Dear Friends,

I always look forward to seeing the first sign of spring. Although I anticipate it each year, I find myself surprised when, despite the bitter winter winds in early March, a glimpse of green pops through the earth’s surface. That new growth offers a welcome announcement of a new season that’s simply energizing.

I’ve noticed a similar enthusiasm shared among our students, many of whom came back from spring break with a renewed energy for embracing the final half of the spring semester. The freshmen who came here in the fall have developed relationships and established connections with their classmates and professors. You can hear the buzz of their conversations in the hallways and cafeteria. The soon-to-be graduating seniors are relishing their final days here on campus, studying with each other in the library and fostering the relationships they’ve made along their college journey.

To add to the synergy here on campus is news that our fundraising goal to build a new free-standing chapel has been met. Two years ago, our staff, faculty and students formed a circle marking the area of campus where we envisioned a chapel being built. Now, with the help of the diocese, our board of trustees and generous donors, we are able to build the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. This chapel will stand as an enduring testament to the faith of this community and will undoubtedly serve as a welcoming place for our current and future students to connect with alumni, staff, faculty and community members.

The spring semester has certainly brought a series of uplifting moments, as you will read in this issue of Moreover, which also includes the incredible achievements of both alumni and current students. I hope that through these stories, you’ll be reminded of your own personal connections to the College, and how those connections can continue to grow and play an active role in the exciting opportunities that lie ahead for Thomas More College.

Sincerely,

Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P. ’68
Thomas More offers incredible opportunities to be and stay connected, whether it’s to other people, passions or causes. Recent events such as the Alumni Wine Tasting, meeting the chapel campaign goal or cheering on the Saints to victory are great examples. What’s your connection to TMC? You’re invited to stay connected by visiting thomasmore.edu.
“Capture the Moment” Alumni Photography Contest Winner: Lindsey Barth
Lindsey Barth ’07 took first place in the “Capture the Moment” Alumni Photography Contest. Her award-winning model is eight-month-old daughter Julia Ann Barth who, like many TMC students and alumni, is eagerly exploring her big world! To see the honorable mention, visit thomasmore.edu/MORE.

Get Free Coupons and Discounts Through TMC Mobile
Alumni and friends of TMC are invited to join TMC Mobile, a new service that's free and offers participants significant cost savings at restaurants, retail stores and special events. The offers are sent directly to your phone and can be redeemed simply by showing the vendor your phone screen. Thomas More College receives financial support for offering the discount program, but the cost to join is absolutely free and very simple. Just text “TM” to 28553 or visit thomasmore.edu/mobile.

Bishop Hughes Awards Dinner Set for Sept. 29, 2011
Thomas R. Dietz and Andrew J. Von Lehman are Honorees
The 16th Annual Bishop William A. Hughes Awards Dinner is set for Thurs., Sept. 29, 2011 at Drees Pavilion. Thomas More College will honor Thomas R. Dietz ’69 and Andrew J. Von Lehman ’75. In addition, the Benedictine Sisters will be presented a special award in recognition of the College’s 90th anniversary. For information on tickets and sponsorships for the evening event, call 859-344-3344.

Shoeless Walk on TMC Campus Creates Awareness of Poverty
Students, staff and faculty at Thomas More College participated in A Day Without Shoes, an annual international campaign designed to raise awareness about children who grow up barefoot. A variety of activities and information sessions, such as a barefoot procession and gently-used shoe donations, were held throughout the day.

Walk with Me Lenten Pilgrimage Offers Day of Reflection and Prayer for TMC Community
Approximately 21 students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends of Thomas More College journeyed together on March 19 to The Abbey of Our Lady of Gethsemani, a Trappist monastery near Bardstown, Ky. The pilgrimage was led by the TMC campus ministry leadership team. The ride there focused on the first seven Stations of the Cross. While at Gethsemani, the group joined the monks in prayer and quiet time. The ride home focused on the last seven Stations of the Cross.
TMC, Through the Eyes of a Child
Each summer, TMC invites area youth to enhance their skills in a variety of activities. For many children, this is their first experience on a college campus. Connections with TMC can begin long before they consider coming to college here. As a community-focused institution, the College welcomes literally thousands of children to see TMC through their own eyes, whether that’s via a STEM educational camp at the Biology Field Station, an athletic camp on the courts and fields, in the theater at drama camp or TMC’s newest addition, Secret Adventure Camp. Spread the word and invite area youth to share in a summer youth camp experience…

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Drama Camp
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Secret Adventure Camp
July 18–22

For more details and information about pricing of each camp, visit thomasmore.edu/summercamps.

High School Summer S.T.E.M. Institute
(Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Camp)
July 10–15
Space is limited to only 15 qualified students who apply by May 27, 2011. Children of alumni receive a $50 discount.

Secret Adventure Camp – an exploration in liberal arts
July 18–22, 2011: 8:30 a.m.–Noon
Secret Adventure Camp is a newly-created experience that offers students entering 6th–9th grades an exploration in the liberal arts. The week-long academic camp provides a creative curriculum taught by the College’s professors. Campers will explore a variety of disciplines, including English, Math, Science, Philosophy and Music. Group-based activities include science experiments, storytelling, role playing, problem solving, dance, broadcasting, musical interpretation, writing, film reviews and more. The week ends with a brief presentation and brown bag lunch, where parents and friends can learn more about what the campers experienced. Secret Adventure Camp encourages campers to become creative problem solvers and to discover new talents that will help them succeed in their future academic and social pursuits.

For more information, visit thomasmore.edu/secretadventurecamp.
Computer Information Systems Assistant Professor Dr. Bartley Richardson takes pride in being called “The Godfather,” at least as it relates to a recent service learning project he challenged his students to take on. Aaron Camack, John French, Nathan Horn and Tyler Spada dove head first into an assignment to design a computer software program for Cinderella’s Closet, a local non-profit volunteer organization that provides formal wear to girls who could not otherwise afford to attend their proms.

Dr. Richardson described the experience. “The guys went through about 10 revisions of the software, staying up until 1 or 2 a.m. many nights working on it. They made it their own, and they did a great job. Not only did they learn how to write a program with specific parameters, but they learned how to train others to use it in a real-life setting,” he said.

Founder of Cinderella’s Closet Erin Peterson described her gratitude for the TMC students’ expertise, “We were so impressed with the application. It allowed us to have quick access to the status of all of our volunteers and princesses. For the first time in our history, I could just look at the screen and see how many people were waiting and how many were shopping. That is such a tremendous help when you are trying to give 450 girls the day of their lives.”

The day-long event pairs girls with “fairy godmothers,” who help them select, alter and coordinate their prom dresses with accessories. “Godfathers” are on-call to help with the event in other ways. Cinderella’s Closet has garnered local and national recognition for its outreach. Peterson said that in addition to easing the traffic flow on the day of the event, that statistics gathered by the students will help the organization better plan for next year’s event. “The application is an invaluable tool to help us complete our mission of turning dresses into dreams,” she added.

To donate a dress, visit cinderellasclosettnky.org.

Graphic novelist David Mack, author and artist of the Kabuki series of American Mangas as well as a number of Daredevil comics, visited Thomas More Feb. 14 to speak to TMC students and faculty as well as members of the local community. He wrote the children’s book Shy Creatures, a story that he featured in his Kabuki series and became its own entity through MacMillan Publishing. The Kabuki series alone has garnered international acclaim. It has been translated into seven different languages. Currently, Mack is working on the film adaptation of the Kabuki series with 20th Century Fox.

Students Making NKY Greener and Cleaner

TMC students from the Department of Biology and an FYS class volunteered to help make Northern Kentucky a more livable and sustainable place. On a community volunteer day in October 2010, they helped remove Amur honeysuckle and other invasive plants as part of the Licking River Greenway & Trails initiative, which strives to connect urban neighborhoods through a natural greenway along the river.
Student Research Forum

On March 25, 40 students from TMC undergraduate and graduate programs participated in the Second Annual Thomas More College Student Research Forum. Project topics ranged from treating invasive plant species, analyzing the musical notes that make a chord, the use of calculators in high school, service projects in Jamaican orphanages, the influence of Christian Moerlein to the evolution of Big Bone Lick.

The presentations were given a total of 405 times to students, faculty, staff and visitors. The Dean’s Award was presented to the following students: Joshua Wyatt, Identification of fish hosts for mussel glochidia from the Ohio River (faculty sponsor — Dr. Christopher Lorentz); Erica Deters, The queen city and the queen of beers: the story of Christian Moerlein (faculty sponsor — Dr. Raymond Hebert); Sandra Enzweiler, Effects of physics career presentation on student motivation (faculty sponsor — Dr. Kathy Dye); and Courtney Rosser, The relationship between change blindness and eyewitness testimony (faculty sponsor — Dr. Lawrence Boehm).

TMC Pre-Health Professional Society Volunteers at Ronald McDonald House

In December, the Pre-Health Professional (PHP) Society of Thomas More College (a sub-organization of the Biology Club) volunteered to participate in the Ronald McDonald House of Greater Cincinnati Meal Program. The effort was organized by the PHP Society’s presidents, Angelle DeLaune and James Schack, with the help of other students and two faculty members. Participants were involved in purchasing, preparing and distributing lunch for approximately 50 individuals residing at the Ronald McDonald House.

Read MORE of Moreover at thomsmore.edu

Read and see more of what’s going on at Thomas More College at thomsmore.edu/MORE, the online companion to Moreover. This edition of MORE features newly inducted members of the TMC Political Science Association (Alpha Zeta Theta), more photos of the Alumni Wine Tasting, Dr. John Lorenz ’82, TMC students volunteering at the Henry Hosea House, state-wide presentations made by students and more!
MAKING THE CONNECTION FOR MAJOR GIFTS TO TMC

A Message from Denny Sketch, Director of Major Gifts

As the director of major gifts, I have an opportunity to meet people who have a connection to the College. Many of them are alumni and some are friends who simply value Thomas More’s role in our community. I connect with people in various positions who help the College fund important projects. This allows TMC to better prepare students and expand community outreach. I am blessed with opportunities to help donors align their investment with their passions. (Major gifts are considered $10,000 or more.)

I’m reaching out to friends and alumni to see if they have connections that could assist with our efforts. There are many opportunities to help the College such as making an introduction or passing on the name of someone you know interested in partnering with TMC. Does your company have a foundation? If so, feel free to contact me at 859-344-3590 or dennis.sketch@thomasmore.edu.

Legacy Society Reaches 19 Charter Members

The Legacy Society of Thomas More College now includes 19 charter members who have communicated their plans to include the College in their wills and estate planning. If you have named TMC as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance policy or retirement plan or have plans for charitable gift annuities, trusts or gifts of appreciated assets to the College, please contact Tim Rawe at 859-344-3320 or timothy.rawe@thomasmore.edu so you, too, can be included in the Legacy Society. For more information, visit thomasmore.edu/giving.

TMC Celebrates Recent Endowment Achievements

Often, when loved ones have passed away, family members, friends and others choose to remember them through a permanent endowed scholarship. That endowment offers a lasting connection between survivors’ family members and Thomas More College, and it is also a creative and productive way to celebrate the lives of those lost. Typically, the endowment exemplifies that person’s passion (or major) while he or she was affiliated with Thomas More College.

To be awarded a scholarship, an endowment needs to reach the minimum amount of $25,000. Following are two endowments that have recently achieved that success.

The Barbara Sturm Davis Endowed Scholarship Fund

The Barbara Sturm Davis Endowed Scholarship Fund was created to benefit elementary education majors with first preference given to students from Conner High School in Hebron, Ky., Krystal’s alma mater. Krystal Pepper was a TMC junior and elementary education major when she passed unexpectedly from an undiagnosed congenital heart defect in 2007. Krystal’s family members and friends, including identical sister Kimberly ’09, worked together to raise $25,000 by holding annual benefit dinners with silent auctions, bike rides, restaurant “dine and donate” nights and online fundraising through their personalized website.

A former student, Ruchelle Dunwoody ’91, commented on Barb’s impact as a teacher. “She encouraged me to be my best; she challenged my views, my beliefs, and the way I looked at the world.”

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“Why I Give to TMC

I give to Thomas More College because I am grateful for the education that I received there and want to ensure that my daughters will have that same opportunity. I am fortunate to teach at the College and I enjoy watching the current students learn and grow through their liberal arts education. I am looking forward to seeing Katherine become a freshman at TMC in ten years, and I know that Gabrielle will want to follow in the same footsteps.”

– Donna Bloemer ’91

Established and Growing Endowments

The Amber Johnson Scholarship Endowment Fund benefits Thomas More students who graduated from Dixie Heights High School. The endowment was established in 2003 in memory of Amber Johnson, a 1997 graduate who lost her battle to a cancerous brain tumor at the age of 26. This year will be the 9th Annual Amber Johnson Memorial Golf Outing, coordinated by Amber’s parents, aunts, uncles and other family and friends. The annual golf outing, dinner and silent auction nets over $20,000 each summer for the scholarship fund.
With more than 200 donors coming together in support of building a free-standing chapel in the heart of campus, Thomas More College has met its goal of raising $3.5 million to build the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. Groundbreaking is expected to occur this August, with anticipated completion of the project in early fall of 2012.

The decades-long dream of building a chapel became a determined quest in 2009, when President Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer launched an official fund-raising campaign to make that dream a reality. The Diocese of Covington, under the guidance of Bishop Roger Foys, led the donor list with a multi-year $500,000 pledge, and soon the three founding religious women’s communities, parishes, priests and other donors joined in the effort. A capstone gift from John and Juanita Griffin and family allowed the College to meet the goal in March of this year. “I am so grateful for all who participated in this campaign. Our new chapel will stand as an enduring testament of the faith of this community,” Stallmeyer said. She also noted the chapel is being designed by Northern Kentucky-based architects Robert Ehmet Hayes & Associates PLLC.

The Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel is anticipated to become a campus and community landmark and a symbol of the school’s identity as a Catholic educational and cultural institution. The design concept for the chapel reflects the commitment to faith and welcoming environment which Thomas More College embodies. A soaring roof, bell tower and amphitheater will highlight the exterior spaces and will beckon passersby to appreciate the beauty of the faith-inspired structure. Mary, Seat of Wisdom chapel will serve as the physical focal point and spiritual heart of the Thomas More College campus for current and future students, as well as the community.

Remaining naming opportunities for the chapel, and additional donations are welcome to help maintain the building. To inquire about making a contribution, contact Cathy Silvers at 859-344-3344 or cathy.silvers@thomasmore.edu. More information can be found at thomasmore.edu/chapelfund.

Thomas More College would like to recognize the following committee members who helped raise funds for the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel:
Mrs. Mary H. Brown; Mr. Garren Colvin; Mr. Robert G. Cooper; Mr. John Cronin; Mr. Anthony G. Depenbrock; Mr. Thomas R. Dietz; Mr. James A. Dressman; Mr. Gerald F. Dusing; Most Reverend Roger J. Foys; Mr. Daniel R. Groneck; Mr. Edwin T. Robinson; Mr. Robert B. Sathe; Ms. Cathy L. Silvers; Mr. Frank B. Sommerkamp, Jr.; Sr. Margaret A. Stallmeyer, C.D.P.; Mrs. Jane Summe; Mr. Andrew J. Von Lehman; Mr. Ken Wulfeck; Mr. Richard W. Wurth; and Mr. William J. Zeck.

“Our new chapel will stand as an enduring testament of the faith of this community.” — Stallmeyer
MC’s Biology Field Station welcomed Meghann Vincie King as its new laboratory manager to oversee and expand the current laboratory research programs in aquaculture, toxicology and freshwater mussel conservation.

Meghann attended Randolph-Macon Woman’s College in Lynchburg, Va., earning a bachelor of arts degree in biology and dance. She then pursued a master’s of science degree at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in fisheries science, with her research focus on freshwater mussels. Upon completion of her masters, Meghann continued working at Virginia Tech at the Freshwater Mollusk Conservation Center (FMCC) as a laboratory and research specialist.

Bringing experience, expertise and excitement to the position of laboratory manager, Meghann will maintain experiments to identify and better understand fish species that are hosts to freshwater mussel larvae from the Ohio River. Freshwater mollusks are arguably North America’s most threatened and endangered group of animals, and last year, students at the Field Station were able to develop freshwater mussel juveniles from their initial larval stage.

The Field Station is continuing collaborations with the Freshwater Mussel and Conservation Research Center operated by The Ohio State University, Columbus Zoo and the Newport Aquarium on this project. Additionally, with Thomas More students and faculty, as well as the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Meghann is working to maintain and enhance a new aquaculture facility at the Field Station. Fathead minnows (Pimephales promelas), a standard organism used for toxicology studies, are cultured in this system. Adult fish are used to supply eggs, which are then hatched and reared out for use in toxicology studies, or to supply additional spawners for use in the aquatic system. Meghann plans to expand upon and involve the Station in more freshwater mussel and fish research.

The Thomas More College Biology Field Station is a 50-acre research, teaching and residential facility that offers students and visitors an opportunity to study and learn about the ecology of the Ohio River and related environmental issues. For additional information on these and other research projects, visit: www.thomasmore.edu/fieldstation.
Toyota USA Foundation Grant Gives STEM Education Efforts Momentum

In March, Toyota USA Foundation (based in New York City) announced that it has awarded Thomas More College a $360,000 grant to advance its STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education efforts. Through the Thomas More STEM Initiative (TSI), the College will significantly expand its outreach to area teachers and high school students.

Geared specifically for schools in urban areas, the grant will allow the College to offer hands-on instruction and help teachers motivate their students to succeed in STEM subjects. In addition, education majors at TMC will gain valuable experience for their participation in TSI under the direction of Thomas More College Education Professor Dr. Manish Sharma, who will work closely with participating schools. STEM majors at TMC will also have an opportunity to mentor students and engage them in interactive learning experiences.

Grant Money Enables College to Reach Thousands of Students in Area Schools

According to Dr. Chris Lorentz, biology professor and director of the Biology Field Station, the Toyota grant will allow the College to reach an additional 3,000 students over the next three years, as well as the teachers who educate them. “Our plans are to create a teacher professional development program that is designed to increase and sustain the number, quality and diversity of STEM teachers, especially in underserved areas in our region. The goal is to develop long-term partnerships between the College faculty and local high school teachers while encouraging more students to participate and succeed in advanced science, technology, engineering and mathematics activities,” he explained. Dr. Wes Ryle from the Physics Department and Dr. Bill Wetzel from the Chemistry Department will join Drs. Sharma and Lorentz to implement TSI, along with Olivia Lantry, the STEM outreach coordinator at Thomas More.

Thomas More College President Margaret Stallmeyer expressed her enthusiasm for Toyota’s partnership. “We’ve been proud to serve as a resource for schools in the area for many years within our classrooms, labs, The Bank of Kentucky Observatory and Biology Field Station. With Toyota’s generosity, we’re able to impact so many more classrooms in the region with hands-on instruction and serve as a catalyst for preparing our youth to excel in STEM subjects,” she said.

Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing North America Manager of Community Relations Helen M. Carroll commented on the grant, “For several years now, I have been very impressed with the work being done and the opportunities for students to get valuable educational experiences at Thomas More College, particularly the Biology Field Station. It is evident there is strong potential for continued success and growth of opportunities for students in our region through the College’s programs. I am proud that some of Toyota’s national giving has been directed to support the community and Thomas More College,” Carroll added.

James Graham Brown Foundation Match Within Reach of May 31 Deadline

The Toyota grant pushes TMC closer to its goal of raising $1 million for its environmental science program, which enables it to qualify for a 50 percent match gift from the James Graham Brown Foundation. The deadline for reaching that goal is May 31, 2011. Previous partners include the Carol Ann and Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation (which awarded a lead grant of $250,000), Duke Energy, Procter & Gamble, Sanitation District No. 1, George A. Renaker (M.D.) Charitable Foundation, USEPA and Hanover College. Just shy of 5 percent (at press time) of reaching that goal, Thomas More College staff and faculty are hard at work connecting with community partners who could help play a part in achieving the $1 million goal, with the additional $500,000 from the James Brown Graham Foundation serving as a worthy incentive.

The $1.5 million campaign will allow TMC’s environmental science program to:

- Build a LEED-certified education conference center and lodge at the Field Station
- Fund a full-time science outreach coordinator
- Build a new environmental laboratory at the Field Station
- Renovate two laboratories on TMC’s main campus
- Fund scientific equipment at both locations
- Provide resources and funding for enhanced STEM K-12 programming
Connections, on many levels, are the threads that hold us together, and in some cases, having a connection is what helps us find friends, jobs or even spouses. Connectivity to someone, someplace or some cause fosters a creative and giving spirit in all of us. It simply feels good to be part of something larger than ourselves. At Thomas More College, connectivity runs deep.

Whether you’re alumni, a current student, staff, faculty or friend, you’re part of the empowering TMC community spirit.

*President Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer takes time to connect with students Mollie Utke, Zeke Wright and Willis Fleming.*
Part One

Connectivity...People, Passions and Causes

This is the first of a two-part series on how TMC connects with people, passions and causes, offering alumni and students ways to both learn and give back to the community through Thomas More College.

DAL’s Leadership Forum Demonstrates the Power of Embracing Connections
Sandy Laney ’93 Shares Her Success Story

Recently, the Thomas More College Alumni Association’s Distinguished Alumnae League (DAL) hosted a Leadership Forum that embodied the role that connectivity plays in working toward professional goals. The group invited three prominent female leaders in the region to come together as a panel to share their experiences in achieving success. The audience of nearly 120 was all female, comprised mostly of TMC undergraduates. Among the presenting leaders was alumna Sandy Laney ’93, who was a non-traditional student at TMC.

Sandy is the president and CEO of Cadre Computer Resources. Like many current TAP and non-traditional students, she juggled the demands of a full-time job and family with her studies here at Thomas More. She had previously taken night classes at the University of Cincinnati, but found the small classroom environment and accessibility of Thomas More a better fit for her lifestyle. “It wasn’t easy. I wasn’t the oldest graduate, but I wasn’t the youngest either,” she said.

Sandy began her rise up through the corporate ranks at Chemed Corporation, an information security solutions company, as an administrative assistant to the executive vice president in 1981. “Mr. (Edward L.) Hutton was a strong supporter of education and he encouraged me to continue my studies. I couldn’t have done it without his support,” she said.

Sandy was named president and CEO of Cadre Computer Resources (previously a division of Chemed) in August of 2001 and was challenged with the task of turning around a company that needed re-structuring. Sandy was successful in her ambition, and she credits the opportunities that came her way and those she carved for herself as navigators on her path to success.

In addition to her current role, she serves as president for the Chemed Foundation and for Hutton Bruce Acres. Sandy’s passion for community service is adequately fulfilled through her participation on the Dean’s Council of Indiana University’s School of Public and Environmental Affairs, the Board of Directors of Indiana University’s Foundation, the Board of Advisors at University of Cincinnati’s College of Nursing, Xavier University’s Williams College.
“If you work hard at something you really want to do, you will succeed. I think that in order to be successful, you have to take some risks.”

Sandy described what has kept her motivated throughout the years, “I think my motivation has always been to prove to myself and others that I can successfully take on whatever tasks are handed to me, I have always had the drive to be successful and give 110 percent to everything I do and to help others be successful along the way.” Born and raised in Cincinnati, Sandy has been married to husband Mike for 43 years. She credits him for supporting her climb up the corporate ladder while raising two children — Geoffrey and Melissa.

Sandy’s advice to the young women attending the leadership forum sparked an enthusiasm among the group of eager listeners. “If you work hard at something you really want to do, you will succeed. I think in order to be successful, you have to take some risks,” she told the group. Sandy emphasized the importance of getting a foot in the door and making connections. She advised the students to pursue internships and join organizations related to their industry.

“Sometimes you have to be scared and face that fear.”

Sandy was joined by fellow presenters Victoria Morgan, CEO and artistic director of the Cincinnati Ballet, and Charlene Ventura, president and CEO of the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati.

Victoria described her connection to dance as a form of communication. Her professional dancing career began with the San Francisco Ballet. Victoria humbly admitted to living in a friend’s office because she couldn’t afford a place to live. “I had to leave every morning before 8:30 a.m., but I wanted to dance, so I made it happen,” she recalled.

Eventually, Victoria was able to support herself, but her dream was short-lived as most dancers’ careers are, with the physical demands required of the job. A job as choreographer for the San Francisco Opera transformed that dream into something bigger for Victoria. In 1997, she was offered the position of artistic director for the Cincinnati Ballet. In 2008, the Ballet was facing a huge deficit and was in need of a new CEO. Victoria felt a calling to take over that role, along with the fear of what would happen if she failed. She accepted the role of both CEO and artistic director, and three years later, the Cincinnati Ballet is financially sound, despite a challenging economy. Victoria advised the students, “Sometimes you have to be scared and face that fear,” she said. Her constant connection with her craft and people who share her passion is a motivating factor that keeps Victoria continually energized about her career.

Charlene, one of the founders of the women’s movement in Greater Cincinnati in the 1960s has worked with the YWCA since 1973. As current president and CEO, she oversees a staff of 127 and a budget of over $6 million. Charlene initiated the first community-wide forum on domestic abuse in 1976, which led to the funding and establishment of the first shelter for battered women in the Greater Cincinnati area and one of the first seven in the nation. Charlene recalled one of the defining moments in her life, “I was talking to my young daughter about what she wanted to do when she grew up. She said that she wanted to be a doctor, but in order to do that, she would have to turn into a boy first.”

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Charlene emphasized the power of connections in her motivational journey. “It was essential to make those connections and leave no stone unturned. The more people you connect with, the more doors that will open to you,” she said. Charlene’s connections to a cause and the people who shared her passion have changed lives for many in Greater Cincinnati. She encouraged the undergraduates to be proactive in their future pursuits. “You can’t wait for life to happen to you. You have to make it happen. You need to connect with other people and look deep into your own strengths,” she said.
What Did Attendees Take Away?

The energizing conversation continued afterward as attendees shared what they came away with from the experience...

“In my opinion, the speakers collectively emphasized that keeping connections and pursuit of passion are most important,” acknowledged Assistant Professor of Nursing Rebeca Tacy ’85. “The students in the audience seemed mesmerized at the career stories because each speaker reflected herself as an average person who was able to attain great success through networking and through perseverance in the pursuit of her passion,” she said. Rebeca also noted that the message she took away was that education played a key role in each of the lives of the speakers. “The speakers emphasized that their well-rounded backgrounds and willingness to take risks allowed them to stretch beyond typical boundaries to attain even greater career results. They also expressed the importance of having the support of colleagues, mentors and family in order to accomplish their goals.”

Senior Mathematics major Kayla Ritter acknowledged, “These phenomenal women really showed me that success is about taking a step forward, especially when you’re afraid. Fear can be your friend when it comes to being a successful leader in society.”

Vice President of Private Banking for Fifth Third Bank Kimberly Halbauer ’00 commented on her experience. “The Leadership Forum was a great way to connect alumni, students, faculty and business and community leaders to share experiences and valuable information. The session allowed attendees an interactive session with speakers in order to understand their very unique and different ways in attaining success both personally and professionally. I look forward to attending future leadership forums and continuing to expand my Thomas More network.”

Assistant Professor of Biology Dr. Shannon Galbraith-Kent ’98 offered her observation that day, “It was a great opportunity for our current students to see how women, who are very successful in their fields, developed from personal and professional challenges not too different from today’s students. It was very moving and informative to hear the unique stories shared by each of the speakers. Two of the important, common ideas that all three speakers shared for being successful and fulfilled in life were to be passionate about your work and to not be hesitant to try new and various opportunities.”

Kelsey Blaze, a freshman majoring in Chemistry described her experience at the forum as motivating. “I was able to hear from some of the most prominent women in Cincinnati. I personally introduced myself to them after the forum to get a few more questions answered. They were more than enthused to see the women of Thomas More so interested in making big strides in the workforce as they have done.”

Associate Professor of Philosophy Dr. Catherine Sherron said she was enraptured by the stories of the three speakers. “Although I think it is also important for young men to see women in positions of power, I really valued the intimacy created by having women only for the event. As it turns out, the forum was held the same day as World Women’s Day and thinking about the plight of women around the world makes me appreciate even more the advantages we have in the U.S., while reminding me that ensuring that future generations will also live in supportive communities where all people can flourish, still requires a lot of education, work and commitment by all of our leaders,” Sherron said.

Karlie Smith, a freshman Education major, said, “The women selected for the panel were incredible and definitely inspired me to chase my dreams and to not be afraid to be a successful woman.”

TMC Director of Human Resources Charlotte P. Laird ’94, noted an important point the speakers made. “One of the topics brought out in the forum was the importance of networking while pursuing your job search. What better method to network than through your TMC alumni? Thomas More College has produced so many successful leaders in our community who would be willing to help a new Thomas More graduate entering the workforce.”

Vice President of Community Relations and Economic Development for Duke Energy Ohio and Duke Energy Kentucky Johnna Reeder ’07 commented on the forum, “I found the event to be inspirational. It is so important to learn from women who have cleared the path for others to follow. I didn’t realize that only a few years ago that women couldn’t get credit in their own name and there was no public childcare. Every time I think I have to face gender challenges, I will remember how much better I have it than those who came before me.” Johnna said the reason Duke Energy sponsored the baskets was for attendees to be reminded of the importance of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education.

Rebeca Tacy continued her thoughts on the forum. “They offered realistic advice. The panelists presented themselves as real women and also superstars. These women are amazing, yet completely authentic. The panelists provided a tremendous burst of motivation to the students and to me as a faculty member. In 1985 I received a bachelor’s degree in nursing from TMC. I feel honored to be back here teaching; giving back to the school that helped launch me into my career. I am a firm believer in keeping connections and in making the most of the liberal arts degree our College provides,” she said.

The Leadership Forum is just one event that Thomas More holds to encourage connectivity among its students, alumni and friends. For more information about what’s going on at TMC, visit thomasmore.edu to see how you can connect with the College.
TMC Alumni who didn’t look far to find their calling:

Dr. John Hageman ’83, BA in Biology and AA in Philosophy—Associate Professor of Biology

Associate Professor John Hageman was once told by a favorite TMC professor (Bill Volker) that “if you work hard and keep at it, you’ll find what it is that you do best and your life will be happy.” He took that advice as a student and found his calling here later, teaching at Thomas More for the last 20 years.

The same words keep him focused today. “If you live your life under the demands of others you cannot be happy. You need to take charge of your life and keep your focus — and not worry about what others think you should do.”

John hails from just north of the Ohio River. In addition to his degree at TMC, he holds a master’s degree in biology from Western Kentucky University and a Ph.D. in zoology from The Ohio State University. The Cincinnati native teaches a myriad of biology classes at TMC and currently serves as an advisor for several disciplines, including pre-veterinary studies. He credits Thomas More’s emphasis on the true art of undergraduate teaching for what drew him here as both a student and an instructor. “From the first day I interviewed at TMC, undergraduate teaching has been our primary focus. I intentionally did not want the large research institutions with the publish-or-perish research stress hanging over your head. I am a teacher and I know that about myself,” he said.

He said that he enjoys teaching classes that have a lot of interaction and conversation in class. “I love it when students get to that ‘Ahha!’ moment and they realize what they have been learning about all comes together,” he explained.

John met his wife of 25 years, Rose, during a 24-hour dance marathon which he helped coordinate for the Muscular Dystrophy Association here as a student at TMC. The Hagemans and their three children (Mark, who graduated from TMC in 2010; Beth, a current student here; and Joe, a high school senior who plans on attending TMC next year) have enjoyed participating in scouting activities for the last 15 years. Ironically, John considers teaching a dual credit class at Elder High School one of his hobbies. “I’m fortunate to have a very small class composed of the top seniors in the school that are up to the challenge of their first real college science course,” he explained. (John is also a 1979 graduate of Elder High School.) In addition to teaching, he has a passion for collecting quotes, which is obvious if you’ve ever been in his office. He sometimes photocopies the “quote of the day” on the backs of students’ quiz papers.

Sr. Mary Evelynn Reinke ’62, S.N.D., Ph.D., BA in History—Associate Professor of Education

Since childhood Sr. Evelynn Reinke loved school, however, teaching at Thomas More College was not something she’d ever thought she’d be doing after graduating in 1962. “God sometimes hears what I say whether I want Him to or not,” she said, recalling a time when she told a colleague that teaching college was the last thing she’d ever want to do.

Five years after that conversation in 1976, Sr. Evelynn found herself in a classroom at TMC, instructing students on how to teach. “Of course, I grew into it. God has a way of giving me things I’m scared of and letting me love them.”
Citing her mentor Sr. Mary Philip Trauth (VMC Class of 1946), Sr. Evelynn said her image of the perfect teacher is one who not only knows the material, but loves it and can communicate it well. “Sr. Mary Philip was an excellent teacher. We always joked that if you sneezed or dropped your pen in her class, you would miss about 500 years of history,” she said. Sr. Evelynn said that a goal of hers is to be the kind of teacher that fosters a love of learning in her students. She considers herself a life-long learner as well.

As a high school student, Sr. Evelynn had earned a four-year scholarship to Villa Madonna College. While learning was certainly a top priority, so was service to others and the Church, and it was shortly after she graduated high school that she joined the Sisters of Notre Dame while pursuing her degree at Villa Madonna College. She went on to achieve a Master of Arts in Education at the University of Kentucky, and she also holds a Ph.D. from St. Louis University.

Sr. Evelynn likes to keep things simple. Originally from Covington, Ky., she has one sister, one brother-in-law and one nephew. She used to have one goldfish, but that didn’t last long, she said. An avid reader, Sr. Evelynn enjoys getting lost in mysteries and historical fiction and is not afraid to admit that she’s a true Harry Potter fan. She said that most people would be surprised to know that she won a roller skating contest in high school.

If you walk into her office in the Education Department, you’ll notice African violets under a grow light claiming their share of Sr. Evelynn’s attention. She caters to her plants much like she has done to her students throughout the years — with a gentle prodding to branch out and bloom and soak up every drop of sunshine (and knowledge).

Mari (Ishii) Fieger, ’00, Associate Degree of Exercise Science — Assistant Athletic Trainer
As a Yokohama City, Japan native, Assistant Athletic Trainer Mari Fieger, came to TMC as a student in pursuit of a dream. Before coming to the states, Mari obtained a bachelor’s degree in physical education from Nippon Sports Science University in Tokyo, Japan. As a promising basketball player in high school, Mari tore her ACL and wasn’t able to continue her high school athletic career. It was then that she became interested in sports medicine and found herself on a mission to help other athletes overcome injuries. At the time, there wasn’t an athletic training program in Japan, so Mari found herself searching across the world for an opportunity to pursue her dream. She was accepted to TMC and eventually was offered an internship with Head Athletic Trainer Theresa Behan. Mari received her certification in 2004 and was hired on as assistant trainer shortly after that.

As a student, she found the small-school environment a major plus when she originally came to Thomas More because of the attention she could receive from professors compared to bigger schools in the area. That was critical at the time because she was still learning English. Mari’s journey across the globe landed her in the welcoming environment she now is proud to call “home.” She credits forming life-long friendships, her family and finding a job that allows her to do what she loves for making her American dream come true. “It was here that I learned I can do anything if I don’t give up. I just have to believe in myself. My friends back me up no matter what,” she said.

Mari’s family in Japan includes mother, Yumi, and her father, Shunsaku, along with sister Hiromi, brother-in-law Satoshi, three nephews Yuto, Seiya and Tsubasa, brother Thoshiro and grandmother Toki, who is 97 years old. (All of whom are doing fine after the earthquake and tsunami.) Here locally, she considers Ruth and Donald Baker and Donna and Brad Perry and their daughters, Samantha and Jamie, part of her American family.

When she’s not taking care of student athletes’ injuries and spending time with her family, Mari said she enjoys going fishing and eagerly welcomes new friends — “especially those who might own a boat.”

This is the third in a series that highlights alumni who work at Thomas More College. Nearly 40 alumni call their alma mater their workplace, where they use the skills they learned here as students and demonstrate why TMC is a great place to go to school and work.
Internships and co-ops offer students invaluable on-the-job experience that can both broaden their horizons and highlight their resumes. This year, students at Thomas More College have taken their classroom skills to the streets of Northern Kentucky, Cincinnati, Washington D.C., New York, Minnesota and beyond. Each has experienced the power of making connections and values the opportunity to gain the experience in their respective fields.

Brent Jefferson, a junior communications major and work study student who is gaining his own on-the-job experience in the Communications Department right here on campus, interviewed his fellow students about their internship experiences...

Dana Bors
Northern Regional Forensic Laboratory, Alexandria, Ky.

Dana Bors, a senior forensic chemistry major, was selected to work an internship at the Northern Regional Forensic Laboratory in Alexandria, Ky, with the help of Dr. James Swartz, her academic advisor. “This internship presented itself as a great opportunity to get an inside look and practical experience in the career field I am interested in,” she said.

During her internship, Dana learned many of the procedures and protocols of daily lab work. She noted that the amount of variety in her work from day to day kept her tasks from being tedious. Some days she worked directly under a supervisor, but she also worked on several independent projects. Dana added, “I’ve studied many protocols and procedures for various forensic techniques, but to see them used and use them myself gave the techniques new meaning.” Dana said this internship has confirmed her passion in forensic chemistry and solidified her career choice.

Julie Geiger
Council for International Exchange of Scholars, Washington, D.C.

A current internship in Washington, D.C. with the Council for International Exchange of Scholars (CIES) has granted a sense of empowerment to Julie Geiger, a sophomore pursuing international studies. Julie was quite excited when she was accepted for the position. She recalled, “I have wanted to be an intern in Washington, D.C. since I was a kid.” Here, Julie works extensively with the Fulbright Scholar Program researching suitable candidates and conducting seminars for visiting Fulbright scholars.

Julie feels honored to have the incredible opportunity to make a difference in matters important to her. “I am contributing to international education and ‘soft’ diplomacy, both causes that I feel passionate about and entirely endorse as essential to creating a more peaceful world,” she explained. Julie already sees the benefits of her internship as she learns new things every day. This experience has vastly improved her research and communication skills and opened up a whole new world of professional contacts. She is forming good-standing relationships and said, “The ability to contact and connect with people in this way is invaluable in the fields of diplomatic relations and the foreign service.”

Kurt Bovard
Procter & Gamble, Cincinnati

Kurt Bovard, a senior in educational studies, is currently participating in a co-op with Procter & Gamble (P&G). The main reason Kurt wanted to participate is to strengthen his foundation with P&G, with which he intends to build his career. With the help of Shawn Stovall, TMC’s coordinator of career planning and co-op services, Kurt was hired to work in P&G’s recruitment department. He recognizes that getting a foot in the door is an important part of securing a job with any company. Kurt has also taken this opportunity to branch out and meet new people within the company. He believes these contacts will prove to be useful references later in life, even if Kurt chooses to work elsewhere in the future. “The lessons that I have learned at the company will benefit me for the rest of my life no matter what I choose to do. My experience as a co-op has greatly impacted my life as well and helped me to build knowledge of the business world, while also building confidence in myself,” he added.

Latonio Chambers
Cincinnati Works, Cincinnati

Latonio Chambers, a junior psychology major, interned at Cincinnati Works last summer. Located in downtown Cincinnati, this organization provides job training and employment counseling to help eliminate poverty. As a local resident, Latonio felt it was important for him to give back to the community where he was raised. This was not only an opportunity for Latonio to learn, but also a chance for him to teach in return. At Cincinnati Works, Latonio assisted in job training workshops designed to teach basic work skills to people who were unemployed.

Latonio discovered this internship and was accepted through the help of his professors and advisors. “I was very lucky to have Professor Krista Campbell help me in getting placed into my internship. She was my daily advisor and did a phenomenal job in making sure I was completely prepared for what I was going to experience,” Latonio said. Excited to go to work each day, Latonio said that he valued this opportunity to make a difference. He also commented, “It was such a humbling experience that I am so honored and grateful to have been a part of.”
Alexandra Crouch
St. Elizabeth Healthcare, Edgewood, Ky. and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, Cincinnati

Alexandra Crouch, a senior psychology major, has completed two internships with clinical work. She views internships as opportunities to expand her knowledge and focus on future career goals. With assistance from her advisor, Dr. Maria McLean, Alexandra secured internships at St. Elizabeth Healthcare and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital.

During her internships, Alexandra was responsible for running group therapy sessions for the patients at St. Elizabeth Children’s Hospital. She said that brief experiences taught her a great deal about patience and reinforcement. “Working in the clinical field can be difficult, so it is wise to have an understanding of the daily challenges before starting a career,” Alexandra said, adding, “I think internships are important aspects of college. They give you an idea of the workforce you are heading into and what you will expect, and they also give you great experience.”

Kat Dale
Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, Cincinnati

Kat Dale, a senior biology major, views internships as stepping stones between her education and entering the work force. Her professors, Drs. John Hageman and Shannon Galbraith-Kent, helped her acquire an internship at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. Her responsibilities included preparing food and maintaining the animals’ environment, as well as recording information about their health. Kat experienced a sense of satisfaction for helping improve the animals’ quality of life and creating an attractive environment for Zoo visitors.

During the three months Kat spent at the Cincinnati Zoo, she gained enough experience with animal husbandry that she feels confident in finding work after completing her degree. Kat said, “I feel like this experience has been the perfect segue from college to my career. Not only did I get school credit, but I increased my own value in the job market of my chosen field, and I feel more confident about pursuing the work I want to do.”

Haleigh Jacobs
Congressman Geoff Davis’ Office, Ft. Mitchell, Ky.

“I chose to work as an intern because I viewed it as an excellent opportunity to expand my classroom knowledge into real-world experience,” said Haleigh Jacobs, a senior political science major. Haleigh spent two semesters interning in Congressman Geoff Davis’ Ft. Mitchell Office. She believes that learning about the inner workings of a congressional office greatly increased her overall political awareness and understanding.

One thing that stood out to Haleigh about the application process was its competitiveness. Luckily, Dr. John Spence was able to guide her throughout the entire experience. “He also was helpful in encouraging me to grow academically from the experience,” Haleigh said. Her experience was so positive and rewarding that she intends to apply for a position in Congressman Davis’ D.C. office this spring. She concluded, “The overall experience was full of once-in-a-lifetime opportunities. I would highly recommend any student pursue an internship in an area that they find interesting.”

Kara Koenig Brown
Innovations, Cincinnati

“Partaking in an internship is something I feel makes you as a student more marketable to graduate schools and employers,” said Kara Koenig, a senior psychology major. Kara learned about an internship at Innovations at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital with the help of Dr. Maria McLean, a professor of psychology. “She helped me to find an internship that would not only be a good addition to my resume, but one that suited my professional goals and preferences,” Kara said.

At Innovations, Kara performed data entry and assessment of test results for preschool children. She also attended meetings discussing preschool curriculum and possible adjustments that would increase children’s success. Kara’s experience helped her develop new skills and improved her ability to work within a team in a professional environment. Not only has Kara learned about work, but she said she learned more about herself. “This internship has helped me to identify my love for working with children.”

Jacob Kollmann
Parks and Recreation Department, Covington, Ky.

Driven by an interest in politics, along with general health and well-being, Jacob Kollmann sought out an internship with the City of Covington Parks and Recreation Department. As a senior political science major, Jacob wanted to work someplace relevant to his academic interests in a position where he could also help out his fellow citizens. He commented, “I enjoyed my work because I felt that I was making a difference...”
in the lives of families and children every day. The Parks and Recreation Department offers plenty of free activities for its residents to remain active.”

Jacob’s work with the Parks and Recreation Department was beneficial to himself, as well as local residents. Jacob said, “I feel that this experience has better prepared me for my career path in the corporate world because of the experience I had in an office setting and the interaction I had with the public.” Jacob described his experience as enjoyable and rewarding.

Katrina Lenz
Summer Treatment Program, Buffalo, N.Y. and Cincinnati Children’s Hospital

Under the guidance of Drs. Maria McLean and Kathie Langen, Katrina Lenz, a senior psychology major, has completed three different internships while at Thomas More. Her most recent internship took place at the Summer Treatment Program in Buffalo, N.Y. There, Katrina worked with identifying and developing treatment plans for children with psychological disorders. In the past, she has worked at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital’s research department and at the behavioral unit at St. Elizabeth Healthcare. She commented, “I heard about this internship through my advisor and was interested in participating to gain experience with children in a clinical setting.”

Katrina described the internship experience as difficult, but incredibly rewarding. In Buffalo, she worked one-on-one with a 10-year-old boy diagnosed with pervasive developmental disorder. Over the six weeks of therapy with Katrina, his communication and social skills improved dramatically. Through this unique opportunity, Katrina learned more about her field while enriching another person’s life.

Mark Messingschlager
City of Erlanger Finance Department, Erlanger, Ky.

Mark Messingschlager, a senior business and political science student, completed an internship last year with the City of Erlanger Finance Department. Mark’s main tasks during his internship were to develop a new purchasing procedure for city affairs and to conduct an internal review of spending.

Mark said that the challenges he faced during his internship brought focus and a deeper understanding to what he had learned in the classroom. As a result, Mark recommended that all students should look into internships. He said, “They give you hands-on experience while you are still studying about that particular field. This helps you visualize and understand what you are discussing in your classes, while giving you valuable experience.”

Namaan Mian
Congressman Geoff Davis’ Office, Washington, D.C.

Namaan Mian, a sophomore political science major, was selected to participate in a student internship at Congressman Geoff Davis’ Office in Washington, D.C. Namaan’s duties include tasks such as setting up and leading constituents on tours of the capitol. He also performs research and takes notes at briefings and hearings. “I’ve always had an interest in political science,” Namaan commented, “so what better way to learn than by doing?”

Namaan’s experience is helping to improve his skills and form connections with experts who can help him in his future endeavors. He strongly encourages others to participate in student internships. “You won’t regret it,” he encouraged.

Aaron Monk
Reach Event Marketing, Cincinnati

Aaron Monk, a senior sports and entertainment marketing major, was accepted to work with Reach Event Marketing (REM) last summer. Aaron had been told by his advisor that internships offer specific experience not available in a classroom. “Dr. (Bob) Arnold has always advocated how important it is to gain real-world experience through internships,” he said. Aaron’s work with promotions and ticket sales helped teach him the organizational skills required to coordinate large-scale events. The connections Aaron made at REM were another important part of his experience. Aaron formed a good relationship with the CEO, who agreed to write a letter of recommendation to law school. “He is someone that I greatly admire and look forward to working with in the future,” Aaron said.

Winter Okoth
Mayo Clinic College of Medicine, Rochester, Minn.

The desire to participate in an internship is rooted in a deep personal motivation for Winter Okoth, a senior student from Kenya studying medicine, molecular biology and chemistry. Growing up in Kenya, Winter watched helplessly as her loved ones were afflicted with sickness and health problems. She elaborated, “Having had family members and friends suffering strokes, sickle cell anemia, asthma and stomach ulcers has heightened my curiosity behind these diseases.”

Winter completed a highly competitive and prestigious summer internship program at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.
Rachel Powell
Cincinnati Museum Center,
Cincinnati

Last summer, Rachel Powell, a senior history and English major, completed an eight-week internship with the Cincinnati Museum Center. She explained, “With this internship, I wanted to explore the possibilities a career in museum work would offer, and I hoped to determine whether or not the career would be a good fit for me.” History Professor Dr. Ray Hebert and English Professors Jim Schuttemeyer and Dr. Julie Daoud assisted Rachel throughout the application process. At the Cincinnati Museum Center, Rachel was responsible for setting up and maintaining several new exhibits such as America I Am, The Art of Caring and the immensely popular Cincinnati in Motion. She said it was sometimes surreal and exciting to work directly with historical artifacts like Muhammad Ali’s boxing robe and Prince’s purple guitar. Rachel also worked extensively on the Freedom’s Sisters exhibit through which she helped organize a budget and gather the rights to use photographic, audio and visual samples. This experience helped Rachel learn new skills and meet new people while reinforcing her career goals. “After completing this internship, I feel confident in my decision to pursue a career in public history,” she said.

John Roetting
Hamilton County Coroner’s Office, Cincinnati and Food & Drug Administration, Cincinnati

John Roetting, a senior studying forensic chemistry, has completed an internship with the Hamilton County Coroner’s Office and began another with the Food & Drug Administration (FDA). John’s academic advisor, Dr. James Swartz, suggested that he take advantage of these opportunities to fully understand the kind of work he will encounter after graduation.

At the coroner’s office, John worked on identifying different types of accelerants used in arson cases. He is currently studying new methods of detecting human growth hormones with the FDA. John said, “The internships have been very rewarding and have given me a massive amount of experience in the field of forensic chemistry. I have developed skills that have better prepared me for what to expect in the workforce.” The connections John made with people at these internships have also proven quite beneficial, and his supervisors have written letters of recommendation for his graduate school applications.

Anne Schoettelkotte
Sanitation District No. 1, Fort Wright, Ky.

Anne Schoettelkotte, a junior environmental science major, completed her internship last summer at SD1, Northern Kentucky’s sanitation district. “I took the internship because it was in a field that interested me and I thought it would be fun,” Anne said. With the help of Biology Professor Dr. Christopher Lorentz, she submitted an application and was accepted.

Anne’s primary work at SD1 involved field research and lab analysis of samples taken from local streams and creeks. Each day, she would visit a site and gather samples. The purpose of this research was to determine if the water is healthy and meets standards. “This internship has definitely expanded my skill range. I also feel that this has given me a better idea as to what I want to do after I graduate,” she said, adding that she enjoyed being able to work with people who share similar interests and intends to return for a second internship this summer.

Shaun Smith
Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden, Cincinnati

Last summer, Shaun Smith worked as an intern of animal care at the Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden. As a junior biology major, his professors advised that it’s best to get experience as early as possible. “Experience in the area of exotic animal care isn’t the easiest thing to come by, so my time at the Cincinnati Zoo was a great starting point,” he said.

He recalled the thrill he experienced the first time he hand-fed a rhinoceros. Another bonus Shaun experienced was the unique opportunity to spend a week at an off-site cheetah breeding facility. “This was an immensely rewarding experience that I wouldn’t have traded for anything,” he noted. The members of this facility have since offered Shaun a position to work with them. As a way to further strengthen his relationship with his colleagues at the Zoo, Shaun chose to continue working with them as a volunteer after his internship concluded.
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PRESENTATIONS & PUBLISHED WORKS

Dr. John V. Cimprich, professor and chair, history, presided over Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society’s session of graduate student papers at the Southern Historical Association Convention in Charlotte, N.C.

Dr. Julie Daoud, associate professor, English, and Sarah Vogt ’06, adjunct professor, English, delivered “Where is the Me in Active Learning?” at the College English Association (CEA) annual convention in St. Petersburg, Fla., March 31.

Dr. Erwin F. Erhardt, III, professor, history and economics, presented two papers in Europe during the summer of 2010: “Juvenile Crime and Rehabilitation in World War II Scotland” at the International Conference in Literature and Psychology held in Pécs, Hungary; and “The Rise and Fall of the ‘Dream Palace’ in Cincinnati, Ohio” at the conference From Silent Screen to the Digital Screen: A Century of Cinema Exhibition at De Montfort University, Leicester, U.K. At the Midwest Popular Culture Association/American Culture Association Conference held in Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minn., Dr. Erhardt presented a paper entitled “War and Remembrance in British Television: Fictional and Non-Fictional presentations of World War I and World War II.” He also attended the European Studies Conference in October at the University of Nebraska—Omaha and presented a paper titled, “The Coalition Government of the U.K.: Conservatives and Liberal Democrats Join Forces to Confront the Nation’s Economic Challenges” and “Moving from the Past to the Present: Kenya Ushers in a New Political Era with a New Constitution.”

He has served on the steering committee of the Global Studies Conference for four years. Dr. Erhardt attended the Film and History Conference, held in November in Milwaukee, Wis. and presented a paper entitled “The Loretta Young Show: Setting the Standards for Family, Romance and Love in Post-World War II America.” In January, Dr. Erhardt was the invited guest speaker for the English Speaking Union in Cincinnati. He presented a paper titled “Ornamentalism and the British Imperial Newsreel War Pictorial News: How the British viewed their Empire during World War II.”


Dr. Stephen C. Holler, associate professor, philosophy and theology, received a $1,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation of Notre Dame University to travel to the Texas-Mexican border during spring break to continue work on a publication that’s in-the-works, “Frontier Saints: Exploring the Iconography of Texas-Mexican Border Hagiology and Mariology.” The Kellogg Foundation will publish a preliminary report of the results of this latest addition to Dr. Holler’s study.

Reverend Ronald M. Ketteler, associate professor and chair, theology, conducted a Furthermore community education course — Church Social Teaching, the Global Economy, and the Economic Crisis in September 2010. The sessions explored Church social teaching and the global economic crisis in the light of Cartas en Veritate (“Charity in Truth”), Pope Benedict XVI’s 2009 social encyclical. Father Ketteler also participated in the Health Care Summit convened by the Catholic Conference of Kentucky in Louisville in November 2010. As a member of the CCK Health Care Committee, Father Ketteler served on the planning committee for the program.

Dr. Jodie N. Mader, assistant professor, history, spoke at the Military History Series Lecture at Thomas More in February. Her lecture was titled “Challenging a White Gentlemen’s War: Abraham Esau, Emily Hobhouse, and Mohandas K. Gandhi in the South African War, 1899–1902.” Dr. Mader is planning a research trip to Britain this summer to look at the role of British imperial identity at the end of the 19th century.

Dr. James E. McNutt, professor, history, had an article, “Luther and the Jews Re-visited: Reflections on a Thought Let Slip,” published in the journal Currents in Theology and Mission, dedicated to the theme of Lutheran Legacies, Twenty-First Century Conversations.

Dr. John D. Rudnick, Jr., assistant professor, business administration and health care management, was featured on nationally syndicated EWTN Radio to address the topic of adoption and spirituality. The interview covered expectations and practical considerations when considering adoption based on his family’s adoption of their youngest child from China. Dr. Rudnick, recently appointed as the chair of the Regional Center for Health Sciences and Management for Thomas More College, was recertified as a fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and re-credentialed as a licensed nursing home administrator for Kentucky.
Ten Minutes with Bill Wetzel

Q: How long have you worked at TMC?
A: I came to TMC right after completing my Ph.D. in 2006. I am currently in my fifth year of teaching in the Chemistry Department.

Q: Where did you obtain your degree/degrees?
A: I earned a B.S. degree in chemistry with a minor in physics and concentration in environmental studies from John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio in 1999. I earned a Ph.D. in analytical chemistry with a minor in physical chemistry from Indiana University in Bloomington, Ind. in 2006.

Q: What is something that you’ve always wanted to do, but haven’t had the chance to do yet?
A: I have always wanted to travel to Australia and would love to see a space shuttle launch in person. Additionally, I’d like to travel to the following locations: Riverside, Iowa; La Barre, France; New Orleans, La.; Bloomington, Ind.; and upstate New York. So far, I have been to only one of the five (Bloomington, Ind.). Bonus points if you can figure out the connection between the five locations mentioned above. (Visit thomasmore.edu/MORE to find out the answer.)

Q: Where was your last vacation—and why did you choose that destination?
A: My last vacation was a trip down to Atlanta, Ga. to visit some friends. Among other things, we visited a very nice local winery, walked through Centennial Olympic Park, and had a chance to see Kermit the Frog at the Center for Puppetry Arts. (Yes, the real Kermit!)

Q: What book is on your nightstand? Or, do you have a favorite book?
A: There are quite a few books on my nightstand that are waiting to be read when I have some extra time, including Uranium by Tom Zoellner and The Disappearing Spoon by Sam Kean.

Q: As a child, what did you want to be when you “grew up?”
A: When I was very little I wanted to be a veterinarian or an astronaut. After taking science classes in high school, I knew without a doubt that I wanted to teach chemistry.

Q: What song or artist do you listen to when you need to get motivated?
A: Depends on what kind of mood I’m in. I generally flip back and forth between All American Rejects, Matchbox Twenty, Josh Groban, Linkin Park, Fall Out Boy or the Broadway Cast performances of “Les Miserables” or “Phantom of the Opera.” I also enjoy listening to movie scores composed by John Williams, Hans Zimmer or Michael Giacchino. The score for the newest Star Trek movie is excellent!

Q: What do you want students to take away from your class?
A: I hope that my students see how exciting chemistry is! Although it requires hard work and dedication, studying chemistry allows us to answer very important questions about the world around us.

Q: Are there any special accolades that you want to mention?
A: I am most proud of the fact that I teach at Thomas More. Every day I come to work, I am so thankful that I get to work with the very talented students, faculty and staff that are here at the College. I am also very proud that six of my research students have presented posters at local or national conferences, and two have won awards for their work.

Bill Wetzel, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Chemistry
“My favorite place on campus was the library on the VMC campus. I love libraries and books. The librarian was John Bryant. After I married, we moved to Lexington where I ran into him at a church function. It turned out that he had grown up around the corner from my husband. It’s a small world.”
— Colette P. Irzt ’67

“My favorite hangout at Thomas More was the library. There were plenty of activities to keep me busy and also have fun. My study group met in the library and we talked about how we were going to make a difference in the world. I listened to LPs with earphones, especially the music of James Taylor. I found two electric street car tickets from 1916 hidden inside the pages of an old book. The TMC library also served as a refuge when I was stressed out from hours of study. I have many fond memories of the TMC library.”
— Stephen Sandberg ’74

“I attended VMC/TMC from 1966 to 1970, so I was on both the downtown campus and the new campus. My favorite place on the downtown campus was the walled garden that was next to the main college building on 12th Street. The large statue of Mary that is now near the main sidewalk on the new campus was located there. It was a beautiful and calm location. My favorite place on the new campus was the lower level of the library. It was a great location to get studying and assignments done without too many distractions.”
— Dan Schadler ’70

“One of our favorite places on campus was called Frank’s. Now, this goes back a few years when the College was located in downtown Covington. Many a Friday afternoon was spent there.”
— Edward Lear ’67

“My favorite places as a student at Villa Madonna College were the chemistry laboratories. They were housed in two buildings: St. Thomas More Hall, which was a renovated firehouse facing the north side of 12th Street between Madison Avenue and Scott Street in Covington, and St. Thomas Aquinas Hall, facing the west side of Scott Street between 11th Street and 12th Street. A stained glass decoration from above a large picture window in the front of the first floor of St. Thomas Aquinas Hall is now displayed in Holbrook Student Center on the Thomas More campus.”
— Jerry Franzen ’64

For a full account of readers’ “favorite places on campus” submissions, visit thomasmore.edu/more.
A few years later, when Monieka applied for a scholarship to the University of the West Indies, she was turned down, not because of her grades, but because her family had an indoor toilet and that gave the impression she didn’t need the financial assistance. “My family had to work 10 years to get indoor plumbing. We were by no means wealthy,” Monieka said. She was devastated at the time to think that her dreams of attending college were out of reach. That’s when TMC Professor Tom Gilday, who coordinated the Jamaica Service Learning Program, stepped in. “Tom asked what my SAT score was and simply said, ‘Let me see what I can do.’ When he called to let me know about this incredible opportunity, I started screaming. I was so happy. My whole family was screaming and crying. My dad, who was usually very overprotective, didn’t seem worried though. He trusted Tom. But, he kept reminding me to keep my head in the books, and said that if I studied hard, God would help,” she recalled.

“All I could think about was coming to America to study. I watched a lot of movies to prepare. When I finally arrived, I was greeted by a whole group of people at the airport and there was snow on the ground, which I had never seen before. I was nervous and excited,” she remembered.

Sophomore biology major O’Brien Davis’ connection with TMC can be described as eye-opening (literally). At the age of 18, he began losing sight and doctors told him that a corneal transplant was the only way to prevent him from going blind. O’Brien’s financial situation didn’t allow for such an expensive procedure. A group of Thomas More students visiting his hometown that summer learned about his situation through Pastor Michael Jones. One nursing student, LaVon Moore, worked as a surgical technician for Dr. Kenneth Amend in Cincinnati. She immediately made the connection with O’Brien, promising him that Dr. Amend would perform the surgery free of charge. The TMC students raised funds to help offset O’Brien’s travel costs and he was able to get the surgery that fall. He made a return trip for a follow-up exam a few months later, and was pleased to report his eyesight had dramatically improved. Not only had his ability to see changed, but O’Brien’s outlook on life had changed as well. “I decided then that I would want to be able to do what others had done for me. I wanted to give back,” he said.

O’Brien embarked on a mission to study dentistry, and ironically found his college home back here at Thomas More, where he, along with Monieka, exemplify what the Jamaica Service Learning project is all about, not only by representing their culture, but by what they envision their future to hold. Each has not just “taken” from their opportunity to study at Thomas More, but they’ve each given back to the College and fellow students in many ways.

“I’ve learned from other students here that even though we are from different cultures, that we do share many common interests,” O’Brien said. “And, I think that in some ways, I’ve helped broaden the perspective of my fellow students of what’s going on in the world outside of the United States,” he added. O’Brien left behind his mother, sister and nephew, whom he tries to call as often as he can. “My mom really appreciates it when she can hear my voice. I think it offers her some comfort,” he said.

Monieka said her perceptions of Americans have changed in many ways since her time here at Thomas More. “I think we are all just people who are going through the same struggles, just in different ways.” For two TMC students who have already faced so many struggles, it’s easy to imagine that their hard work and perseverance will not only benefit them personally, but also the lives of others whom they encounter along their journeys. Both Monieka and O’Brien attend Thomas More on full academic scholarships, and through the generosity of donors, they are able to afford living here. It’s obvious they recognize the value of their personal connections with the College, and it will be exciting to see how those connections continue to touch more lives here in the US and beyond.
Join the Crowds!

If you haven’t been to an alumni event in a while, you’re in the minority! In the last two years, alumni attendance has increased by 92.2 percent! Alumni events are a great way to reconnect, network and socialize, so mark your calendars to join us in 2011 for these upcoming events:

May

13

Commencement Weekend for VMC Class of 1961

TMC Campus

14

June

10

TMC Alumni Night with the Florence Freedom

Sept.

19

Bensman Golf Classic
Summit Hills Country Club

Oct.

8

Homecoming Weekend
TMC Campus

9

Oct.

29

TMC Alumni Day at Keeneland

Stay Connected with TMC — Update Your Records!

Has your contact information changed? Did you get married? Do you have a new job? Have you moved? To ensure you keep receiving important information from TMC, please update your contact records with the College by going online at thomasmore.edu/alumni and complete the alumni update form. We can also email or snail mail a form, if necessary. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 859-344-3346 or email alumni@thomasmore.edu.
Alumni Gatherings

TMC alumni had several opportunities to connect with each other over the winter.

1. Universal ADG Night drew 80 fraternity brothers on December 3, who enjoyed a chance to catch up with each other here on campus.

2. The Distinguished Alumnae League hosted the Leadership Forum at TMC on Feb. 23, attracting more than 120 attendees.

3. Early March offered opportunities for 50 TAP and MBA alumni and current students to network. In addition, Louisville alumni had a chance to socialize at a regional gathering on March 8.

4. Over 160 alumni attended the 3rd annual Alumni Wine Tasting on April 1. Riesling and Cabernet Sauvignon were the featured wines this year and some fun aspects of the evening included several door prize drawings, courtesy of area restaurants, and a blind tasting, courtesy of Elk Creek Winery, where guests had to guess the region from where the wines came.

Do You Know a Future Saint?
Future Saint Micah James Hanks, grandson of Jim Dressman ’74, was born December 3, 2010. Micah often sports a Saints bib (and an adorable grin). If you have a future Saint that you want to announce, let us know and we’ll send you a bib. Just contact alumni@thomasmore.edu or 859-344-3346.

1950s

Karl Lietzenmayer ’59 now directs The Choral Club of Northern Kentucky after they recently re-organized. They performed at St. John Congregational Church in West Covington, Kentucky on April 10 as a dedication to Covington civic leader Ron Einhaus.

1960s

Chuck Faust ’67 received the Coach Jim Connor Award from Newport Central Catholic (NCC) in February 2011, an honor given to individuals who uphold education, athletics and service to others. Faust lettered in baseball for two years and football for three years while at NCC, graduating in 1962.

John Hagan ’67 has published his collection of short stories entitled A Long Farewell (Goose River Press).

1970s

Ivan Bennett ’72 was recently elected to the Board of Governors at Country Club of Hilton Head. He was also captain of the United States Tennis Association’s (USTA) Men’s Southern Super Senior Section Championship team and won the South Carolina state championship.

Vickie (Hucker) Cimprich ’72 received an Artist Encouragement Grant from the Kentucky Foundation for Women (KFW) to travel and write in southeastern France. Her novel in verse, Pretty Mother’s Home — a Shakespeare Daybook (Broadstone Books, 2007) had also been supported by KFW grants. Her works regularly appear in The Journal of Kentucky Studies.
Connecting With Alumni
A Message from Alumni Relations Director Monica E. Ginney ’93

Since my first day as alumni director for TMC in 2006, I have been amazed by the number of alumni I connect with on a daily basis. My philosophy is that your alumni connection began with TMC the first day you stepped on campus as a student, and should always continue long after your graduation. It’s my privilege to help facilitate that connection.

Some of our graduates from the earliest decades still attend alumni functions, serve on college boards and committees and send us updates or news for Class Notes in Moreover. Everything about your connection to TMC is a reflection of how much your education and experience here meant to you. The Office of Alumni Relations is here for YOU. You are the reason we do what we do. You have told us through surveys what you would like and that’s been reflected in attendance at alumni events, which has grown by an astounding 92 percent in the past two years!

If you have not yet been back to campus, I encourage you to visit and let me know when you do. Don’t be shy about making the most of one of our upcoming event weekends such as the Florence Freedom game, Homecoming Weekend, Keeneland or next year’s Alumni Wine Tasting. The connections you will make with fellow alumni will be well worth it. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Send Us Your Photos!
We would love to include photos of our alumni and their families as part of Class Notes. Please follow these guidelines when submitting photos for publication:

Photographic prints: Moreover accepts all photograph sizes, but prefers 2x3 inches (wallet size) for headshots and 4x6 for photos featuring several individuals. Both black and white and color prints are acceptable. Mail your photos to the Office of Alumni Relations, Thomas More College, 333 Thomas More Parkway, Crestview Hills, KY 41017.

Tips for sending photo prints: The photos sent for publication in Moreover should be sharp and clear. Photos that are out of focus, have shadows or contain red-eyed subjects may not be usable.

Digital photos: For print reproduction of digital photographs, we require high resolution files (a minimum of 300 pixels per inch or 300dpi) in as large a format as possible. Digital photos should be saved in a JPEG or TIFF format. To submit a digital photo, attach it to an email message with your class note to alumni@thomasmore.edu.

Deacon Bill Theis ’72 recently completed running a marathon (26.2 miles) in every state.

Theresa (Hillenmeyer) Mattei ’73 was recently named Ambassador of Science Literacy by the Louisville Science Center at the grand opening of Star Trek: The Exhibition. Joining her for the special event were 21 family members including her parents and various TMC alumni.

Bruce Hoffmeister ’83 has been named global chief information officer for Marriott International, Inc. He has led the drive for sustainable efficiencies in the computing resources for Marriott’s worldwide operations and directs the company’s efforts to modernize key systems involved in sales and marketing, event and revenue management.

Robert F. Whitaker ’88 earned the Colleague (CAGO) and Choirmaster (CHM) certificates from the American Guild of Organists in 2010.

Melissa (Wambaugh) Adamchik ’94 was a grant recipient in January 2011 as part of a group setting the standard and laying the foundation for early childhood mental health for the state of Kentucky.

John Goebel ’96 was recently promoted to manager of the Investigative Services Unit of American Financial Group, Inc. (AFG), where he serves as a fraud investigator, investigating fraud that involves employees, agents and vendors of AFG and its subsidiaries. He has been with AFG since 1997.

Dr. David M. Hale ’97 was commissioned a captain in the U.S. Army Reserve as a veterinary medical officer.

Jeff Thomas ’97 married Brittany Bauer in October of 2010 and is the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission’s new biological programs manager. Jeff and Brittany live in Burlington, Ky.
Clint Brandner ’99 and his wife, Krista Funke Brandner, would like to announce the birth of their first child, Isabella Kathleen, on June 10, 2010. The family resides in Keller, Texas.

Angela Marie Brocato ’99 was recently recognized and awarded as one of the year-end support leaders for Central Bank. She has been the quality control coordinator for Central Insurance Services, a division of Central Bank, for a little over a year. She currently resides in Louisville, Ky.

Christy (Tibbs) Williams ’99 and several other former TMC cheerleaders from 1995–2000 recently held an informal reunion at Barleycorn’s in Lakeside Park, Ky.

Pictured are Julie Thompson ’02, Laura (Heusing) Everman ’01, Christy (Tibbs) Williams ’99, Stephanie (Neale) Logsdon ’99 and ’02, Shelli (Hoffman) Lampe ’97 and JoJo (Santos) Harmon ’97.

Sarah (Drew) Griffith ’00 and her husband, Ryan, announced the birth of their daughter, Rachel Elliott Griffith, on November 10, 2010. Rachel joins big brothers, Samuel and Seth. The family resides in Walton, Ky.

Patrick Hartman ’02 was recently transferred from Scott Air Force Base, Ill. to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. As a member of the Judge Advocate General’s Corp (JAG), he is currently assigned as the regional medical law consultant providing legal advice to the Wright-Patterson Medical Center and nine other regional Air Force medical treatment facilities.

Jen (Golliher) McCoy ’05 and her husband welcomed baby Chloe Marie McCoy on June 1, 2010.

Brigid (McMillan) Brown ’05 and her husband, Kyle, welcomed their first child, Madelynn Ruth Brown, on February 3, 2011.

Stephanie (Vance) Kendall ’05 would like to announce that she and her husband are expecting their second child who will arrive at the beginning of June.

Christine (Budek) Sokol ’05 is now the facilitator for the Stronger Together Program in the rural counties of Kentucky, as part of the Northern Kentucky Community Action Commission. She will present programs in Teen Safe Dating, Love’s Cradle, How to Pick a Partner and Survival Skills Family Wellness Training. Her son, Patrick Burridge, will also attend TMC this coming fall, majoring in biology and computer science.

Elizabeth (Egan) Wolf ’06 would like to announce the birth of her daughter, Wendy Margaret Wolf, born on March 15, 2010.

Alexander Rosen ’07 will soon complete the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program at Thomas More College to become a secondary level English teacher.

Megan A. Cahill ’09 will marry Thomas W. Phipps on June 16, 2012 at St. Paul Church in Florence, KY.

Patricia Turner ’09 will be getting married August 6, 2011 to Bryon A. Martin at the Benchmark in Covington, Ky. She is also currently working for East Indiana Treatment Center as an addictions counselor.

Mary Lou (Butts) Happe ’51 passed away February 26, 2011.

Ronan L. Berberich ’55 passed away December 4, 2010 at St. Elizabeth Healthcare in Edgewood, Ky.


William E. “Bill” Tobergte ’57 passed away January 29 at St. Elizabeth Hospice in Edgewood, Ky.

Rafael Papa ’58 passed away in January in Woolwich, Maine.


Lawrence Robinson ’65 passed away February 26, 2010.


Cook Cundiff ’77 passed away in December 2010 in Versailles, Ky.

Carol J. (Imhoff) Andes ’80 passed away December 30, 2010.

Kenneth Joseph Goins ’80 passed away on January 14 at St. Elizabeth Healthcare in Edgewood, Ky.

Joan C. (Seekatz) Bansbach ’84 passed away December 14, 2010.

Adam Renner ’93 passed away on December 18, 2010 in San Francisco, Calif.


Brenda Shuey ’97 passed away on January 19. She was a resident of Pleasant Plain, Ohio.

Ted J. Bushelman (Honorary Degree, 2008) passed away March 6, 2011.
For a small Division III school, the Saints have been big on success, making headlines with impressive rankings, undefeated seasons and talented athletes. Fans cheered the Saints on to numerous wins and program firsts throughout the fall and winter seasons. Former athletes came back to support their alma mater, reinforcing what the lasting connection of being a team player means at TMC.

Saints Continue to Make Winning Connections

The Thomas More College women’s basketball team had its most successful season in 2010-11 as it went undefeated in the regular season for the second time in four years and finished with a program-best 30-1 record. On January 24, the Saints accomplished a school first as they were named the No. 1 team in the nation. They remained No. 1 six straight weeks as they finished the regular season.

During the course of the season, the team clinched its sixth straight season of 20 wins, its sixth straight PAC regular season title and fifth straight PAC tournament title.

The PAC honored five Saints at the end of the season as Head Coach Brian Neal was named PAC Coach of the Year, while senior center Nicole Dickman (Park Hills, Ky./Notre Dame Academy) and sophomore guard Chelsea Tolliver (Morning View, Ky./Simon Kenton) were named first team All-PAC, sophomore guard Allison Long (Hebron, Ky./Conner) was named second team All-PAC and sophomore forward/center Katie Kees (Cincinnati, Ohio/Mother of Mercy) was named honorable mention All-PAC.

Tolliver and Dickman were named second team All-Great Lakes by D3hoops.com at the conclusion of the NCAA Tournament.

Student Athletes Continue to be Successful in the Classroom

Four Thomas More student-athletes have been recognized by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) as they were named to the Capital One Academic All-District IV teams in their respective sports.

In women’s soccer, junior defender Kelsie Rust (Independence, Ky./Simon Kenton) and junior forward Christy Green (Cincinnati, Ohio/Mother of Mercy) have been named to the Capital One Academic All-District IV Third Team. Rust carries a 3.95 grade point average (GPA) in middle school education.

In women’s basketball, sophomore guards Chelsea Tolliver (Morning View, Ky./Simon Kenton) and Allison Long (Hebron, Ky./Conner) were both named to the Capital One Academic All-District IV Teams. Tolliver, who carries a 4.00 GPA in business, was named to the second team. She led the Saints in scoring and steals. Long was named to the third team and carries a 4.00 GPA in secondary education. She led the team in assists, field goal percentage and three-point field goal percentage.

Capital One Academic All-District teams are voted on by members of the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) within their respective district. District IV consists of member schools in the states of Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.
Winning Connections

Men’s Basketball Advanced to PAC Semifinals

The men's basketball team finished the season 13-14 overall and 8-6 in the PAC under second-year Head Coach Jeff Rogers as it advanced to the semifinal round of the PAC Championship Tournament.

The Saints were second in the conference in scoring offense as they averaged 73.8 points per game and led the conference in steals per game as they averaged 11.48 per game. After the season, three Saints were named All-PAC by the conference’s head coaches as senior shooting guard Aaron Miller (Lexington, Ky./Henry Clay) was named first team, junior center Colt Stafford (Groveport, Ohio/Bishop Hartley) was named second team and senior shooting guard Brian Muse (Bethel, Ohio/Bethel) was named honorable mention. Miller led the team in scoring (15.4 ppg), rebounding (7.1 rebounds per game) and steals (64).

15 of the 18 Saints from the 2010-11 season return next season and look to win a PAC title.

2012 Athletic Hall of Fame Nominations Accepted

Thomas More College has continually hosted student athletes who have excelled not only on the courts and fields on campus, but in their classrooms and community. If you know of someone who deserves to be considered for the 2012 Athletic Hall of Fame, visit thomasmore.edu/alumni and complete the nomination form.

Submission deadline is December 1, 2011.
For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 859-344-3346 or alumni@thomasmore.edu.
**FOOTBALL**

**Football Posts Second Straight Undefeated Regular Season**

The football team posted its second straight and fifth overall undefeated regular season as it won its third straight PAC championship and finished the season with an 11-1 record. The Saints appeared in their fifth overall and third straight NCAA Division III Championship where they hosted a first round game at The Bank of Kentucky Field and Griffin Plaza. On October 4, the Saints marched into the Top 10 in both national polls to earn the program’s highest national ranking at No. 9 in the country. The Saints stayed at No. 9 until the end of the season when they were ranked No. 13 in the American Football Coaches Association’s (AFCA) final rankings.

At the end of the season, the team was awarded the PAC Team Sportsmanship Award, while senior offensive lineman Tyler Owens (Ft. Thomas, Ky./Highlands) was named PAC Player of the Year, Head Coach Jim Hilvert was named Coach of the Year and 18 Saints were named All-PAC. Owens was also named to two All-American teams as he earned the honor from the AFCA and the internet website, d3football.com.

**VOLLEYBALL**

**Volleyball Makes School-Best 10th NCAA Tournament Appearance**

The volleyball team posted a 28-8 record and a perfect 16-0 mark in the PAC en route to winning both the PAC regular season and tournament titles. The team advanced to a school-best 10th NCAA Tournament since joining the NCAA in 1991.

At the end of the season, senior outside hitter Alyssa Carlotta (Cincinnati, Ohio/Roger Bacon) was named PAC Player of the Year and Head Coach John Spinney was named Coach of the Year, while six Saints were named All-PAC. Carlotta was also named All-Central Region at the conclusion of the season by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).

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**Saints Legends — Where are They Now? An Interview with C. Dennis Kehoe ’66—Baseball**

Denny Kehoe describes his time as a student athlete at Villa Madonna College as the best four years of his life. It’s easy to see why when you look back at the record books. As a freshman pitcher for the VMC baseball team in 1963, he pitched a no-hitter against Georgetown College, and by his second year he was the first pitcher in school history to pull off a win against both Xavier and the University of Cincinnati. In 1965, the team won the Kentucky Intercollegiate Athletic Conference, the first of any VMC team to win a conference championship in any sport.

Denny described his experience, “We had a number of good baseball players on both sides of the river — guys who just liked to play ball. All of us were in the same boat — none of us had a lot of money. We were fortunate to be involved in athletics and to meet so many life-long friends.”

Graduating from Newport Catholic High School in 1959, Denny said he didn’t have aspirations to go to college, despite being in the top of his class. He decided to enter the work force, appealing to Procter and Gamble for a job. “There was a job available in the mail room, and when the guy offered it to me, I wasn’t real thrilled, so I simply said, ‘I guess so.’ Well, he immediately took back that offer and I was sent on my way. Ironically, I ended up working at an insurance company for three years — in their mail room. I ate lunch everyday with underwriters who were making about five times what I was, so I decided I needed to go to college,” he said. Denny worked his way through school at VMC, taking on various jobs with the College and also working at a local brewery. By the time he was a senior, he and his new bride at the time, Margie (Boschert), were expecting their first child. As a student athlete, and a senior with comprehensive exams looming, Denny had a lot on his plate, but he credits Coach Jim Weyer for helping guide him through that particular journey and his college career.

After Denny graduated with a degree in history in 1966, he went back to apply for a job at Procter and Gamble, more humbled and experienced than the first time, and landed a position processing orders. He spent the last 21 of his 27-year career there in military sales. Denny was inducted into the TMC Athletics Hall of Fame in 2010. He and Margie have now been married 46 years. They have three children, Brian, Cindy and Kim ’92 and still reside in Northern Kentucky. When Denny visited TMC’s campus earlier this spring, he found a comfortable place to admire the campus and reflect back on memories at Villa Madonna College — on the baseball field, with one foot on the white rubber mound and a glove and ball in hand.
Women’s Soccer Went Unbeaten in 2010

Men’s and Women’s Head Coach Jeff Cummings continues to build successful soccer programs at Thomas More.

The women’s soccer team finished the 2010 regular season unbeaten as they were 14-0-4 overall and 8-0 in the Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC), while earning its highest-ever ranking in program history — No. 20 in the nation.

Five Saints were named All-PAC after the season, while junior goalkeeper Katie Burger (Cincinnati, Ohio/Mother of Mercy), sophomore forward Abby Gindling (Cincinnati, Ohio/Seton) and senior defender Alex Crouch (Cincinnati, Ohio/Reading) were named to the Performance Subaru All-Great Lakes Region teams by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA).

Burger was the NCAA Division III Women’s Soccer Statistical champion in goals against average (0.09) and save percentage (.968).

Men’s Soccer Makes Second Straight NCAA Tournament Appearance

The men’s soccer team finished the season with a 12-6-2 overall record and a 4-3 mark in the PAC as it won its second straight PAC tournament title and advanced to its second straight NCAA Tournament.

In the NCAA Tournament, it took No. 10-ranked Dominican University double overtime to defeat the PAC champion Saints in the first round. At the conclusion of the season, senior midfielder Dan Miller (Cincinnati, Ohio/Elder) was named PAC Player of the Year, while six Saints were named All-PAC. Miller was also named Performance Subaru All-Great Lakes Region by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America (NSCAA) at the end of the season.

Senior forward Aaron Osborne (Cincinnati, Ohio/LaSalle) led the team in scoring with 22 points on 10 goals and two assists, while senior Zack Lawson (Frankfort, Ky./Frankfort) led the team in goals saved as he had 48 saves and three shutouts in 971:31 in goal.

Women’s Tennis Finishes Fifth at PAC Championships

The Saints’ women’s tennis team under the direction of first-year Head Coach Ryan Meyer finished the season 8-7 overall and 4-4 in the Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) regular season and placed fifth at the PAC Championship.

At the PAC Championship, sophomore Emily Wesselman (Union, Ky./Ryle) placed fourth at No. 3 singles and finished fourth at No. 1 doubles as she teamed with junior Lauren Race (Cortland Manor, N.Y./John F. Kennedy). For the season, Wesselman was 12-5 at No. 3 singles, while the team of Wesselman and Race had a 9-8 season mark at No. 1 doubles.

The future looks bright for the Saints as six of the eight players from the 2010 season return for 2011.

Cross Country Has Strong Campaign

Head Cross Country Coach Brian Alessandro continues to build a successful cross country program at Thomas More.

At the 2010 Presidents’ Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship, the men’s team finished seventh with 169 points, while the women’s team placed ninth with 226 points. On the men’s side, freshman Matt Wurtzler (Cincinnati, Ohio/Roger Bacon) paced the Saints as he finished 11th overall with a time of 27:18.62 and earned All-PAC honors. On the women’s side, sophomore Celia Arlinghaus (Edgewood, Ky./Holy Cross) finished 17th with a time of 24:53.50 to lead the Saints.

The Saints return 14 of their 16 runners in 2011 and look to move up in the PAC rankings.
10 Minute Spiritual Break…

This spring, TMC Director of Campus Ministry Sr. Pat Dorobek, SND, recommends taking a 10-minute spiritual break every day. Following are her suggestions for reflecting upon during the continued celebration of Easter.

The death of Jesus is not the last word or the end of the story. Resurrection is the last and ultimate word of God about life and death.

In a world with so much death, we are called to share Resurrection today. More than ever the world needs to experience Resurrection.

Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won’t stay there.

— Clarence W. Hall

The Death of Death by Scott Cairns

Put fear aside. Now that He has entered into death on our behalf, all who live no longer die as men once died.

That ephemeral occasion has met its utter end. As seeds cast to the earth, we will not perish, but like those seeds shall rise again—the shroud of death itself having been burst to tatters by love’s immensity.


Mark on TMC

Often referred to as “Mr. Northern Kentucky,” Ted Bushelman was a good friend to many, including the TMC community. In 2008, he was awarded an honorary degree from Thomas More College. His passing at the age of 75 on Sunday, March 6 was a shock to friends and family who have since honored his contributions to the community and enthusiasm for life in numerous ways.

Ted was the spokesperson for Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport for more than 40 years. Among his many roles and appointments in the community, he was a member of Florence City Council and was active for decades in the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce, which he helped create in the 1960s. As founder of Cable One, a volunteer non-profit television production company, Ted was instrumental in televising TMC events, including commencement each May as well as football and basketball games.

“Ted volunteered a great deal of time and energy to TMC for our athletic broadcasts. He and his staff did a great job. Ted was a good friend and advisor to me personally and will be dearly missed,” TMC Athletic Director Terry Connor said. TMC has since dedicated the lower level control room in his honor. “We now have the Ted Bushelman Studio downstairs in the Connor Convocation center,” Connor added.

Serve It Up This Season!

Assistant Food Service Director Jason Rominger’s Parmesan Walnut Salad in Belgian Endive Leaves was a huge hit at the recent Alumni Wine Tasting in April. By popular demand, he’s sharing his secret recipe here in Moreover. For more recipes, visit thomasmore.edu/MORE.

Parmesan Walnut Salad in Belgian Endive Leaves

INGREDIENTS

1 clove of garlic minced and mashed into paste with 1/2 teaspoon of salt
1 tablespoon mayo
2 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
2 tablespoon extra virgin olive oil
1/4 pound of shredded parmesan (about 1 cup)
1/2 cup finely chopped celery
4 Belgian endives
1 cup walnuts, lightly toasted and chopped fine
1/4 cup parsley leaves, fresh and finely chopped

DIRECTIONS

In a bowl, whisk together garlic paste, mayo, lemon juice and olive oil. Stir in parmesan and celery.

Stir in walnuts and parsley.

Trim endives and separate leaves.

Dip wide end of endive leaf into salad, scooping about 1 tablespoon of salad onto leaf.

Recipe makes approximately 40 hors d’oeuvres.
“We cannot live only for ourselves. A thousand fibers connect us with our fellow men; and among those fibers, as sympathetic threads, our actions run as causes, and they come back to us as effects.”

– Herman Melville
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