at Peru State College in Peru, Nebraska. Keith moved to Peru in June with his wife, Keri, to assume this new position in the fall of 2008. Keith had previously been an assistant professor at Colorado State University—Pueblo.

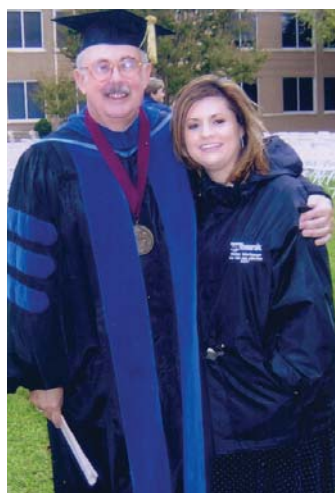
Christine Bishop Ennis '97 is now living in Glendale, Az. She is an academic counselor at the University of Phoenix, has her MBA, and will soon begin work on her Doctor of Business degree. She and her husband, Sam, recently celebrated their sixth anniversary.

2000's

Kelly O'Bryan Armour '00 has been named manager of volunteer services and the gift shop for Owensboro Medical Health System. She most recently served as assistant manager for this department that supervises more than 350 adult and teen volunteers.

Jill N. Chenault '00, employee benefits manager with E. M. Ford & Co., has received certification by the National Association of Health Underwriters in consumer-directed health care. She has been in the benefits business for nine years.

Khristina Davis Onstott '01 accompanied her uncle, Dr. Mike Nichols, to Fr. Larry Hostetter's presidential inauguration. Dr. Nichols represented Transylvania University. Khristina is Assistant Vice President for Default Resolution at U.S. Bank in Owensboro.



Dr. Mike Nichols & Khristina Onstott

Alex Mattingly '02 received a degree in law (juris doctorate) from Northern Kentucky University's Salmon P. Chase College of Law on May 11, 2007. Mattingly was notified that he passed the Kentucky Bar Examination on October 12, 2007 and was sworn in as an attorney at the Kentucky Supreme Court in Frankfort on October 25, 2007. Mattingly has begun practice in Kenton County, Kentucky, as an Assistant City Solicitor for the City of Covington. He is a former Brescia SGA President and is the current president of the Brescia University Alumni Association. Alex is the son of **J. Fred '84 and Mary Pat Howard '75 Mattingly**.

Caleb Smith '02 has been named the new head basketball coach at Daviess County High School. He received his B.S. degree in Business with an emphasis on Human Resources. He completed an MCSI at Brescia in 2008. Caleb and his wife, Kristie, live in Owensboro.

James D. Weafer '02 has achieved the designation of chartered retirement planning counselor through the College of Financial Planning. He is a member of Financial Freedom Partners of Owensboro.

Steven L. Roby '03 has been accepted to the University of Louisville School of Medicine for the fall of 2008. According to his letter of notification, Steven will be in Louisville for two years of classroom work, then go to Trover Clinic in Madisonville for years three and four to do rotations. The Trover program allows for greater hands-on work with patients, smaller ratios with faculty, and significant scholarships. Steven is the son of **Charles L. '59 and Ann Riney '62 Roby**.

Stephanie L. Goerz '03 is now the clinical director/therapist of one of River Valley Behavioral Health's psychiatric residential treatment facilities in Owensboro. She earned a Master's of Art Education with an emphasis in mental health counseling from Western Kentucky University in May 2006. Stephanie is a Licensed Professional Counselor Associate in Kentucky and a National Certified Counselor.

Nathan C. Held '03 is working for Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission as a grant administrator. This group writes and administers federally funded grants on behalf of six counties and the towns within them in Southern Indiana. Nathan recently prepared a grant application to the Community Focus Fund of the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs, a highly competitive grant program, to build a branch library in Chrisney, Ind. in Spencer County. The grant has been awarded in the amount of \$447,000 and the result will be the first branch library in the Lincoln Heritage Public Library system, the first "net-zero energy" library in Indiana.

Crystal Eaton Adams '04 completed her master's degree in Middle Grades Education from Murray State University with a 4.0 GPA. She teaches for the McLean County School System. Crystal and her husband, Matt, live in Calhoun, Ky.

Samantha Sturgeon '05 is now the research coordinator for the Department of Neurological Surgery at the University of Louisville.

Please send your class notes and photographs to Josh Clary, Director of Alumni Relations.

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births & adoptions

1990's

Angela Fallin-Ward '92 and her husband, John, welcomed a daughter on Jan. 21, 2008.

Lisa Payne Jones '93 and her husband, Greg, became the proud parents of a daughter on April 24, 2008.

Michael '94 and Melissa Lagadinos '96 Powers announced the birth of a daughter on May 6, 2008.

Angie Miller Judd '94 and her husband, John, welcomed a new daughter on Sept. 28, 2007.



Costas Georgiou
Yerolemou

George '96 and Cheryl Bertke '96 Yerolemou welcomed a new son, Costas Georgiou, on March 6, 2007. The Yerolemos live in Newburgh, Ind. Also welcoming Costas was proud grandmother, **Linda Howard Bertke '71.**

Angela Basham Bell '96 and her husband, John, welcomed a son, Nicholas Clay, on Dec. 10, 2007. Nicholas arrived weighing 9 lbs. 5 oz. and measuring 21 ½ inches. He was welcomed by his older siblings, Caitlyn (4) and Logan (3). Angela is an LCSW working in private practice at Counseling Associates in Owensboro.



Nicholas Clay Bell

Traci Waller Bennett '97 and her husband, Jarrod, of Hopkinsville, Ky., would like to announce the birth of their son, Lane Thomas, on July 22, 2007. Lane weighed 7 lb. 3 oz. and was 19 ¼ inches long. Kate, 2 ½, is the proud big sister.

Susan Westerfield Ellis '97 and her husband, Brian, welcomed Zachary Thomas Ellis on Dec. 16, 2007. Susan is a teacher at Shelby County High School.

Sheila Howard Calhoun '99 and her husband, Glenn, announce the birth of a daughter on Oct. 8, 2007.

2000's

Eric Baur '00 and his wife, Emily, announced the arrival Maxwell Louis 'Max' Baur on Jan. 8, 2008. Max weighed 6 lbs. 5 oz. and was 19 inches long. Max was also welcomed by his big brother, Miles, who is 2.

Carrie Cecil Colbert '00 and her husband, Mikael, became the proud parents of a daughter on Nov. 19, 2007.

Jeremy Hood '01 and his wife, Alexis, announce the birth of a son on Nov. 8, 2007.

Sarah Berg Cheever '01 and her husband, Nick, welcomed their newest addition in May. On Mother's Day Genevieve Marie was born. She joins big sisters, Gabrielle (9) and Magdalene (5), and big brother John Paul (2 ½). Sarah continues to stay at home and "take care of this wonderful family that God has blessed us with." Nick is a project engineer for International Truck and Engine Corp.

Gina Board '02 and her husband, Lee, welcomed daughter, Harley Jean, on Feb. 11, 2008.

Jenny Clark Hawley '02 and her husband, Buddy, announced the arrival of a daughter on Feb. 27, 2008.

Derek '02 and Carrie Newby '02 Prior announce the birth of their son, Jake, on May 19, 2007.

Emily Gerlach Thomasson '02 and her husband, Bryan, announce the arrival of a daughter on Jan. 1, 2008.

Alisha Duncan Ferry '03 and her husband, Tommy, announced the birth of a son on March 12, 2008.

Jenny Daugherty Koger '03 and her husband, Jason, became the proud parents of a daughter on Dec. 6, 2007.

Faith Wooldridge McGuffin '03 and her husband, Jason, became the proud parents of a daughter on Jan. 22, 2008.

Marco Morin '03 and his wife, Robin, became the proud parents of a daughter on Nov. 2, 2007.

Rachel Frakes Ramsey '03 and her husband, Matt, welcomed a son on Oct. 30, 2007.

Bradley Rundall '03 and his wife, Jamie, welcomed a daughter on Jan. 14, 2007.



Cole Martin Scheidegger

Amanda Darst Scheidegger '03 and her husband, Philip, welcomed a son, Cole, on Jan. 22, 2008.

Sarah Whitworth Tate '03 and her husband, Jeff, became the proud parents of a daughter on April 30, 2008.

Stacey Crowe '04 and his wife, Andrea, welcomed a son on Nov. 12, 2007.



Gabrielle Reece DeHart

Charity Mabrey DeHart '04 and her husband, Tommy, announce the birth of daughter, Gabrielle Reece, on Oct. 15, 2007.

Gabrielle was also welcomed by big sister, Genesis Marie.

Aaron Caudill Randolph '04 and her husband, Butch, welcomed a daughter on April 13, 2008.

Melissa Haire Rector '04 and her husband, Rob, announce the birth of a daughter on Sept. 13, 2007.

John M. Calhoun II '05 and his wife, Lauren, became the proud parents of a son on May 16, 2008.

Brad Keown '05 and his wife, Jenae', announced the arrival of a son on January 21, 2008.

Tiffany Bozarth Powers '05 and her husband, Matthew, announced the birth of a daughter on April 21, 2008.

Christie Sosh Smith '06 and her husband, Greg, welcomed a new daughter on Sept. 19, 2007.

Mary Jo Chinn Greathouse '06 and her husband, James, welcomed a son on April 26, 2008.

Elizabeth Castlen Zuerner '06 and her husband, Bobby, welcomed a new son on May 7, 2008.

weddings & anniversaries

1970's

Dennis '71 and Barbara Cecil '71 Evans celebrated their 35th anniversary on Nov. 24, 2007. They have four children: Matthew, Kristie, Laura, and Mark.

L. Wayne Boarman '74 and his wife, Alice, celebrated their 25th anniversary on May 27, 2008. They have five children: Jack Midkiff, Barry Boarman, Jared Boarman, Dina Goves and Julie Cranz. Wayne works for Hospice U Palliative Care of the Ohio Valley.

1980's

William R. '80 and Kathryn Coffey '93 Raymer celebrated their 25th anniversary on June 5, 2007. They have two children, Rob and Sabra. Sabra was married on May 17, 2007 to Benjamin Beau Edelen and Rob is married to Kim Lafluer Raymer. Bill and Kathryn also have a granddaughter, Merzie Lynn Raymer.

David A. Gossom '82 and his wife, Judy, celebrated their 20th anniversary on Feb. 19, 2008. David has been a self-employed photographer for more than 20 years. He and Judy have two children: Arriel is 16 and David II is 13. They live in Houston, Tx.



Judy, David II, Arriel, and David Gossom

Michael J. Jones '89 and his wife, Mary Lou, celebrated their 25th anniversary on Nov. 6, 2007. They have three children: Dustin, Evan, and Logan.

1990's

Maria Terrell '92 and Tim Parker of Hickory, N.C., were married on May 19, 2007, at the Wallis House in Paris, Ky. The couple chose to have a 14th century English garden wedding since they are active members of the Society for Creative Anachronism. They had a wonderful and fun wedding with a traditional wedding feast. The wedding took place on Maria's father's 75th birthday. Maria is the youth services librarian for the Wilkes County Public Library in North Wilkesboro, NC. Tim is the owner of Letters & Lines Custom Screen Printing and Embroidery Shop in Hickory, N.C. They are currently living in Lenoir, NC.

2000's

William Aaron Aud '02 and Leslie Erin Hall were married in Owensboro on March 10, 2007. Aaron is the son of **Dr. B. J. '76 and Karen Warren '76 Aud**.

Tammy Sue Nealen '02 and Jared Christopher Keller were married on April 5, 2008 in Owensboro.

Sarah Leigh Flood '03 and Nathan Christopher Held '03 were married Dec. 15, 2007. Sarah received her Master of History from Purdue University in 2005 and is currently working on her Master of Library Science at UK. She is the children's librarian at Breckenridge County Library. Nathan received his Master of Public Administration from Western Kentucky University in 2006 and is working as a grant administrator at Indiana 15 Regional Planning Commission in Ferdinand, Ind.



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Amanda Stewart '03 and Thomas Shanks were married on April 26, 2008, at Powers Chapel Church in Bremen, Ky. Amanda has been a graphic designer at Red Pixel Studios for five years and her husband is a support manager at WalMart in Central City. They live in Bremen.

Kassy Ann Franchville '04 was married to Rick Mcilrath on Sept. 1, 2007. They are making their home in the Washington, D. C. area.

Johnathan Derek Roarke '04 and Jennifer Elaine Bivins were married on Dec. 15, 2007 at Mercer Baptist Church in Greenville, Ky.
Picture



Amanda and Thomas Shanks

Katie Camp '07 and Brandon Waldrop were married June 16, 2007, at The Terre Haute Bible Center in Terre Haute, Ind. Brandon is originally from Tenn. Katie, a graphic design major, is working at Moore Langen Printing, a subsidiary of the Courier Corporation, where she did her internship. She and Brandon live in Terre Haute.

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 September 2007 - June 28, 2008

In Memoriam:

Martine O'Bryan Ward '53, who died on July 4, 2007. Survivors include her daughters, **Mary Ivoulou Ward '69** and **Ursula Ward '72**.

Jill Anteau McAllister '81, who died on Aug. 13, 2007.

Russell Freeman Allison '62, who died on Sept. 11, 2007.

Sarah Mitchell Howerton '57, who died on Sept. 24, 2007.

James B. 'Jim' Storm '68, who died on Feb. 28, 2008. Survivors include his sister, **Sandra Storm Wilson '71**;

brother-in-law, **William D. Boarman '78**; sister-in-law, **Patricia Mullen Storm '75**; and nieces, **Angela Haycraft Coomes '84**, **Michelle Storm Haire '04**, and **Amanda Storm '08**.

Samuel K. Medley '70, who died on March 31, 2008.

Paul Eugene Jones '73, who died on Jan. 30, 2008.

Roberta J. Harris '76, who died on March 1, 2007.

Carl T. Basham '78, who died on Dec. 5, 2007. Survivors include his brother, **John W. Basham '88**.

Rebecca 'Becki' Hill Judd '78, who died on December 15, 2007.

Lucinda 'Cindy' Lewis Boone '97, who died on Jan. 15, 2007. Survivors include her husband, **Michael S. Boone '81**.

Gerald W. Girtlen '64, who died on Jan. 22, 2008.

Sean Byam '07, who died on Jan. 24, 2008.

Wife and aunt, Sarah 'Sally' Adkisson Fischer died on Nov. 27, 2007.

Eugene Krampe '63, whose sister, **Margaret E. Stewart**, died on Feb. 15, 2008.

Samuel E. Berry '64, **Cindy Berry Warner '82**, and **Jeanne Berry '86**, whose wife and mother, **Louise M. Berry**, died on Sept. 23, 2007.

Carol Scroggins Krampe '64 and **John D. Scroggins, Jr. '89**, whose father, **John 'Dan' Scroggins, Sr.**, died on Feb. 15, 2008.

Tim O'Bryan '64, whose step-father, **Allen Dean Mackey**, died on Oct. 22, 2007.

Sr. Elaine Burke, OSU '65, whose sister-in-law, **Mary Ann Burke**, died on Aug. 19, 2007.

Cecilia Head Clouse '66, whose brother, **Gerald M. Head, Sr.**, died on Dec. 26, 2007.

Phyllis Fulkerson Phelps '66, whose sister, **Mary Ruth Fulkerson**, died on Dec. 30, 2007.

Frances Kay Tichenor '66 and **Mary Lynn Tichenor '71**, whose mother, **Mary Elizabeth Tichenor**, died on Feb. 10, 2008.

Marianne Nawoj Gondek '67, whose mother, **Lottie Nawoj**, died on May 16, 2008.

Cecil L. Newton '67, whose niece, **Tonia 'Toni' Metcalf**, died on Feb. 14, 2008.

Floyd Tapp '67 and **Theresa Weider Potts '88**, whose mother-in-law, **Elizabeth Potts Murphy**, died on April 2, 2008.

Jane Russell '68 and **Leon V. '67 Bennett**, whose mother and mother-in-law, **Pauline Russell**, died on Sept. 18, 2007.

Sr. Ann Patrice Cecil '68, **Donald L. Cecil '73**, **William P. Cecil '82** and **J. Douglas Hood '63**, whose stepmother and stepmother-in-law, **Mary Castlen Cecil**, died on Jan. 22, 2008.

Michael L. Warren '68, whose daughter, **LaDonna Michelle Crabtree**, died on June 28, 2008.

Barbara Beasley '69, whose sister, **Norma Miller**, died on Oct. 28, 2007.

Janis Franey Blandford '69, whose mother, **Georgia Neel Franey**, died on June 20, 2008.

Michael Collignon '69, whose mother, **Mary Kathleen Collignon**, died on June 5, 2008.

Lewis Greer '69, whose mother-in-law, **Amy Lowe Kassinger**, died on Dec. 12, 2007.

Jean Ann Rearden '69, **Alice Howard '69**, and **Karen Edge Aud '97**, whose brother and father-in-law, **Jay Shelton Aud**, died on June 19, 2008.

James E. Wellman '69, whose step-father, **Hiram Marksberry**, died on March 9, 2008.

70's

Larry '70 and **Myra Hardesty '70 Bender**, whose mother and mother-in-law, **Betty Bender Gunn**, died on May 20, 2008.

Judy Nuckols Powell '70, whose brother, **David Nuckols**, died on April 30, 2008.

Dallas Bratton '71, whose mother, **Ruth A. Bratton** died on May 5, 2008.

Bonnie Behymer Hardy '71, whose mother died on March 16, 2008.

Jolene Dauby Peterson '71, whose father, **Charles R. Dauby**, died on March 20, 2007.

Suzanne Clements Wurth '71 and **Mike Wurth '70**, whose sister and sister-in-law, **Judi Clements Austin**, died on March 10, 2008.

Donald F. Brown '72, whose brother, **Robert J. 'Bobby' Brown**, died on March 3, 2008.

Scott Smith '72, **Dale Smith '73**, and **Keith Smith '78**, whose mother, **Frances Purdy Smith**, died on March 1, 2007.

Helen 'Boo' Blake Kula '73, whose mother-in-law, **Hattie Mae Kula**, died on Sept. 14, 2007.

Rachael Sandefur Barnes '73, whose son, **James Clifton 'Cliff' Dant**, died on Sept. 29, 2007.

Amelia Howard Evans '73, whose brother, **Leo Howard**, died on June 25, 2008.

Russell I. Payne '73, whose father-in-law, **Irvin J. Wathen**, died on Sept. 27, 2007.

Mary Helen '73 and **Jake '71 Valdez**, whose mother and mother-in-law, **Louise Hettinger**, died on Dec. 18, 2007.

Ruth Bittel Nunez '73, whose mother, **Mildred Wedding Bittel**, died on June 14, 2008.

Karen Roby Wells '73, **Melissa Thompson Rhodes '00** and **Ray E. Thompson '97**, whose mother, grandmother and mother-in-law, **Mary J. Barr Roby**, died on Jan. 23, 2008.

Stephen J. Thompson '74, **Cindy Thompson McLaughlin '76**, **Paul A.**

'84 and **Gail Hodskins '79 Thompson**, and **Katherine E. Thompson '06**, whose mother, mother-in-law, and grandmother, **Louise 'Lou' Thompson**, died on Sept. 25, 2007.

Stephanie Kraus Whitaker '74, whose husband, **Steve Whitaker**, died on Nov. 21, 2007.

Joseph Paul Bender, Jr. '75, whose sister, **Cecilia Agnes Bender**, died on March 14, 2008.

Stephen R. Cecil '75, whose son, **Jeffrey Scott Cecil**, died on Dec. 20, 2007.

Thomas P. Calhoun '76, whose brother, **James R. 'Jim' Calhoun**, died on Dec. 23, 2007.

Thomas O. Castlen '76, **Joseph W. Castlen III '82**, and **Charles E. O'Bryan '65**, whose brother and brother-in-law, **James Michael 'Mikey' Castlen**, died on Nov. 4, 2007.

Darlina McBride Etienne '76, whose step-mother, **Eva Snyder McBride**, died on April 8, 2008.

William J. '76 and **Karen Warren '76 Aud** and **Gary S. Aud '83**, whose grandmother, **Ruby T. Aud**, died on Jan. 13, 2008.

Kevin Connelly '76 and **Monica Thomas Connelly '73**, whose father and father-in-law, **Joseph Michael Connelly**, died on May 27, 2008.

Becky Johnson Beyke '77, whose father, **Paul E. Johnson**, died on May 16, 2008.

Keith Hudson '77, whose father, **Ellis M. 'Jim' Hudson**, died on April 7, 2008.

Fr. Carroll Wheatley '77 and **Sr. Robert Ann Wheatley, OSU '72**, whose father and brother, **Robert G. Wheatley**, died on Nov. 22, 2007.

Claudia J. Roff '77, whose father, **Claude Myers Roff**, died on Dec. 27, 2007.

Charlotte Collignon Frisby '78, whose brother, **William L. Collignon**, died on March 22, 2008.

Gena Ambs Richardson '78, whose father-in-law, **J. D. Richardson**, died on Jan. 28, 2008.

Lawrence B. Carter '79, whose mother-in-law, **Dorothy M. McCormick**, died on Nov. 7, 2007.

Lenora R. Wells '79, whose husband, **Harry W. Wells**, died on Feb. 6, 2008.

We extend our deepest sympathy:

50's

Robert Englert '53 and **Thomas '60** and **Marita Mattingly '57 Englert**, whose brother and brother-in-law, **Joseph W. Englert, Sr.**, died on Dec. 27, 2007.

Dr. Carroll E. Howard '55, whose aunt, **Sr. Mary Angelita Coomes, SCN**, died on Oct. 6, 2007.

60's

Margaret Wathen Bauer '60, whose sister, **Mary Carol Hanekamp**, died on Sept. 26, 2007.

R. Earl Fischer '62 and **Drew '90** and **Lisa Atwood '90 Hawley**, whose

80's

David Gentry '80 and Jessica Gentry Weaver '06, whose mother and grandmother, Eileen K. Gentry, died on Sept. 22, 2007.

Ruth A. Clark '81, whose father, William T. Clark, died on June 28, 2008.

Lisa Cameron Raley '82, whose father, Charles E. Cameron, died on Nov. 17, 2007.

Theresa Wedding Nadeau '83, Raymunda Wedding Calhoun '72 and John M. Calhoun '72, whose father, brother, and brother-in-law, Paul C. Wedding, died on April 10, 2008.

Gary Schueler '83 and Donna Schueler Murphy '88, whose brother, Thomas J. Schueler, died on Sept. 21, 2007.

Christine Cartwright '83, whose mother-in-law, Jeffie G. Cartwright, died on Sept. 24, 2007.

Mark '83 and Patsy Siddons '83 Vessels, Jeffrey K. Vessels '87 and Cindy Vessels Minto '99, whose grandmother, Thelma E. Young Abshier, died on Jan. 17, 2008.

Dr. Jan G. Cornell '85, whose mother, Edna M. Cornell, died on Nov. 20, 2007.

Tammy Crabtree Bramschreiber '85, whose uncle, Alfred Lee 'Al' Craig, died on Dec. 5, 2007.

Tricia Sloan Hamilton '85, whose father-in-law, Joseph E. 'Gene' Hamilton, died on Dec. 8, 2007.

Fr. Leonard Alvey '86, whose sister, Irene Hildenbrand, died on Dec. 30, 2007.

Karen Melhiser Carter '86, whose father, Archie Rice Melhiser, died on May 30, 2008.

Carol Ranburger '86, whose father, Leonard Ranburger, died on May 20, 2008.

Katherine Jenda Schrecker '86, whose mother, Clare Charlotte Jenda, died on Jan. 24, 2008.

Christopher C. Arnold '87, whose uncle, Albert J. Arnold, died on Sept. 25, 2007.

Anne Marie Hagan '87, whose father-in-law, Joseph Raymond Hagan, died on Oct. 20, 2007.

Barbara Anita Murphy '87, whose sister, Monica Jane Gilstrap, died on March 10, 2008.

Toni Brown Rearden '87, whose mother-in-law, Edith Voyles Rearden, died on Dec. 6, 2007.

Regenia Sims '87, whose mother-in-law, Dorothy Howard Sims, died on April 23, 2008.

David Horton '88, whose father, William 'Bill' Horton, died on Feb. 19, 2008.

Staci McBride '89, whose father, Joseph Gordon McBride, died on Jan. 29, 2008.

Sr. M. Francis Teresa Scully, DCJ '89, whose mother, Lorraine Scully, died on Nov. 23, 2007.

Michelle Payne '89 and Bo '88 Lankster, whose father and father-in-law, Joseph 'Johnny' Payne, died on Dec. 15, 2007.

90's

Donna Bennett Roberts '90, whose mother, Jessie Mae Bennett, died on Dec. 3, 2007.

Donna Bennett Roberts '90, whose mother-in-law, Wilma Marksberry Roberts, died on Feb. 25, 2008.

Carl P. Lewis '91, whose brother, Paul E. Lewis, died on Feb. 29, 2008.

Nancy Fuls '93, whose grandfather, Ervin Harry Schroeder, died on Feb. 7, 2008.

Brett A. Mills '91 and Blake A. Mills '93, whose mother, Sandra K. Mills-Pappas, died on May 12, 2008.

Holly Higdon Reynolds '93, whose father-in-law, Andrew A. Reynolds, died on Dec. 9, 2007.

Sr. Sandra Elder '94, whose father, Thomas Damian Elder, died on Oct. 22, 2007.

Anthony D. Hardesty '95 and Juliette Lasher Hardesty '96, whose mother and mother-in-law, Margaret Hardesty died on March 27, 2008.

Staci Ratliff '95, whose father, William Clayton Ratliff, died on Feb. 28, 2008.

James '95 and Lisa Stuerzenberger '84 Phelps, whose son, Jonathon Wilbur Phelps, died on Nov. 8, 2007.

Lesley Jackson Toliver '95, whose mother, Patricia Ann Jackson, died on Jan. 17, 2008.

Lori Wimsatt Weaver '95, whose grandmother,

Eula Mae Payne, died on Feb. 22, 2008.

Sherry Gossett Corbin '96, whose father, Sam Sooke, died on Feb. 25, 2008.

Shannon Sandefur '96, whose stepfather-in-law, Master Sgt. Thomas L. Bruner, died on Oct. 28, 2007.

Dana Brinkley Gillis '98, whose brother, Jason David Brinkley, died on Feb. 22, 2008.

John O. Hicks '99, whose mother, Dorothy Reifentahl Hicks, died on May 22, 2008.

Alisha Powers '99, whose grandfather, Harold W. Anthony, died on Sept. 28, 2007.

2000's

Jennifer Willett Wedding '00 and Krissy Willett York '04, whose grandfather, Robert I. 'Bob' Goetz, died on Oct. 4, 2007.

Diane Murphy Head '00 and Shelley Head Shepherd '97, whose husband and father, Neal Patrick Head, died on Nov. 20, 2007.

Karen Alvey '01, whose father, Charles Thomas Alvey, died on March 7, 2007.

Marvin H. Marksberry, II '01 and Phillip W. Marksberry '00, whose grandfather, Louis James Marksberry, died on Feb. 4, 2008.

Anita J. Wells '01, whose mother, Anita L. McHenry Wells, died on Feb. 8, 2008.

Julie Pendley Spong '02, whose grandfather, Everett B. Pendley, died on Oct. 3, 2007, and whose nephew, Austin Travis Pendley, died on Nov. 30, 2007.

Kristie McIntyre Minton '04, whose mother, Betty Lou McIntyre, died on Jan. 1, 2008.

Jamie Holean '05 and Samuel E. Berry '64, whose grandfather and brother, Robert Coleman Berry, died on Nov. 12, 2007.

Bridgette Addis-Tucker '06, whose mother, Burmas L. Addis, died on May 9, 2008.

Shelli Wilson '08, whose grandfather, James L. Price, died on June 25, 2008.

Susan Hager, Brescia University Trustee and Distinguished Alumna, died July 26, 2008. She was 63.

Susan founded Hager Sharp, a strategic communications, public relations and marketing firm in Washington, D.C. She also founded and was the first national president for the National Association of Women Business Owners, which voted her Businesswoman of the Year in 1985. In 2001, Susan was recognized by Working Woman magazine as one of 25 "heroines (and heroes) whose actions over the last quarter century have given women in the workplace a better shot."

She also received Leadership Washington's 2003 "Volunteer of the Year Award." In 2004 she was the recipient of the "Washingtonian of the Year" award from Washingtonian magazine, the "Women Who Mean Business" award from Washington Business Journal, and was named "Woman of the Year" by Washington Women in Public Relations. In 2005, she was inducted into the Public Relations Society of America's National Capitol Chapter Hall of Fame.

Hager grew up in Owensboro, Kentucky as the oldest of seven children and graduated from Brescia University with a bachelor's degree in sociology.

Hager is survived by her husband Eric Hager of Washington, D.C.; her daughter Elizabeth Finley, son-in-law Christopher Finley and granddaughters Kathryn and Jane Finley all of Narberth, Pa.; and five siblings, Karla Cox and Richard Kulka of Owensboro, Ky.; Andrew Kulka of Evansville, Ind.; John Kulka of Knoxville, Tenn.; and Ned Kulka of Louisville, Ky. Hager's brother, Stephen Kulka of Owensboro preceded her in death.

Susan's leadership, friendship and devotion to Brescia will be deeply missed.





"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you."

St. Thomas Aquinas

Patron Saint of Students and Catholic Schools

On Sunday, September 21, a mass and reception was held for Fr. Leonard Alvey '86, as he celebrated his 50th anniversary as a priest. Fr. Alvey has served more than 35 of those 50 years at Brescia.

Because of Fr. Alvey's love of Brescia and devotion to learning, a statue of Thomas Aquinas, Fr. Alvey's favorite philosopher, was unveiled at the reception. St. Thomas Aquinas is considered one of the Catholic Church's foremost theologians and philosophers.

The members of the Brescia Sunday mass community, the Brescia campus community, and many more donated funds for this gift.

The statue will be placed on permanent display in the Campus Center foyer.



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