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DISCIPLINED THINKERS.  
ETHICAL LEADERS.



Dear Friends,

This issue of *Moreover* will complete the three part presentation of my inaugural address which highlighted the College's adaptability, liberal arts education and catholicity. I trust that you have found this review of our history and the challenges such a tradition presents a source of pride and inspiration.

*From its inception by the Benedictine Sisters until today, Thomas More College is marked as a **Catholic** college. The external face of the College has changed — no longer do priests and religious sisters compose the majority of the faculty. And while the majority of our student body is Catholic there is great religious diversity on campus as students of various Christian and non-Christian faiths are welcomed.*

*Yet, much remains the same. Some of which is obvious and easy to account. For instance, just as in its earliest days, all present day students are required to take theology and philosophy courses. The school community celebrates the liturgical seasons of the Catholic Church. Mass is celebrated daily in our chapel and religious symbols are evident throughout the campus. Catholicism has and continues to enrich the educational experience by making prayer and liturgy a part of the student experience.*

***As we move forward**, it is imperative that we insure religion is not separated from the curriculum or found only in theology classes, but is integrated into all courses of study. In our complex world where new scientific advancements and life altering possibilities arise daily, spiritual questions must be allowed to arise in all disciplines. As Fr. James Heft, the Chancellor at the University of Dayton has said "Liberal education in a Catholic college is not about deciding who you want to be but rather about discovering whom you are called to be." Faith cannot be an add-on but must be woven into each subject. Reflection on God, on the absolute, will enable students and faculty alike to address life's fundamental questions.*

*The importance of community is a hallmark of our Catholic faith. Our Church teaching emphasizes the dignity of every individual and the value of the common good. Commitment to a scholarly focus on social justice issues is another aspect of a Catholic college that is apparent as one reads through the history of Villa Madonna/Thomas More College. In his 1990 Apostolic Constitution, "Ex Corde Ecclesia," Pope John Paul II addressed three specific areas of concern: the ethical challenges of the modern world, global economic and social justice and the protection of the environment. Each of these receives special attention by this College. While social justice issues may be most visible in our humanities and the social sciences, we must be vigilant to see that they also animate our professional programs. The business program must not only educate knowledgeable professionals but also see that this knowledge is informed by moral principles. Our science departments must ensure that students view their research as the utilization and development of the earth's resources in order to help humanity and thereby serve as an agent for God's work.*

*Finally, the idea of community must always extend toward a larger whole. As a Catholic college we must offer a climate that encourages active participation in community service. Service learning should be an integral part of our undergraduate courses. I continue to discover numerous ways our students are engaged with service both here on campus, in our tri-state region, in poverty stricken neighborhoods within our country and beyond our borders. The compassion, energy and commitment of our faculty, staff and students gives me renewed hope for our world. **Our challenge** is that we not become complacent. We as a privileged community of scholars cannot say "we have done enough" until all people throughout our world are able to live with their basic needs fulfilled.*

*For almost 85 years now, students of Villa Madonna/Thomas More College have had the opportunity to grow intellectually, morally and socially in the context of a community whose fundamental values are those of Catholic Christianity. It is our challenge to insure that we never waiver in achieving that goal.*

May you be blessed this spring with blue skies, brilliant greens and a rainbow of God's love.

Sincerely,

Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P. '68



# FOCAL Point



## Meet Tommy Mo...

On February 8, Thomas More College unveiled the newest member on campus, mascot Tommy Mo, at the men's and women's basketball double header against Waynesburg College. Tommy Mo is fashioned after the College's patron, Saint Thomas More. Keep your eyes open for Tommy Mo on campus and in the community.

## Enrollment News

By Angela Griffin-Jones  
Vice President for Enrollment

The Enrollment Office is well on its way to bringing in another great class of students for the

Fall of 2006. We have entered the second phase of our recruitment plan, which includes reviewing application files, completing financial aid packages and awarding scholarships. The new Admissions Counselors, two of whom are recent Thomas More graduates, have stepped up to the challenge fantastically well. This past fall the Admissions staff visited more high schools and attended more college fairs than ever before. We branched out into West Virginia and the

greater Pittsburgh area for recruitment, now that we are members of the Presidential Athletic Conference (PAC), and received a good response. What we're most excited about is the implementation of on-line "chats" with prospective students and applicants, as well as "blogs" by current students. Recruiting students is taking on a whole new direction, and Thomas More College is on top of the trends. Not to be left out, the Financial Aid Office has implemented an on-line scholarship calculator for students to get a glimpse of what awards they could receive if they apply for admission.

If you know of a student who may be interested in Thomas More, please contact our office at 859-344-3332, and we'll be glad to send them our viewbook and application.

## Phi Alpha Delta sponsors Valerie Lemmie to open Black History Month

On February 1 2006, Phi Alpha Delta, in conjunction with the African-American Student Association and the Pre-Law Association, sponsored the appearance of Ms. Valerie Lemmie, Scholar-in-Residence with The Kettering Foundation, Dayton, Ohio and former City Manager of the City of Cincinnati. Ms. Lemmie's address was titled "Cincinnati's Past, Present, and Future: Opportunities and Challenges." Ms. Lemmie spoke on the history of race relations since the late 19th century, as well as the present direction of economic development taking place in the City of Cincinnati.



## Ukrainian Partnership

On January 4, 2006, Dr. Nadya P. Gvozdeva, Director of the Institute of Culture and Arts of Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National Pedagogical University, Ukraine, and mother of Thomas More student Borys Gvozdeva, visited Thomas More along with her colleague, Alexander Vichristuk. The purpose of the visit was to renew a standing friendship agreement established in 2001 between the two schools, as well as to expand program opportunities with the two institutions. Dr. Bradley Bielski, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dr. Gvozdeva signed the renewed agreement. In conjunction, Dr. Gvozdeva invited Dr. Bielski, Dr. Paul Tenkotte, Director Emeritus of International Studies and Mr. David Ebacher, Coordinator of International Activities to attend a symposium for international educators that will be held at Luhansk Taras Shevchenko National Pedagogical University.



*Pictured from left to right: Dr. Nadya P. Gvozdeva, Dr. Bradley Bielski & Mr. David Ebacher.*



## Erica Holloman Leader for the Future

On February 1, 2006, *Appause Magazine's* African-American Professional Development Symposium and Reaching for the Stars presented 10 emerging area leaders as the 2006 Leaders for the Future. The award celebrates excellence in the African-American community and honors those who have achieved exceptional professional accomplishments, demonstrated community service and proven leadership abilities.

Among the honorees was Erica Holloman, Thomas More's Director of Student Life. In her position at Thomas More, Erica is responsible for counseling and guiding students in their personal, social and academic development. This fall, Erica coordinated Thomas More's student relief fund for Hurricane Katrina victims. Erica is also an active community volunteer; serving as co-chair for the American Cancer Society's Making Strides for Breast Cancer Walk, volunteering at the FreeStore Foodbank and participating in the March of Dimes Walk.

**Thomas More Art Gallery** *Spring Exhibits*



**March 24–April 16**  
Senior Art Exhibit

**April 21–May 3**  
Juried Student Art

**Art Gallery Hours**  
Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
Friday 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Saturday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Sunday 12 to 5 p.m.

*Located on the main level  
of the Thomas More Library  
859-344-3300*

## Associate of Arts in Spanish

Since 1999, the Department of Foreign Languages has graduated 18 students with an Associate of Arts degree in Spanish. The Associate of Arts in Spanish consists of 15 credit hours and includes the traditional courses in conversation, composition, reading for cultural understanding and introduction to literature. In addition, a student may decide to complete a self-initiated degree by taking classes through the consortium, or taking advantage of study abroad opportunities. Students completing the self-initiated degree can suggest courses they would like to take. In the past, courses have included Hispanic and Spanish cinema, as well as a course in international business. Two alumni have completed that degree, and two current students are working on that option. Looking towards the future, a co-op component to the degree is being explored as well as the incorporation of a service learning aspect to the program.

For more information about the Associate of Arts in Spanish, contact Dr. Cari Garriga at 859-344-3397.

## New Program Prepares Students to Meet Growing Demands

In the Fall of 2006, Thomas More College will begin offering a degree in Latin American & Caribbean Studies. The program is designed to prepare students to understand the Spanish language, as well as the rich history and cultures of Mexico, Jamaica, Puerto Rico, and other areas of Latin America.

This new program addresses a growing demand for multi-cultural skills in the workforce. Hispanics currently represent the largest minority population in the U.S. at 14%. This growing Latino market will continue to impact every aspect of the nation from education to commerce.

For more information about the Latin American & Caribbean Studies program, please call 859-344-3310.

# ► Share *your* VMC/TMC. memories



In the Fall, Thomas More College will kick-off its 85th year as the Catholic College of the Diocese of Covington. To commemorate this auspicious occasion, we would like you to share your VMC/TMC memories or stories.

We will celebrate throughout the year with features in *Moreover*, as well as campus events and activities. Your shared memories and stories will become part of the 85th celebration's permanent record.

To submit your memories or stories, simply contact us in one of the following ways: *NOTE: Please include your name (married and maiden) as well as class year.*



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Fill out the form below and mail to the address above.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Publish my E-mail address? (circle one) Yes No

Share your VMC/TMC memories: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Grant Provides Education Resources

Thomas More College was recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation for the Teacher Resource Center at Thomas More College. The Teacher Resource Center will provide education students, as well local teachers, access to essential tools to create lesson plans that can accommodate diverse teaching and learning styles, as well as professional development opportunities.

"This generous gift from the Greater Cincinnati Foundation will allow Thomas More College to offer its education students and teachers in the community access to the latest educational tools and materials essential to effective learning," said Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, president of Thomas More College.

Approximately 120 aspiring teachers at Thomas More College will use these materials in their student-teaching in public and private schools. Teachers from urban parochial schools in Kentucky and



Ohio will have access to Thomas More's Resource Center, providing over 2,000 K-12 students with access to the latest teaching equipment and materials not available in their schools. In addition, Thomas More faculty will collaborate with urban elementary and secondary school teachers in professional development programs involving the use of new teaching materials.



## Thomas More Liturgical Schedule

### Monday

Mass: 8:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.  
Confessions: 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
& 9:00-10:00 p.m.  
Faith Formation: 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Rosary: 10:00 p.m. in front of  
the Villa Madonna  
Shrine

### Tuesday, Thursday & Friday

Mass: 8:00 a.m. & 12:30 p.m.  
Confessions: 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
and 9:00-10:00 p.m.  
Rosary: 10:00 p.m. in front of  
the Villa Madonna  
Shrine

### Wednesday

Mass: 8:00 a.m., 12:30 p.m.  
and 9:30 p.m.  
Eucharistic  
Adoration: 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Closing  
with Evening Prayer and  
Benediction  
Confessions: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.  
and 9:00-9:30 p.m.  
Faith Formation: 8:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Rosary: 10:00 p.m. in front of  
the Villa Madonna  
Shrine

### Saturday

Mass: 10:00 a.m.  
Confessions: 9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

### Sunday

Mass: 8:00 p.m.  
Confessions: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

## CALENDAR OF Events

### ■ April

19	Young Alumni Happy Hour, Jillian's	5:30 p.m.
22	Athletic Hall of Fame, Holbrook Student Center	6:00 p.m.
25	Scholarship Luncheon/Donor and Student Recipients	noon
29	ADG Awards Banquet, Holbrook Student Center	6:30 p.m.
30	Baseball Alumni Conference Weekend, Chapel	10:30 a.m.

### ■ May

11	Graduate Banquet, Seiler Commons	6:00 p.m.
13	Baccalaureate Mass, Cathedral Basilica	10:00 a.m.
13	Commencement Ceremony, Thomas More College	1:30 p.m.
18	Columbus, Ohio Alumni Reception	6:00 p.m.

### ■ June

1	Foundation Board Spring Event, Cathedral Basilica	6:00 p.m.
2	Class Year Anniversary Reunion, Thomas More College	6:00 p.m.

### ■ August

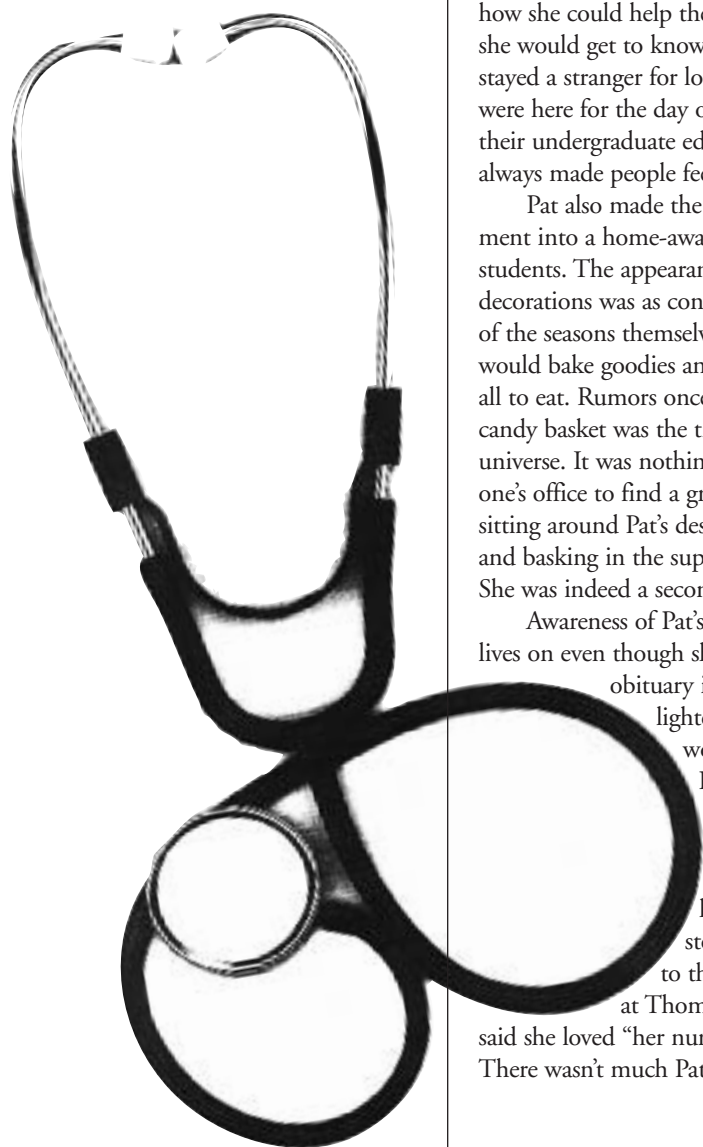
23	Classes Begin	
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### ■ September

11	Bensman Golf Classic, Summit Hills Country Club	
23	Homecoming	

## THE PASSING OF A FRIEND:

### *Her hopes for the future*



By Dr. Peg Owens  
Associate Professor of Nursing

Some things at Thomas More are permanent. Other things are not but should be. The smiling face of Pat Gieske sitting at her desk in the nursing department would fall into the latter category.

Pat began her work at Thomas More in 1984. From that point until her death in December of 2005, Pat's face was the first thing one encountered when entering the department. She would be sitting amid her myriad of family pictures and her beloved knick-knacks, mostly cats. She would be wearing one of her jaunty little "bargain" outfits. She would smile, ask how she could help the visitors, and then she would get to know them. No one stayed a stranger for long, whether they were here for the day or the length of their undergraduate education. Pat always made people feel at home.

Pat also made the nursing department into a home-away-from-home for students. The appearance of her seasonal decorations was as consistent as the arrival of the seasons themselves. Sometimes Pat would bake goodies and set them out for all to eat. Rumors once circulated that her candy basket was the true center of the universe. It was nothing to step out of one's office to find a group of students sitting around Pat's desk talking, laughing, and basking in the support she offered. She was indeed a second mom to many.

Awareness of Pat's quiet generosity lives on even though she is gone. Her obituary in the paper highlighted many of the wonderful things Pat did. Some stories did not appear in the newspaper, however. These stories were particular to the nursing students at Thomas More. Pat always said she loved "her nurses," and she did. There wasn't much Pat wouldn't do for



nursing students if she felt they were doing all they could do to help themselves.

The demographics of a typical class of nursing students changed over the twenty years that Pat worked at Thomas More. When she began in the 1980's the majority of students were of traditional age and background. Most of them had the benefit of emotional and financial support from their parents. While this is true for many students today, the reality is that many of them work almost full-time to put themselves through college. Sometimes they have their own children to raise and provide for. Some of them are single parents doing the best they can under very trying circumstances. Some truly are just alone in the world.

When a genuine need arose for one of "her nurses," Pat was often there to lend a hand. She brought in furniture from her own home to give to a student who unexpectedly found herself in dire straits. She paid for a student's car insurance so the student could continue in the program. On more than one occasion she bought the nursing pin for graduating seniors who could not afford to buy one. She invited foreign students into her home for holiday meals so they wouldn't be alone in the dorms. Pat never wanted anyone to be left out.



## Helping future nursing students:

# The Pat Gieske Memorial Scholarship Fund

Pat was genuinely committed to the nursing students of Thomas More College. It was not surprising that when asked by her family where she would like memorials to be sent after her death, she said she would like a scholarship for Thomas More nursing students to be established in her name. The Pat Gieske Memorial Scholarship Fund helps defray the cost of tuition, books and other direct educational expenses of nursing students who have financial need.

Pat spent her life quietly bringing joy to others. Anyone who was involved with the nursing department during the past twenty years has had some experience of her kindness and compassion. Now it is time for those of us who received to give back to Pat. Contributions to her scholarship fund will help ensure her presence will still be felt. A student who needs assistance will be able to apply for these endowed funds and find Pat's helping hand still there. Just a little gift from each of us who benefited so lavishly from Pat's generosity will help ensure that Pat's dream continues long into the future.

Contributions can be made to:

The Pat Gieske Memorial  
Scholarship Fund  
Office of Institutional Advancement  
Thomas More College  
333 Thomas More Parkway  
Crestview Hills, KY 41017

Contact the Office of Institutional  
Advancement for more information at 859-  
344-3344.



*On March 1, 2006 VonLehman & Company presented Thomas More College with a \$50,000 check. Pictured from left to right: Dave Macke, Barb Dechering, Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, Cathy Silvers, Curt Wenzler, Andy VonLehman, Donald Fritz, Tom Moore, Ted Funk, Tom Gilday and Tom Ruberg.*

## VonLehman Gives \$50,000 to Thomas More Corporate Campaign

On March 1, Thomas More College received a generous investment of \$50,000 from VonLehman & Company, Inc. for the 2006 Corporate Campaign. Funds raised from the corporate campaign will be used for scholarships. The \$50,000 from VonLehman will be utilized to fund scholarships for students majoring in accountancy.

"We believe that it is important to the health and future vitality of our communities to have an educational institution such as Thomas More assist in the development of our next generation of leaders," said Donald C. Fritz, CPA, CVA at VonLehman & Company. "Many of our employees are TMC graduates and we continue to find TMC as a great resource for the talents that our firm needs to grow and prosper. We are very proud to support TMC in its mission."



*On March 6, 2006 senior management from Fifth Third Bank presented Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, President of Thomas More College with a \$25,000 check for the Science Renovation Project. Pictured from left to right: Dr. Bradley Bielski, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Thomas More College; Jefferey Lawson, Vice President, Fifth Third; Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, President, Thomas More College; Timothy Rawe, President & CEO, Fifth Third (Northern Kentucky); Eric Summe, Vice President, Fifth Third.*

## Fifth Third Invests \$25,000 to Thomas More Campaign

On March 6, Thomas More College received a generous investment of \$25,000 from The Charles Moerlein Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee for the Science Renovation Campaign. The funds will be used for the purchase of equipment and the renovation of the science laboratories and classrooms.

"We are proud to partner with one of the great education facilities in our community. It is our hope that this contribution will help Thomas More College continue to expand on their educational efforts while adding great value and inspiring thousands of students in the years to come," said Fifth Third (Northern Kentucky) President, Tim Rawe.

## In Memoriam

### Dr. William D. Carpe (1938-2005) Adjunct Professor, Theology Department

By The Reverend  
Ronald M. Ketteler, S. T. L.

The Thomas More College community was shocked by the news of the sudden death of Dr. William Carpe, a lecturer in the Theology Department, on Thursday, December 15, 2005.

Professor Carpe was held in high regard by students, faculty, and staff alike. Bill, an excellent teacher and talented scholar, was universally recognized for his kind and humble demeanor as well as his erudition.

After graduating from the University of Iowa with a degree in history and philosophy, Bill pursued graduate studies in church history and ministry at the

University of Chicago. There, he received his bachelor of divinity degree in 1963 and his Ph.D. in church history in 1975.

Dr. Carpe was an ordained minister in the Disciples of Christ/Christian Church. Before assuming the pastorate of the Ludlow Christian Church in the 1980s, he held several academic appointments. He had been a professor of church history at the St. Meinrad School of Theology where he also served as Academic Dean. Later, he joined the faculty of the Lexington Theological Seminary.

Dr. Carpe was a pioneer in the ecumenical movement. He had received an appointment as an ecumenical scholar at the Ecumenical Institute in Geneva,

Switzerland and participated in ecumenical activities both regionally and nationally. He was the former editor of *Ecumenical Trends*, a journal published by the Graymoor Institute. For years, Bill chaired the Commission on Church Unity of the Kentucky Council of Churches. At the local level, Dr. Carpe had been instrumental in planning the annual Yom Ha Shoah services commemorating the Holocaust.

Among his ecumenical memorabilia, Dr. Carpe held a press pass to the last session of the Second Vatican Council. A photograph taken with Pope John Paul II in Rome was a testament to his membership in the first Roman Catholic/Disciples of Christ dialogue held at the Vatican.

Bill's death created a deep sense of loss among his colleagues and students. He will be remembered for his learning and his Christian witness.

Services for Dr. Carpe were held in Des Moines, Iowa. As a tribute, the Theology Department held an Ecumenical Week of Prayer of Christian Unity for the Thomas More College community. ■



Dr. William Carpe (right) with Pope John Paul II in Rome.

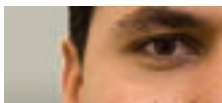


Thomas More Graduates...Anything But Typical

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Who is the typical student? Is there such a person in



today's world? Thomas More College prides

itself on not only providing a quality education, but on

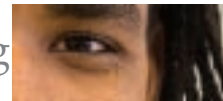
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to adapt and improvise

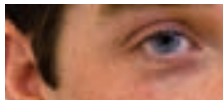
in relation to the expanding diversity of its students.

Whether it's reaching around the globe, bridging



generations, embracing the diversity of gender, race,

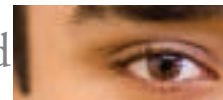
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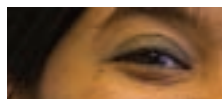
Thomas More College's mission

shines forth in the following reflections by several of its

students. Each brings a unique perspective and



educational journey, and in their comments we see the



embodiment of the unifying education of our

institution. By Dr. James E. McNutt



## GRADUATE PROFILE

**My Journey in the States****By: Tayfun B. Guleryuz '06 | Major: Communications/Philosophy**

I came to the United States when I was fourteen years old from Istanbul, Turkey. My brother was already living here and my father asked me if I would like to study high school in the states. I remembered America from the movies. It sounded really "cool" to learn a new language and be in a different country. I have been here for eight years now, and it has been like Aladdin's lamp, make a wish and it will all come true!

I did not know English when I first arrived, and if anyone asked me, "Hi, how are you doing?" I'd have a blank stare on my face. I took two years of English as a Second Language (ESL) to learn the English language. I graduated from Withrow High School in 2002 with honors; completing my high school education in two and a half years.

Everything still seems like a dream to me. After eight years in the states, I still cannot figure out how things progressed so quickly. To be honest, I'm a little hesitant to look back and think about all the bumpy roads I have been through and the accomplishments I have achieved.

What I have learned through this experience is that everything in life happens so fast. Sometimes you do not have the power to control things around you. During this journey I lost a father, which at first made me feel very alone. Then, so many miracles happened that I knew he hadn't left me at all. Somehow, his presence was all around me. I will not deny that my life was much easier before my father passed away. However, one of the biggest strengths I have gained from this difficult experience is to be strong and not to give up on life.

Thomas More and my dedicated professors made this journey so much easier for me to complete. One of the only reasons why I did not give up is because of two great professors that I admire and respect very much, Dr. Catherine Sherron and Dr. James McNutt. They have been so influential in every step I have taken, and I feel so fortunate to have been taught by such special individuals. I thank them for helping me through the most difficult days of my life. They have opened so many doors and helped me create an extended family at Thomas More College.

I have made many accomplishments in my life so far, and I look forward to adding a Thomas More education to the list. After I complete my education here, I will return to Istanbul to become an airline pilot, like my dad, and to fill the spot he has left behind. I look forward to continuing my journey above the clouds where there are no limits to what anyone can accomplish in this incredible world.

After an eight year journey in the states, the one thing I miss the most is spending time with my family. I do know when I go back home it will feel as if this was all a long dream. Soon, I will awaken and find myself home in Istanbul.





## GRADUATE PROFILE

### Second Chances

By: Cindy Ankenbauer '06 | Major: Nursing

I guess I am a bit of an abnormality at Thomas More, but I have always felt that I fit in...even during my freshman year. I will be 48 years old you see, when I graduate in May.

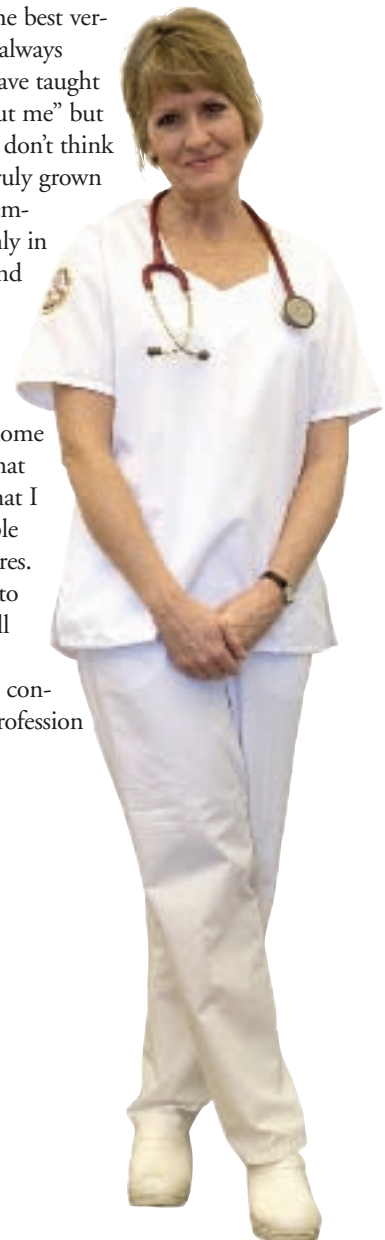
My life has been an amazing journey. At age 19, after completing 2 years at the University of Kentucky studying french and liberal arts, I was hired to work as a flight attendant for Pan American World Airways. Based in Hawaii and New York, I flew all over the world experiencing cultural diversity at its best. The gift I received in that line of work is that people are really the same all over the world...we are all just human beings with the same basic needs.

So why did I decide to study nursing and become a full-time college student when most people my age are living their lives in their comfort zones? The major event which acted as a catalyst was when my mother-in-law came to live with our family for several years after my father-in-law passed away in 1999. She was very weak and needed lots of care. It was through this life changing experience that I learned that I have an innate need to nurture and care for others. My good friend and neighbor had just enrolled in the nursing program at Thomas More and encouraged me to follow in her footsteps. Her enthusiasm for nursing was contagious. Then there are these two sisters of mine whom I love dearly and have the utmost respect for who both happen to be nurses. They pushed me out of the "rut" I was in at the time and inspired me to pursue nursing. On a whim, I filled out the federal student aid form, just to see if there was any way that I would qualify for financial aid. I did. The scholarships, grants and loans that I have received have made this whole endeavor a reality for my family and me, as well as the constant support from my husband.



The highest priority in my life for the past twenty years has been raising three wonderful sons. I have always tried to be a good mother. If I am not at school or working at St. Elizabeth Medical Center as a nurse assistant, then I am with them. They are the reason I wanted to better myself so that I can provide a better life for them. I hope as they watch me work hard to be the best version of myself, they too will always aspire to grow and learn. I have taught them that life is not "all about me" but life is about serving others. I don't think a person can say they have truly grown up until they live not for themselves, but for others. It is only in this way that a person can find true happiness and peace in life.

Nursing is the best profession for me. I feel a real sense of integrity as I drive home from the hospital...feeling that I've touched lives in a way that I never thought possible. People need to feel that someone cares. This caring comes naturally to me, and I hope that God will bless me with many more years of good health so I can continue serving others in the profession that I love.



## GRADUATE PROFILE

## True Education

By: Peter O'Shea '06 | Major: History/Political Science

In History Senior Seminar, I came across an analysis of Adolf Hitler's education. Writing in *Hitler: Study of a Revolutionary*, Martyn Housden claimed that Hitler was largely self-taught and possessed only enough of an historical awareness to distort history to his ends. In articulating this conclusion, Housden wrote that Hitler "lack(ed) the self-restraint and self-doubt which true education brings with it..." I was immediately struck by the quote; it seemed the antithesis of the popular image of education, that of voluminous information, cutting analysis, and decisive conclusions. Indeed, I certainly did not have "self-restraint and self-doubt" in mind when I started at Thomas More College four years ago.

I wrote the quote in my planner and have considered it frequently in the months since. I now feel safe in concluding that if measured by this standard, my years at Thomas More have been fruitful; my classes, efforts and experiences have instilled these hallmarks of a "true education" — self-restraint and self-doubt. Needless to say, however, I have room to grow.

When I enrolled at Thomas More in August 2002, I was confident in what I believed, and why I believed it. I still recall forcefully arguing in my First Year Seminar that the United States was absolutely justified in dropping atomic bombs on Nagasaki and Hiroshima. Later that semester I decisively concluded that Congress should pass and the President should sign legislation opening a small portion of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling. In the next several semesters, I offered many other decisions on issues ranging from Affirmative Action to religion, usually with absolute certitude.



While these were generally well-researched, rational positions, I was always challenged, questioned and provoked. I was forced not to change my opinion, but to truly consider differing positions. The process of continually questioning why I held certain beliefs — in conjunction with exposure to new ideas — gradually led me to reevaluate my beliefs.

This semester, two years after I completed my first paper on Affirmative Action, I have started work on my Honors Fellowship — the topic is Affirmative Action. Unlike my first paper on this subject, I now struggle to reach a conclusive opinion. Two years ago, I was confident that I completely understood the Affirmative Action discussion. Now the arguments and evidence presented in good faith by those on both sides of the issue are too strong for me to dismiss.

Ironically, after four years at Thomas More, I leave less sure of what I believe than when I started. I hope this self-doubt has, and will continue to translate into self-restraint, not because I have abandoned my core values, but because I now have a better understanding of the complexity that permeates the great issues of our day. Indeed, I now truly understand that sincere people of goodwill can approach most questions and offer contrasting conclusions. Such a realization requires of me a measure of self-doubt and self-restraint; if these are the characteristics of a "true education" then Thomas More is truly a place of learning.







## GRADUATE PROFILE

### From Dreams to Reality

By: Jaimee Robinson '06 | Major: Criminal Justice/International Studies

Family stories chronicle the dreams I've had throughout my life. When I was a toddler, I wanted to ride a horse. I was told that I spent many evenings riding on the back of my father whom I referred to as "my hashee" or horsy. Later, I had dreams of being a doctor, so my parents bought me a plastic doctor's kit. I played with it for a while, but I'm told reality set in when the doctor's kit proved useless when trying to replace "Barbie's head" or "Teddy Ruxpin's lip."

After my father passed away, I transferred to Covedale Elementary School where I became part of the drill team. My spirit to win and take ownership of the team promoted me to the position of co-captain my sixth grade year. While this was a great personal achievement for me, it was also one for the school. I was the third African-American to be picked to be on the drill team and the first ever to be captain.

I dreamed on! I was asked to accept many babysitting jobs. At this time in my life, earning my own money was very important and I seemed to have a knack for handling small children. I began to dream of starting a daycare. I was told I would need to get two degrees to make this dream lucrative. This dream lasted until I reached the 8th grade.

In junior high school, through my involvement with the YMCA's Youth in Government Program, I began to dream a dream I would love and nurture until this present day, a chance to have a career in law. The program provided me with the opportunity to take a closer look at how laws are written, why they are needed, stages through which they travel and how they are presented. Every April for the next four years I traveled to the Ohio State House to act as part of the Ohio legislative body. From this experience, I was invited to become a part of the Conference on National Affairs, which examined national and international laws. The idea of building a career in law began to present itself as a reality.

I came to Thomas More College with the intent of making my dream of being a lawyer a reality. As a student, with the dream before me, I needed to make the right decisions, academically and socially, in order to make this dream come true. Academically,

I had to learn to adjust to early classes as well as late classes, be present and on time, and never be ashamed to ask questions. Socially, I had to learn to manage my time. Having fun is great, but getting my degree is more important.

Today, as I look back over my years at Thomas More, I can see the maturity that has taken place within me. As a senior I have learned that independence is accompanied by responsibility. How well you handle this relationship determines if your dream becomes a reality. Every situation in life will not be to my liking or convenience, but my education, love for my job and appreciation for my life will overshadow those times.

No, I don't have a "hashee" yet, but I am still pursuing that goal along with working towards a Juris Doctorate. I won't be the captain of the drill team anymore, but I'd better know the drill if I want to get through law school. I've decided not to run a daycare center, but I'll be taking the day to care for my studies and physical needs while I continue my education in law school.

As I reach for my diploma this May and join the ranks of the Thomas More College alumni, my future parallels my dreams of high school. I will become a successful lawyer. *Veni, Vidi, Vici*. I came, I saw, I conquered.



## GRADUATE PROFILE

## My Life

By: Armando Retana '06 | Major: Biology/Pre-dental

When I was three years old, my father came to the United States in order to make money to support our family. Due to the lack of employment in Costa Rica, my parents eventually decided it would be best for their children to also move to the United States. I entered high school at the 9th grade level a week after I arrived. Because I didn't know English, I was placed in a school that offered an ESL (English as a Second Language) program. By my junior year, I was taking mostly honors classes, and during my senior year, I was placed in a regular English classroom. I was very proud to have finished a five year ESL program in a little more than two years.

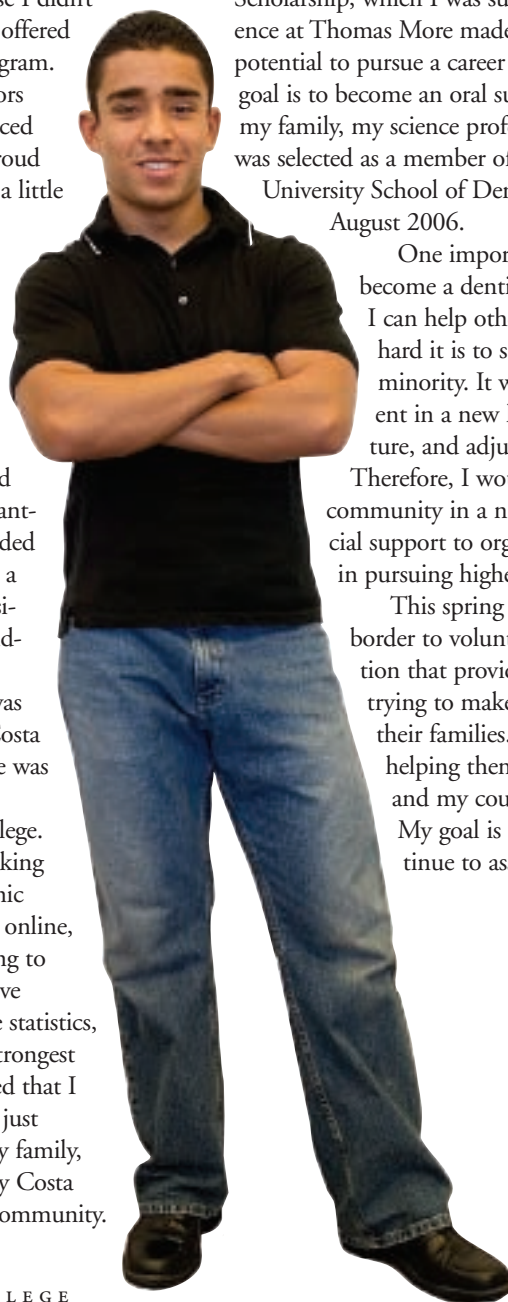
College was the next step. I decided to major in Biology and consequently became interested in the healthcare field. My first semester at St. Mary's College of Maryland was a very disappointing one with respect to my grades. Those grades were the reflection of a semester where fun was more important to me than school work. I realized that those weren't the grades I needed if I wanted to pursue a career in healthcare, so I decided to transfer to an out-of-state school, seeking a less distracting environment. My uncle's business partner, who is an alumnus, recommended Thomas More College.

Moving from Maryland to Kentucky was as difficult of a transition as moving from Costa Rica to the United States. The big difference was diversity. As far as I know, my cousin and I are two of only a few Hispanics at the College. This new environment opened my eyes, making me realize how underrepresented the Hispanic community is at the college level. Searching online, I found some interesting statistics: "According to the 2000 Census, only 10.6% of Latinos have attained a bachelor's degree or more." Those statistics, plus the support of my family became my strongest motivation in life. One day in class, I realized that I wasn't sitting in that classroom representing just Armando Retana. I was also representing my family, who have always believed in me, my country Costa Rica, and my community — the Hispanic community.

As a result of the less distracting environment at Thomas More, and my new-found motivation, I was able to improve my grades significantly. My higher grade point average allowed me to apply for the James Graham Brown Honors Scholarship, which I was subsequently awarded. My experience at Thomas More made me realize that I do have the potential to pursue a career in the healthcare field. My career goal is to become an oral surgeon. With the help of God, my family, my science professors, and years of hard work, I was selected as a member of the Class of 2010 at Columbia University School of Dental and Oral Surgery, entering in August 2006.

One important reason why I would like to become a dentist is to reach financial stability so I can help others. As a Hispanic, I know how hard it is to succeed as a non-English speaking minority. It was hard to learn and become fluent in a new language, function in a new culture, and adjust to a new way of life. Therefore, I would like to help the Hispanic community in a number of ways, including financial support to organizations that assist Hispanics in pursuing higher education.

This spring break, I visited the US-Mexican border to volunteer my time with an organization that provides shelter to Latino immigrants trying to make a better life for themselves and their families. Perhaps I feel so strongly about helping them because my father, my uncles, and my cousins were in their position once. My goal is to gain financial stability to continue to assist individuals in need.



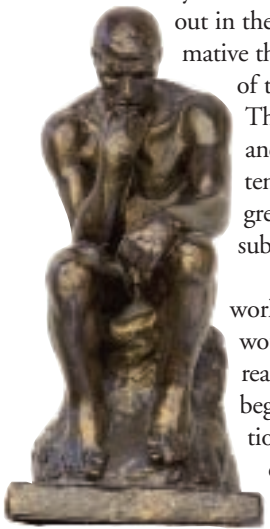
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## GRADUATE REFLECTION

### A Reflection on Graduation

By: Garry Horton '06 | Major: Psychology



Lately, I find myself lost within my own thoughts, frequently daydreaming. My subconscious ruminating someplace out in the cosmos suspended from the laws of normative thinking. Somewhere in-between the factor of time and my imagination lays inner peace. The reality of final exams, fifteen page papers and class presentations are beyond my existence. For the word, "graduation" brings me a great feeling of anxiousness, along with a subtle sense of ambiguity.

For years, thoughts of entering the "real world" often sent chills down my spine. I would frequently ask myself whether I was really ready. Then the rumination would begin, questions like, "Am I ready for graduation in May?" would emerge. Followed by even more questions like, "Am I ready to find a job? Am I ready to give up basketball? Am I ready to move back home?"

These reflections make me realize that too much self-examination can cause some severe stress and anxiety. I sometimes wonder if it's the pressure of my own expectations that are truly bothering me, yet it all seems way to subliminal to justify my sensitivity towards graduation. Maybe it's the pressure of fulfilling expectations that bothers me. The pressure of becoming successful, the pressure of being a positive role model, the pressure of financially supporting my family, the pressure of failure, the pressure of being consistent, the pressure of becoming the first in my family to graduate from college,

and lastly, the pressure of becoming ordinary and unhappy due to the failure of not living life to the ultimate capacity. Whatever it is, I realize that this perpetuated sense of pressure is all part of the process; it's an element of fear that must be conquered.

Just the other day, I glanced in the mirror, drawn by my outer flesh, to question my inner imperfections. I mumbled to myself half-heartedly, "Am I really ready?" I then came to the understanding that the truth lies within me and the future lies within the hands of God. Finally, I'm at peace. Peace.



### More than 20 International Students Representing 11

**countries** Students from: China, Costa Rico, Germany, Haiti, Ireland, Japan, Jamaica, Turkey, Tuvalu, Ukraine, Venezuela

**1,434** Students  
(undergraduate and graduate)

**49%** Men **51%** Women



## Academic News

### Thomas More Students Assist with Tax Preparation

By Robert Mangine '06

Trisha, like most individuals Thomas More's Volunteer Return Preparation Program (VRPP) provides services for, is a young single parent trying to provide for her two children. She works extremely hard at several different jobs, mainly second and third shifts, throughout the week to support her two children. She hardly sees her two boys, except for the short period of time when they are getting ready for school and she is coming home from her third shift job at the local hospital. When she received her W-2 in the mail, she remembered seeing an article in the newspaper about free tax preparation.

On Sunday, her only day off, she walked to the Community Center, looked for the sign that read "Free Tax Services" and entered with skepticism. Her first encounter led her to a smiling face of

someone who seemed honest and genuine, wearing a Thomas More College sweatshirt. She asked the student if the preparation was free and if and when would she get her refund. The student relayed that the service was free and she should receive her refund in about two to three weeks, just in time to make rent. Trisha began to make progress filling out the tax forms.

After a few minutes of questioning, she was led to a computer station where her preparer entered her information. Once the preparer was finished, Trisha was assured that her refund would be sent to her in a few days. She smiled with a spark of gratitude not found in too many places. Trisha found her refund check in the mail only



two weeks later, just in time to make rent. The preparers left on Sunday with a sense of accomplishment, not only because they

had done a service to society, but because they had just touched someone's life in a special way.

This is just one example of the many experiences that are shared among the individuals who participate in the VRPP Program. For the 25th consecutive year, Thomas More Accountancy students spend their Sunday afternoons from January – April assisting low income and elderly individuals in preparation of their federal, state and local tax returns. The VRPP Program helps students to understand their responsibility to others and society.

## Faculty Notes

**Dr. George A. Blair**, Professor Emeritus, Philosophy, recently published a new book: *The New Testament: an Idiomatic Translation*, in 3 volumes. Volume I is *Early Letters*, Volume II is *The Master's Life*, and Volume III is *Later Revelation*.

**Dr. John Cimprich**, Professor of History, published *Fort Pillow, A Civil War Massacre, and Public Memory* with Louisiana State University Press in October, 2005, and presented "Fort Pillow Before the 1864 Massacre" at the national convention of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society on January 6, 2006, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

**Dr. R. Steven Flynn**, Associate Professor and Chair, Accountancy, recently published "Countering Negative Donor Reaction to High Executive Compensation: Direct Program Costs Versus Indirect Cost Allocations," in the *Review of Business Research*, Vol. 5, No. 2, (2005), 164-168. He presented the article at the International Academy of Business and Economics 2005 Annual Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada, on October 17, 2005.

**Ms. Mary Jo Nead**, Assistant Professor, Department of Communication & Drama, and her husband, Paul J. Wirtz, Associate Dean, College of Education and Human Services, Northern Kentucky University, presented their paper, "Does Group Work and the Individual

Paper or Group Paper Achieve the Most Learning?" on November 19, 2005 at the 25th Annual Lilly Conference on College Teaching, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Ms. Nead also writes free lance feature articles for the *Kentucky Enquirer*. Four articles have appeared since November, 2005 including a profile of the pedicabs (bicycle drawn carriages) at Newport on the Levee.

**Dr. Robert Riehmman**, Assistant Professor, Mathematics, attended the Southern Ohio Regional Meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers as the Math/Physics Club advisor. In addition, he also attended the two-day Wabash Conference on functional analysis at Purdue University.

## Phi Alpha Delta Chapter Reactivated

After a four year hiatus, the Thomas More College chapter of Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) was reactivated in 2005. At the end of the 1990s, interest in law as a career and the number of students taking the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) had slowed nationally. Thomas More was not unaffected by this trend. In 2002, its PAD chapter went inactive due to a lack of members. This year marked an exciting turn-around in

students taking the LSAT and membership interest in the Pre-Law Association and Phi Alpha Delta. As part of Phi Alpha Delta International, the Thomas More Chapter immediately reapplied for reactivation, and has taken part in a number of events to celebrate the return of the chapter.

In November 2005, Mr. Byron Rupp, J.D., Director of Chapter Operations for Phi Alpha Delta, came to Thomas More College to preside over the reactivation ceremony of the College's PAD Chapter.

On Sunday evening January 28, 2006, the formal Phi Alpha Delta (PAD) initiation ceremony was held at Thomas More College. The evening marked the formal induction of all members into the Thomas More Chapter of PAD. Members received their membership pins and certificates at this event. The guest speaker for the event was Mr. Michael Neltner, J.D., who spoke on the topic of "Morality and Ethics in the Legal World Today."



*Phi Alpha Delta Officers Sworn In pictured: Mr. Byron Rupp, J.D. administered the oath of office to the newly elected Phi Alpha Delta Officers: (Left to Right) Jaimee Robinson (Treasurer), Daniel Hartman (Secretary), James Goshdigian (Vice-President) and Kelli Kleisinger (President).*



*Front Row: Iris Spoor, Jaimee Robinson, Clancy Avila, Kelli Kleisinger, and James Goshdigian. Second Row: Matthew Webster, J.D., Dean of Students, Matthew Stevens, Daniel Hartman, Mr. Byron Rupp, J.D., Dr. Erwin F. Erhardt III, PAD Moderator, Ben Mollozzi, and Peter O'Shea. (Laura Pratt, missing).*



*Pictured: First Row: (Left to Right) Ben Mollozzi, Jaimee Robinson, Iris Spoor, Kelli Kleisinger, Laura Pratt, and Clancy Avila. Second Row: Dr. Erwin F. Erhardt, III, PAD Moderator, Peter O'Shea, Daniel Hartman, Matthew Stevens, James Goshdigian, and guest speaker Mr. Michael Neltner, J.D. from Smith, Rolfes and Skazdahl, LPA.*

## FACULTY Profile

Ten Minutes with  
Dr. R. Steven Flynn**Q How long have you worked at TMC?**

**A:** This is my ninth school year at Thomas More. I began in August 1997.

**Q What are your hobbies?**

**A:** I enjoy working out, traveling, reading and animals, both great and small. I also enjoy foreign language study, specifically French and German; and music, classical guitar and trumpet.

**Q What are you passionate about?**

**A:** I am very passionate about my family, my work and nutrition and fitness. I get up every morning at 5:00 a.m. to begin my one hour and twenty minute workout session, which can really be a challenge especially after a late night MBA TAP class! I also have a strong interest in politics and music. After years of practice, I remain, alas, an amateur!

**Q What awards/honors have you received?**

**A:** I received an Elijah Watts Sells Performance with Distinction Award for scores attained on the Uniform CPA examination. At that time, only 150 candidates in the nation out of more than 60,000 sitting for the exam received this award. I have also been named to *Who's Who Among America's Teachers* for the past three years.

**Q What motivates you as a faculty member?**

**A:** Challenges — whether it is a new and unfamiliar class to teach, a new group of students to inspire and motivate, or a new topic to research.

**Q What do you see as your biggest challenge as an educator?**

**A:** My biggest challenge would have to be motivating students to think analytically and critically, instilling in them a true passion for learning. And, making students see the importance of exploring topics that are unrelated to their major.

**Q What is your favorite book?**

**A:** Unquestionably, my favorite book is the *Bible*. Of all the books I have read, it is the one that has had the most profound impact on my life. I have read the New Testament in English, French and German!

**Q What is in your CD player right now?**

**A:** The Carpenters — *Gold*

**Q If you had to put your story in just a few sentences, what would it be?**

**A:** I have strived to apply the principles of honesty, fairness and kindness, all of which are values that my parents taught me at an early age, in every facet of my life. Along the way, I have learned that past accomplishments and success can never fully satisfy — only the continual pursuit of high ideals can provide a lasting contentment.

**Q What is something you've always wanted to do, but haven't had the chance to do yet?**

**A:** I would love to teach a semester at a college or university in Europe.

**Q What is something about you that people would be surprised to know?**

**A:** A short, creative essay I wrote won a national writing competition and was published in a special interest magazine. I received \$2,000 in prizes.



**Dr. R. Steven Flynn**

Associate Professor, Accountancy  
Chair, Department of Accountancy  
Chair, Division of Accountancy  
and Business Administration

**Professional Associations:**

American Accounting Association  
Beta Gamma Sigma

**Q What is your motto?  
Or words to live by?**

**A:** "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."  
— II Corinthians 4:18



## Kentucky Academy of Science

Junior biology student Stephanie Horton won first prize for her research in the Cellular/Molecular category at the Kentucky Academy of Science on November 11, 2005. Competition was very stiff this year including entries from Northern Kentucky University, Centre, Vanderbilt and Western Kentucky University.

## The Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society

Peter O'Shea, senior history major from Burlington, Kentucky, presented "*The Kentucky Post: Northern Kentucky's Diary, 1963-2000*" at the national convention of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society on January 6, 2006 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

## Scholastic Writing Awards

On January 9, 2006, Dr. Rex Easley, Professor of English, and English seniors, Elizabeth Chilbert, Cheryl Rushing and Amanda Vail, junior Lindsey Martin, sophomore Melinda Borchers and freshman Jenny Riles, served as judges at Beechwood High School in the preliminary round of the Scholastic Writing Awards contest for grades 7-12 in the Northern Kentucky region.

Dr. Easley and English students, Melinda, Lindsey, Jenny, and Cheryl were among the judges for the finals of this year's Northern Kentucky region contest held at Northern Kentucky University on January 14. The Northern Kentucky Regional Awards Ceremony was held March 19, 2006 at Thomas More College in the Connor Convocation Center. More than 300 attended, including: student winners, their families and their teachers.

## Southern Ohio Regional Meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers

Physics majors, freshmen Ryan Sketch and Jessica Redmon, along with sophomore Sarah Hammond, attended the Southern Ohio Regional Meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers. In addition to talks about biophysics and physics education they listened to an invited talk on *String Theory* by Dr. Philip Argyres of the University of Cincinnati.



*Members of the Thomas More Outdoor Adventurers Club at the Sierra Club's Activist Weekend.*

## Outdoor Adventurers Club Weekend

On January 20-22, 2006, members of the Outdoor Adventurers Club (OAC) at Thomas More attended the Sierra Club's Activist Weekend conference at the Kentucky Leadership Center on Lake Cumberland. Attendees included environmental science majors: Livvi Lantry and Jeff Thompson, biology majors: Mike Conner, Andrew Farwick and Nathan Klar, psychology majors: Emily Eisman and Brandy Lockard, Business major: Jim Goshdigian and nursing major: Theresa Heberling. The weekend was filled with lectures, panel speakers, a film festival and several outdoor events, including a caving trip partially organized by OAC member, Jeff Thompson. Dr. Chris Lorentz, professor of Biology, moderated a session on "Building Partnerships" with students and faith-based communities in support of environmental issues. The students from Thomas More interacted with other students from Center College, Murray State, Northern Kentucky University and The University of Kentucky.

## Students Attend Annual Conference

Five Thomas More education majors attended the Annual Kentucky Association of Teacher Educators (KATE) Conference in Georgetown, Kentucky during the fall semester. The students, Katie Consigli, Angela Dilts, Joshua Duley, Joanna Issenmann and Julianne Brown, had the opportunity to experience first-hand how the state professional organization is structured, as well as to meet other education professors from across the state. Five students are selected by committee from across the state to attend the conference each year. This year all five were selected from Thomas More College!



*Five TMC Students Attended KATE Conference. Pictured from left to right: Katie Consigli, Angela Dilts, Joshua Duley, Joanna Issenmann and Julianne Brown.*

## Fall Honors

### Volleyball

Laura Wiegele – PAC defensive player of the year, first team All-PAC

Mary Lape – second team All-PAC

Jessica Tyner – honorable mention All-PAC

### Men's Soccer

Kyle Morris – second team All-PAC

Eric Busener – honorable mention All-PAC

### Women's Soccer

Julianne Brown – first team All-PAC

Emily Hagedorn – first team All-PAC

Carlin Scudato – second team All-PAC

Kandice Eckerlin – second team All-PAC

Becky Rutherford – second team All-PAC

Emily Kellner – honorable mention All-PAC

### Football

Chris Willis – first team All-PAC, third team D3football.com All-South Region, first-team Don Hansen's Football Gazette All-South Region, third team Don Hansen's Football Gazette All-American

Mark Carlisle – first team All-PAC, third team D3football.com All-South Region, first team Don Hansen's Football Gazette All-South Region, honorable mention Don Hansen's Football Gazette All-American

Terence Toone – second team All-PAC

Rashawn West – second team All-PAC

Dan Ollberding – second team All-PAC

Andy Heintz – second team All-PAC

Chris Gerrein – second team All-PAC

Tyran Thompson – honorable mention All-PAC

Kenny Schroer – honorable mention All-PAC

Nick Hazlett – honorable mention All-PAC

T.J. Schmitz – honorable mention All-PAC

Terry Runion – honorable mention All-PAC



### Umpire Training

Since joining the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) there have been several changes for many of the athletic teams at Thomas More. One change is the requirement that all umpires officiating for conference games must first attend a workshop sponsored by the PAC and NCAA. On December 18, Thomas More College sponsored such a workshop run by

Dennis Mader, PAC conference assigner from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who works as an umpire trainer for the NCAA.

Umpire attendance was mandatory and involved classroom work, as well as hands-on training in techniques and situations. Thomas More student-athletes volunteered their time to make this workshop a success.



### Student Athletes Achieve Academic Honor Roll

On February 8, Thomas More College honored 23 fall sports student-athletes named to the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) honor roll for achieving a 3.6 Grade Point Average or better. The ceremony took place during halftime of the men's basketball game at the Connor Convocation Center.

The athletes honored were:

Ben Bach  
Julianne Brown  
Andrew Carpenter  
Sara Corry  
Rachel Dattilo  
Lindsey Dickman  
Marcus Dixon  
Matt Dixon

Emily Eismann  
Jimmy Gardner  
Tyler Grant  
Dan Hartman  
Theresa Heberling  
Aaron Judd  
Emily Kellner  
Valeri Kuhn

Mary Lape  
Kirsten Leininger  
Jordan Logan  
Zach Martin  
Kevin Nare  
Kari Poling  
Brian Sheeley



# Thomas More Athletic Summer Camps

## Baseball

Dates: June 19-23; July 10-14;  
and July 17-21  
Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Ages: 6 to 14  
Cost: \$110 (\$25 non-refundable  
to reserve spot)

Registration: You can pre-register for any camp by contacting Head Coach Jeff Hetzer at 859-344-3532 or e-mail at jeff.hetzer@thomasmore.edu.

Make all checks payable to Thomas More Baseball Camp and mail to:

Baseball Office  
Thomas More College  
333 Thomas More Parkway  
Crestview Hills, Kentucky 41017

## Men's Basketball

Dates: June 12-15 (Session I)  
June 19-22 (Session II)  
July 10-13 (Session III)

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Ages: Session I (6-9)  
Session II (8-12)  
Session III (8-16)

Cost: If you register by May 15, the cost is \$90.00. The cost includes all instruction, a camp souvenir, certificate and individual evaluation. After May 15, the cost is \$100.00. Enrollment is strictly limited to allow for individual attention. A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 can be sent to reserve a spot in the camp. Full payment must be made by the first day of camp. Spots will fill quickly so please respond early.

Make all checks payable to Thomas More Men's Basketball Camp and mail to:

Men's Basketball Office  
Thomas More College  
333 Thomas More Parkway  
Crestview Hills, Kentucky 41017

## Women's Basketball

Dates: June 5-8 and June 26-29  
Time: 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Ages: 7 and up  
Cost: If you register by May 15, the

cost is \$90.00. The cost includes all instruction, a camp souvenir, certificate and individual evaluation. After May 15, the cost is \$100.00. Enrollment is strictly limited to allow for individual attention. A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 can be sent to reserve a spot in the camp. Full payment must be made by the first day of camp. Spots will fill quickly so please respond early.

Make all checks payable to Thomas More Women's Basketball Camp and mail to:

Women's Basketball Office  
Thomas More College  
333 Thomas More Parkway  
Crestview Hills, Kentucky 41017

## Soccer

Dates: June 24-27  
Time: 9 a.m. to Noon  
Ages: 5-13

Cost: If you register by June 19, the cost is \$60.00 and after June 19, it is \$75.00. The cost includes all instruction, a camp souvenir and individual evaluation. Enrollment is strictly limited to allow for individual attention. A

non-refundable fee of \$25.00 can be sent to reserve a spot in the camp. Full payment must be made by the first day of camp. Spots will fill quickly so please respond early.

Make all checks payable to Thomas More Soccer Camp and mail to:

Soccer Office  
Thomas More College  
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## Insurance notice for all camps

Each camper must have his or her own medical insurance. Thomas More will not be responsible for any medical or dental insurance. A medical release statement is included on the registration form and must be signed by a parent or guardian. Each camper's health and protection will be our first and foremost concern. The services of an athletic trainer will also be available.

## 2006 SPRING ATHLETIC Calendar



**Tuesday, April 11**  
4 p.m. Baseball vs. Transylvania

**Saturday, April 15**  
11 a.m. Softball vs. Centre

**Tuesday, April 18**  
4 p.m. Baseball vs. Wittenberg

**Friday, April 21**  
3:30 p.m. Softball vs. Georgetown

**Saturday, April 22**  
1 p.m. Softball vs. Bethany\*

**Wednesday, April 24**  
4 p.m. Baseball vs. Ohio Wesleyan

**Saturday, April 29**  
1 p.m. Baseball vs. Washington & Jefferson\* (DH)

**Sunday, April 30**  
1 p.m. Baseball vs. Washington & Jefferson\*

\*Presidents' Athletic Conference Game

## Home Events



## ALUMNI Profile

## Nancy Kremer '99

**W**hat would you say about a person who has an associate degree, a bachelor degree, and three master's degrees and continues to study further? I would say that person is driven and understands the value of education.

Nancy Kremer graduated from the master's program at Thomas More College in 1999, making it her fifth degree. "Obtaining my MBA complemented my skill set. Learning and acquiring new information, I believe is a life-long process," said Nancy. Education is incremental to the success of any individual. Why choose Thomas More as the place to enhance your knowledge? "Because it has a good reputation of academic excellence, small class size, quality curriculum and a convenient, flexible schedule that enabled me to continue full-time professional commitments," commented Nancy.

From candy striper to nurse to director, Nancy has held a variety of positions at St. Luke Hospitals before becoming a Senior Vice President, a position which she has held for the past four years. Nancy was eventually selected for the

position after a nationwide search. Her career path has been filled with many rewarding aspects. She very much enjoys being a part of the development of high quality health care services in Northern Kentucky. Nancy has been touched by so many individuals throughout her career — board members, physicians, nurses, etc. She is most proud of the impact she has made on her children, grandchildren, patients and students by helping them to achieve their goals in life.

Fueled with a passion for life herself, Nancy believes in the importance of leadership. "I believe commitment and passion for the job you are doing are necessary attributes to being an effective leader. Additionally, leaders must adhere always to values such as honesty, integrity and fairness." With so many achievements as a professional — most recently, College of Mt. St. Joseph's Lifetime Achievement Award, Northern Kentucky United Community's Visionary of the Year Award, and Challenger Northern Kentucky's Most Influential People, ranking 7th out of 50 — she admits that her "greatest pleasure in life comes from spending time with family and friends."



**Nancy Kremer**

**Associate Degree, Nursing**  
University of Kentucky

**Bachelor of Science, Nursing**  
Northern Kentucky University

**Master of Science, Nursing Administration**  
Bellarmine University

**Master of Science Post Graduate Certification - Nursing Education**  
Bellarmine University

**Master of Science, Business Administration**  
Thomas More College

**Doctor in Public Health (in process)**  
University of Kentucky



The Thomas More College Accelerated Degree Program has graduated over 2,000 students throughout its 13 year existence. The program is designed for working adults focused on extending their education.

The program includes associate, bachelor and master's degrees in business administration. For more information call 859-341-4554.

## Four individuals inducted into Athletics Hall of Fame

On Saturday, April 22 Thomas More College will induct its seventh class into the Athletics Hall of Fame. The evening will honor four individuals who represent the best and the brightest who have either participated in or who have served as supporters of the intercollegiate athletic programs at Villa Madonna/Thomas More College.

The Athletic Hall of Fame was established to pay tribute, give deserved recognition, and enhance school tradition by honoring former athletic award winners, coaches and others who have shown distinctive, unique or exceptional athletic ability, or who have made positive contributions to the athletic programs of the College.

## 2006 ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES:

### AMY BURK LAWSON

Class of 1999, Women's Basketball  
Thomas More all-time leading scorer (1,706)

### ROBERT W. O'CONNER (posthumous) and MARGARET A. O'CONNER

Original members of the Thomas More Rebel Booster Club (1978-84)

### KIM PREWITT

Class of 1996, Women's Basketball  
Thomas More second all-time leading scorer (1,501)

### JOE SHRIVER

Class of 1994, Football  
Two-time Division III All American

## In Search of...

We have lost touch with a number of VMC/TMC alumni. If you can assist us in locating any of the following individuals, please contact the Alumni Office at (859) 344-3346 or [alumni@thomasmore.edu](mailto:alumni@thomasmore.edu).

Alumni can update their information online at [www.thomasmore.edu/alumni](http://www.thomasmore.edu/alumni).

A complete list of 'lost alumni' by class year is listed on the web page.

Emily Alvey '98	Megan Moreland '95
Mark Bailey '84	Laura Richter '90
Robert Chastang '70	Judith Sutter '68
Linda Ferguson '01	John Volker '89
Joyce Gamm '95	Jennifer Walthers '97
Colleen Gribben '88	William Whitten '76
Jennifer Jostworth '97	James Zimmerman '73
Steven Knight '70	

## THE BANK OF KENTUCKY BENSMAN GOLF CLASSIC

September 11 Save the Date



Summit Hills Country Club

Questions? Visit our web site  
[www.thomasmore.edu/bensmanclassic](http://www.thomasmore.edu/bensmanclassic)

## VMC/TMC REUNION

June 2 Save the Date



If you graduated in 1936, 1941, 1946, 1951, 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976, 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001...

Then save the date of June 2 at 6:00 p.m. to visit the Thomas More campus for an evening of fun as you join your classmates for the 5, 10, 15, etc. anniversary of your graduation year. A formal invitation will follow; however, mark your calendar now for cocktails, dinner and entertainment with plenty of time to mingle and socialize with fellow alumni.

**For more information, call 859-344-3346.**



## Class Notes

**Charles H. Bogart '65** co-authored the book *Kentucky's Civil War 1861-1865* and was recently elected to the board of the National Railway Historical Society.

**Donald Saelinger '67** is the CEO of Patient First Physicians Group, the largest multi-specialty group in the Greater Cincinnati area employing 76 physicians at 14 practice sites.

**Mary Ann (Holler) Bogart '68** was elected to the board of directors of Frankfort, Kentucky's new Capital City Museum and is working for the American Red Cross as a volunteer in government liaison.

**Charles Eilerman '68** was recently elected treasurer for 2006 of the Frank Duveneck Arts & Cultural Center in Covington, Kentucky.

**Susan Kronenberger '71** has lived in Montana since 1995. She says that it is truly a great place to live. In addition to her work as a psychotherapist, she has taught creative writing since 1997.

**Patrick Feighery '72** is a Flotilla Commander in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary.

**Anthony Otte '72** and his wife, Joyce, moved to Florida in 1985. He has been a City Manager in three different cities in Central Florida: Tavares, Leesburg, and now Lake Wales. Joyce is a CPA with her own firm. Their two boys are 16 and 12.

**James Higgins '77** is conducting "Safe Environment" workshops for the Archdiocese of Louisville employees and volunteers. He was appointed co-chair of the American Diabetes Association (Kentucky area) America's Walk for Diabetes and the Student Walk for Diabetes, which are in memory of his brother, Kelly Higgins, who passed away in April 2004.

**Mary Kay (Boehmer) O'Connor '78** completed her Master's in Business Administration with a specialization in Health Care Management at the University of Phoenix online.

**Tim Perrino '78** is the Artistic Director for Cincinnati Landmark Productions, which includes the Showboat Majestic, The Covedale Center for the Performing Arts and the Cincinnati Young People's Theatre.

**M. Gabrielle Hils '81** was named as an Ohio Super Lawyer by *Law & Politics Media*.

**Monica McGinnis '84** has been working at Jefferson-Pilot for 14 years and has been in Lexington since 1984.

**Tom Volker '85** is the clinical director of the Home Based Therapy Program with St. Joseph Orphanage in Cincinnati, Ohio. His book, *My Journey through Divorce: A Children's Workbook about Divorce with an Introduction for Parents, Professionals and other Concerned Adults* was recently published.

**Stephen Richards '86** is a self-employed freelance songwriter/technical writer/creative writer/screenwriter and member of the American Screenwriter Association, American Federation of Musicians Local 12, and the Sacramento Area Regional Theater Alliance.



**David L. Phelps '88** was elected as a director of the accounting firm Barnes, Dennig & Co., Ltd.

**Jeff Maren '89** was awarded the Kentucky Tennis Pro of the Year Award in January for outstanding service to the state's tennis community. Jeff has been the Director of Tennis and Fitness at the Country Club of Paducah for the past eight years. He is married to Julie Hagan Maren of Sarasota, Florida, and has a four year-old son, Zachary.

**Donald "Duckie" Mueller Jr. '90** and his wife Nicole were blessed with their first child, Alexis J. Mueller, on October 2, 2005.

**Sherrie M. (Cahill) Taul '90** and her husband Douglas celebrated the birth of their fifth child, Madeline Faith, in October 2005. Sherrie is a veterinarian at Hardinsburg Animal Clinic.



**Donna Bloemer Baker '91** has her own law practice and is keeping busy with her two daughters, Katherine, age 3 and Gabrielle, who was born on November 22, 2005. She has filed to

run for family court judge in Kenton County.

**Paula Brinkman '94** is a founding member and capicomico of I Scandali, a 16th century Commedia d'ell Arte Troupe. They are about to begin their fourth season performing in the Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois area.

**Rosemarie (Rottert) MacInnis '97** graduated from St. Louis University with a Master's of Science in Nursing in May 2005. She is certified by the American Nurses Credentialing Center as

a gerontologic nurse practitioner and is employed as a nurse practitioner by Evercare.

**Michelle (Burris) Perkins '97** was married in 2000 to William Perkins. She is currently teaching first grade in Gallatin County. They have two children, Brynden, age 3 and Brookelynn, age 6 months.

**Angela Smith (Wysong) '98** and her husband Kevin welcomed their second child, Alexander Thomas, born on August 24, 2005.

**Vickie (Chan) Phirman '99** is in her second year of training for family medicine. She was recently married to **Daniel Phirman '99**.

**Lisa Ripley '00** just accepted a job with State Farm Insurance and is opening her own agency in Covington, Kentucky in May 2006. She is engaged to be married in 2007.

**Sarah Pompilio Atkins '03** and **Matthew Atkins '05** got married in August 2005. Sarah finished her Master's in Business Administration at Xavier University in the spring and is working as a human resources generalist at Quest Diagnostics. Matthew is an 8th grade social studies teacher at Phillip Sharp Middle School in Pendleton County. He will be starting his graduate degree at Xavier University this fall.

**Christine H. Bailey '05** began her new career in August 2005 as a junior religion teacher at Covington Catholic High School. She is also the executive assistant for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. She and her children recently moved into their brand-new house.

### What's New With You?

Do you have news to share with TMC alumni and friends? Let us know so that we can share your news in the Class Notes section of the next edition of *Moreover*. E-mail your information to [alumni@thomasmore.edu](mailto:alumni@thomasmore.edu) or mail to the following address.

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# ALUMNI Update

## Update your records with the College!

If you have recent changes in the areas listed below, please take a moment and tell us. Please circle 'Yes' or 'No' to indicate whether you would like your e-mail address(es) on the Thomas More College Alumni Web site. Thank you for your time and assistance.

### Personal Information

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Publish my E-mail address? (*circle one*) Yes No

Dependents (Names, ages, birth dates): \_\_\_\_\_

### Employment Information

Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Work E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Publish my work E-mail address? (*circle one*) Yes No

News you wish to share for Class Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

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