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Dear Friend,

Our cover, the proud, beaming faces of our graduates, sets the stage for this issue of *Moreover*. Commencement was the culmination of an academic year that saw our students excel academically, athletically and in their service to the community. As an educational community but also a faith community we prayed together, celebrated the liturgical seasons, engaged speakers on topics from *Children of Abraham* to *Sex, Politics and Death: Augustine on Evil and Embodiment*. We had the pleasure of meeting with numerous alumni and listening to their stories on the many and varied ways VMC/TMC has impacted their lives. The College also grappled with the death of a gifted young student and the loss of a beloved faculty member. The academic year 2007-2008 was truly a blessing and challenge for us all.

For me personally, one of the highlights of this year was the opportunity to be present for Pope Benedict XVI's address to the presidents of Catholic colleges and universities. This was truly a most meaningful experience. The Holy Father spent many of the earlier years of his priestly life as a university professor in Germany. His message seemed all the more meaningful because it drew from both his personal experience, as well the Catholic intellectual tradition of faith and reason working together to enlighten our pursuit of truth. As I traveled back to Crestview Hills, I realized how blessed I was to be part of the Thomas More College community — a community where faith is both evident as Pope Benedict described it: “in our prayer, acts of charity, concern for justice and respect for God’s creation” and a community that strives in each and every aspect of our collegiate environment to make that faith more real.

The numerous accomplishments of our students, faculty, and alumni coupled with the many blessings this College received from our diocese, trustees and donors inspire and energize us as we prepare for the 2008-2009 academic year. We are putting the finishing touches on our new strategic plan — a plan that will carry us forward for the next five years. I look forward to sharing that plan with you in the fall issue of *Moreover*.

Have a wonderful summer!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

FOCAL Point

Voices from Darfur

On February 26, Thomas More College hosted *Voices from Darfur*, a national speaking tour of Darfuri refugees witnessing the Darfur situation. Featured speakers included Abu Asal and Ibrahim Adam, survivors of the genocide in Darfur who travel throughout the United States sharing their experiences to help us understand the true magnitude of the conflict, not just in terms of deaths, but also in terms of the physical and emotional anguish it has caused for its victims.



Nursing Grads Day

The Department of Nursing celebrated Graduates' Day on February 28, 2008. The students enjoyed listening to alumni talk about the opportunities that await them after graduation. This year the department welcomed nine graduates, each sharing his/her often unique career stories intermingled with insights and advice; they included: Cindy Ankenbauer '06 (Outstanding Senior Award recipient), Jane Nordman '06, Pam Millay '96, Jay Ward '89, Casey Behne '88, Linda Robinson '87, Jana McElroy '86, Bill Ahern '83 and Teresa Fincken '83. The event concluded with a luncheon giving visitors, graduates and faculty the opportunity to mingle and reminisce.



Spring Fling

On March 12, the Thomas More Education Club hosted the Annual Spring Fling for the James E. Biggs Early Childhood Education Center in Covington. Each spring the Thomas More students invite the children, parents and faculty of the James E. Biggs Early Childhood Education Center to campus to participate in a variety of developmental and physical small and large motor activities, including egg painting, face painting, games, reading, creating Easter pictures, relays and pictures with the Easter Bunny. The event was attended by over 150 families and children of the Biggs Center, as well as the families of several Thomas More faculty and staff members.





Psychology Research Conference

The Thomas More Psychology Department and Psychology Club/Psi Chi hosted the 27th Annual Mid-America Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference (MAUPRC) on Saturday, April 12, 2008. This was only the second time that the conference, one of the oldest and largest of its kind, was held in the Greater Cincinnati area. Students presented their research papers during concurrent sessions scheduled throughout the day. Approximately 200 faculty and students were in attendance, representing more than 20 colleges and universities from throughout the Midwest.



Habitat 2008

During spring break, Thomas More students worked alongside other volunteers and Habitat homeowners to build simple, affordable houses for Habitat for Humanity. They traveled to the hurricane ravaged Gulf Coast to help build homes for those in need. This was the largest contingent ever for Thomas More College in the twelve years that they have been participating in the Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge. Students not only gave their time to assist others, they were also responsible for covering their own expenses to go on the trip. Communities assisted by the students included: Mobile, Alabama and Fort Walton Beach, Florida.

Congressman Davis Day



Pictured from left to right: Matthew Webster, Vice President for Student Services; Cathy Silvers, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Congressman Geoff Davis; Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, President; Dr. Bradley Bielski, Vice President for Academic Affairs and Peg Bradner Hancock, Vice President for Finance.

On February 25, Congressman Geoff Davis presented a check for \$250,000 to Thomas More College to support the creation of the Regional Center for Health Sciences and Health Care Management. The regional center will support new initiatives to increase the development of a highly skilled health care workforce, including substantial efforts to train more nurses.

Congressman Davis stated, "I am pleased to be able to help Thomas More College in the development of the

Center for Health Sciences and Health Care Management. The Center will be a great asset for our community."

"As a leader in both nursing and business education in the region and through its partnership with St. Elizabeth Hospital Medical Center, Thomas More College is well positioned to successfully launch this new initiative."

"As the health care field continues to grow both larger and more competitive, it is important that we

support projects such as this to educate and prepare students for careers in health care. Thomas More College has a history of producing exceptional employees, particularly in this discipline, and I am confident this center will strengthen that reputation."

Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, President of Thomas More College, stated, "The entire Thomas More College community joins me in thanking Congressman Davis for this \$250,000 investment in support of our health care education programs. This exemplifies the Congressman's commitment to higher education and his tireless efforts to address the needs of this region. We are most grateful for his leadership and support."

The Thomas More College Regional Center for Health Sciences and Health Care Management will train the next generation of health care professionals and managers. The center will focus on developing an MBA program for Health Care Professionals, developing new programs in the Nursing Department, expanding Gerontology training, and offering new opportunities for Career Planning and Lifelong Learning.

CALENDAR OF Events

■ June

6	TMC Alumni Night at Florence Freedom, Champion Field	
	Alumni Cookout	6:00 p.m.
	Baseball Game	7:05 p.m.

■ August

5	New Student Welcome Picnic, Freedom Park	5:30 p.m.
23	TMC Alumni Riverboat Cruise, Newport	6:00-10:00 p.m.
26	Alumni Association Summer Board Meeting, Chancellor's Room	6:00-8:00 p.m.

■ September

8	Bensman Golf Classic, Summit Hills Country Club	12:30 p.m.
27	Homecoming	
	Lunch in the Tent	12:00 p.m.
	TMC vs. Westminster, The Bank of Kentucky Field	1:30 p.m.
	After-party	4:30 p.m.

■ October

9	Bishop Hughes Award Dinner, Drees Pavilion	6:30 p.m.
11	TMC Young Alumni Day at Keeneland	10:00 a.m. (Bus Departs)
23	Fall Regional Alumni Gathering in Louisville	5:30 p.m.

Return to Campus for Homecoming 2008

Mark your calendars to join your fellow alumni and friends at the 2008 Thomas More Homecoming celebration **September 27**. Return to campus, reminisce with your classmates and friends, and see what new things are happening at Thomas More College.



Homecoming Picnic and Football Game

Join the Thomas More College community for a pre-game picnic under the big top! Enjoy a grill-out, along with your favorite tailgate beverages. Reminisce with classmates and professors and have a bite to eat before the game. Special sections for reunions of those classes celebrating 10, 25 and 50 year anniversaries. Then, cheer on the home team in the annual homecoming football game against Westminster College on the new synthetic field at The Bank of Kentucky Field at Thomas More College.

Picnic is from Noon to 1:15 p.m.

Kick-off is at 1:30 p.m.

After-Party

Head back to the tent after the game for the after-party. Three more hours of fun, live music, beverages and food with your fellow alumni!

Ways to Register:

Online at www.thomasmore.edu/alumni

or

Call 859-344-3346

Registration deadline
is September 19.



TAP Celebrates 15-Year Milestone

The Thomas More College Accelerated Program (TAP) for working adults is one of the premier factors contributing to the success of today's entrepreneurs and business professionals in Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati. This year, TAP celebrated 15 years of helping adults improve their careers and financial outlooks. In January, the 200th group of students entered the program, marking more than 3,000 students who have taken advantage of the College's highly lauded, intensive program.

To mark the occasion, Thomas More hosted a TAP Milestone Celebration on March 31 at the Crestview Hills campus. TAP alumni, the faculty and staff, and current students, as well as members of the public, attended the celebration.

The TAP program had its beginning in the fall of 1993, when Thomas More College introduced an accelerated Bachelor of Business Administration degree for working professionals. TAP's innovative "cohort" teaching model (the first of its kind in the tri-state area) grouped adults into learning teams to better share their experiences and develop the essential leadership and business skills needed to be competitive in the global marketplace. Today, TAP degree options range from associate's and bachelor's degrees in management and business administration to MBA programs in business and health care.

Chris Fischer, now CEO of his own Web development and design firm, Systems Insight Inc., said he is proud to have been a member of the first group of adult students to graduate from TAP in 1995.

"It was a great experience," Fischer said. "In some ways, we were almost like test subjects or guinea pigs. The staff warned us in advance that we would be, so as a class, we were all right with it. Looking back on it, we



Pictured from left to right: Jane Baker Pierce, Regional Vice President, IPD; Vicki Culbreth, former Contract Director, TAP; Butch Jones, Vice President, IPD and Judy Bautista, Enrollment Manager, TAP.

were like pioneers. Really, we did help chart a new course for the College and its students, and that makes me proud."

Fischer said workable evening classes, the accelerated format, and the College's fine reputation were major factors in his decision to enroll in TAP. "We didn't have lectures so much as facilitated discussions," he said. "The people I went to school with contributed real-world experiences and insight that I could apply the very next day at work."

Johnna Reeder, one of the most recent TAP graduates, completed her MBA in 2007. She said that at one time she turned down a possible company promotion in order to continue her studies. "It was the smartest decision I ever made," she said. Now national manager of labor communications at the Kroger Company in Cincinnati, Ohio, Reeder said earning her MBA at Thomas More has proved to be a great boost to her career, both professionally and financially.

"The difference in Thomas More's program (over a traditional program)

was the practicality of knowledge and the support I received," Reeder said. The nontraditional format, with instructors who were business leaders and students who were already moving along in their careers, created mutual respect and "made for robust conversations," she said.

Certainly, the TAP degree programs maintain a high success rate. Eighty percent of students who begin a program have either successfully completed the program or are currently enrolled. "Our programs are tailored to the learning needs of adults. We want our students to succeed as disciplined thinkers and ethical leaders, and we provide them with the tools to do so," said Dr. Byerly.

2008 Monsignor H.F. Hillenmeyer Lecture Series



Pictured from left to right: Robert Houlihan, Theresa Hillenmeyer Mattei, Dr. David G. Hunter, Ernie Hillenmeyer, Mary Hillenmeyer, Paul Hillenmeyer, Louis Hillenmeyer and Rev. Ronald M. Ketteler.



On Thursday, April 10, 2008, Thomas More College hosted the 2008 Hillenmeyer Lecture, featuring Dr. David G. Hunter, Cottrill-Rolfes Chair of Catholic Studies at the University of Kentucky. Dr. Hunter spoke on the topic "Sex, Politics and Death: Augustine on Evil and Embodiment". David G. Hunter holds a joint appointment in the Department of History and the Classical Studies division of the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures, and Cultures. He has published several books and numerous articles on Greek and Latin writers of the early church, among them Augustine, Ambrose, Jerome, Clement of Alexandria and John Chrysostom. His most recent

book, *Marriage, Celibacy, and Heresy in Ancient Christianity: The Jovinianist Controversy* examines early Christian debates about marriage and celibacy.

Commentator for the lecture was Dr. Terrance D. Callan, Dean of Special Studies, Director of Assessment, and Professor of Biblical Studies at The Athenaeum of Ohio. The moderator was Reverend Ronald M. Ketteler, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Department of Theology, Thomas More College.

The lecture is made possible by an endowment fund established by the Hillenmeyer Family in 1972. *The Monsignor H. F. Hillenmeyer Distinguished Lecture Series* began in 1975 in honor of Monsignor Herbert F. Hillenmeyer. A native Kentuckian and priest for 72 years, Msgr. Hillenmeyer served as the pastor of St. Thomas Church, Ft. Thomas, Kentucky from 1925 until 1968. Msgr. Hillenmeyer's zeal as a priest was matched by a deep and probing concern for Catholic education. His interest and devotion to Thomas More College was evidenced by his encouragement and support throughout the years of his priesthood.

Mark Your Calendar



2008 Bensman Golf Classic

On Monday, September 8, Thomas More will host the 14th annual Bensman Golf Classic at Summit Hills Country Club. Proceeds from this event benefit the Bensman Memorial Scholarship Fund, which has raised over \$700,000 to date. This outing is named after the late Dr. Charles Bensman, President of Thomas More College from 1986 to 1992, who put forth tireless efforts to provide scholarships for worthy students.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 859-344-3346.

Bishop Hughes Awards Dinner



On Thursday, October 9, Thomas More College will host the 13th annual Bishop William A. Hughes Awards Dinner honoring two

leaders in the community who have made significant contributions to Catholic higher education.

The annual event was established in 1996, the 75th anniversary of Thomas More College, in honor of Bishop William A. Hughes, former Chancellor of the College, and retired Bishop of the Diocese of Covington, whose love for the College and Catholic higher education was evident at all times.

The dinner will take place at Drees Pavilion at 6:30 p.m.

If you are interested in attending, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 859-344-3344.



The Krystal Pepper Memorial Scholarship:

Remembering a Daughter, Sister and Friend

by Michelle Lentz

On October, 15, 2007, I got the call that my sister had passed away. I didn't believe it, but at the hospital I had to face the truth. At the age of 21, Krystal had unexpectedly died from an undiagnosed congenital heart defect. She was a junior at Thomas More College, majoring in Elementary Education.

It would be almost impossible to touch on everything that my sister was to everyone she met. I'd like to take a few moments to tell you a few things that brought joy to my sister, and some of the ways in which she brought joy to us.

Ask anyone who knew Krystal and they'll tell you about her smile. Her smile was vivid and contagious, as was her attitude on life. Her world was filled with the people and things she loved: her family, her friends and her faith.

Of the four of us, Krystal was technically the youngest sister, although only by a few moments: Krystal was an identical twin. Family meant a lot to Krystal, and being a twin was something incredibly special. Her twin, Kimberly, was more than her sister; they were best friends. Throughout much of her short life, the two were inseparable. In high school, they successfully pulled off a "twin switch" (going to classes as the other twin) several times and both shared the same love of children, faith, and family.

One of the most important things in Krystal's life was her faith. Krystal was a devout Christian and active in her church, often serving as a greeter at

evening services. Her love of children was evident in her activities at church. With Kimberly, Krystal coached the Upwards basketball team of 4th through 6th graders. They also helped with Kids' Club nights at church, leading the kids on outdoor adventures. Outside of church, you could often find Krystal playing with her young niece, Braelyn.

You can't talk about Krystal's life without talking about sports. She was an all-around athlete. She started playing basketball in the 4th grade and added volleyball in 7th grade. At Conner High School ('05), she continued with both sports, but picked up fast-pitch softball, which became her favorite sport. Her slight competitive streak served to make her a dedicated and well-loved player. Sports continued to play a role in her life after high school, as she worked part-time at Dick's Sporting Goods and often played on store-sponsored teams for fun. Krystal never held back. She went skydiving, bungee jumping, and rock climbing just to try new things.

To honor her memory, and help cope with her loss, we have established the Krystal Pepper Memorial Scholarship at Thomas More College. Krystal had a positive impact on every life that she touched, but she wasn't able to fulfill her

dreams of teaching. We hope that this scholarship will help other students, like Krystal, who love children and want to give back to their community through education.

Our first fundraising event was held on March 14th at Briarwood in Hebron, Kentucky. Over 200 friends and family enjoyed an evening filled with

dinner, dancing and auctions. Members of the local business community generously donated goods and services, which allowed all the proceeds to directly fund the scholarship.

Our second fundraising event was held on May 17th at Top Shelf



Bar & Grill in Hebron, Kentucky. A portion of the proceeds from sales between 12:00 and 6:00 p.m. were donated to the scholarship fund. Future events include a fundraiser at Max & Erma's on June 19 and a wine tasting in September.

Ben Okri said, "The most authentic thing about us is our capacity to create, to overcome, to endure, to transform, to love and to be greater than our suffering." Nothing that we do will bring back what we've lost. Our hope is that the scholarship will make someone else's dreams easier to attain.



The Ron E. Flick Memorial Scholarship



On February 12, 2008 the Flick Family gathered at Thomas More College to establish the Ron E. Flick Art Scholarship. Roy and Celeste Flick and all of their children (and grandson, Gavin) met with Sister Margaret to sign the scholarship agreement. It was Celeste's desire to have her children witness "how giving from each of us can help others we don't even know."

The Ron E. Flick Scholarship Fund was established to assist students majoring in art. Assistance can be in the form of tuition, books, or other direct educational expenses. The recipient must be in need of financial aid to continue his/her education and meet the College's academic admissions requirements.

The agreement was signed by Celeste and Roy Flick, Ron's parents, and by David, Stacie, Michael, Joe, and Stephanie Flick — all of Ron's brothers and sisters, and Joe's wife, Kristen and their new son, Gavin. The Flick Family is truly a Thomas More Legacy Family. Joe Flick is a 2006 graduate of TMC; Ron attended TMC in 2002; David attended in 2004; and, Stephanie is currently attending Thomas More as a nursing major. Celeste is a 1978 graduate and Roy is a 1974 graduate of Thomas More. According to Celeste, "Stacie and Michael, will be coming to TMC after they graduate from high school." The Flick ties are so strong that Celeste even taught pharmacology and a science course in the TAP program as an adjunct professor at Thomas More, something she hopes to do again someday.

Contributions can be made to:

The Ron E. Flick 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**.

The funds from the Krystal Pepper Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to Elementary Education majors. First preference will be given to students from Conner High School, Krystal's alma mater.

The family hopes that this scholarship fund will help other students, like Krystal, who love children and want to give back to their community through teaching.

For more information on upcoming events, check the official Web site at <http://www.klpscholarship.org>.

Contributions can be made to:

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Office of Institutional Advancement
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333 Thomas More Parkway
Crestview Hills, KY 41017

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Dr. Maria McLean
Full-time Faculty of the Year Award



Mr. Frank "Al" Schleper
St. Thomas More Medallion



Mr. Paul Michels
Honorary Doctorate



Three hundred and seventeen Thomas More graduates received their degrees in front of family and friends at the eightieth commencement exercises on May 10, 2008.

The baccalaureate Mass took place at the Cathedral Basilica, followed by the ceremony on campus.

State Representative Addia Wuchner delivered the commencement address. Representative Wuchner has lived in Boone County for 19 years and has represented the 66th District in the Kentucky House of Representatives since 2004.

Others receiving special recognition included Mr. Frank "Al" Schleper, who was presented the St.

Thomas More Medallion. Mr. Paul F. Michels and State Representative Addia Wuchner received Honorary Doctorates. Full-time Faculty of the Year Award — Dr. Maria McLean, Professor, Psychology; Part-time Faculty of the Year Award — Mr. Patrick Eagan, Lecturer, History. Bridget Kaiser received the Presidential Service Award.



50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Class of 1958 celebrated their 50th anniversary at commencement on May 10, 2008. Classmates gathered to be recognized before graduates as part of the eightieth commencement ceremony. Classmates attended a reception the previous month at the home of President Stallmeyer, which began their celebration.

Class of 1958 in attendance at Commencement:

David Black	Mary Jane (Adick) Lucas
Nick Brake	Dick Mahoney
Juanita (Zeigler) Hanna	Milton McCracken
Kathleen (Hayes) Kennedy	Jim Meyer
Karl Lietzenmayer	





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Mr. Patrick Eagan
Part-time Faculty of the Year Award



State Representative Addia Wuchner



Bridget Kaiser
Presidential Service Award





Less is More

The Importance of Catholic Education

By: Dawn Marie
Franzen '93

Less is more. I am buying into that statement at this stage of my life. I have to if I want to continue being a Catholic schoolteacher. I have always known I would be a schoolteacher, partly because it is a family legacy.

It has always been clear that it would not be glamorous or financially lucrative. I remember sitting with my mother in the car one afternoon during my junior year of high school. We were picking up my father from [Thomas More] where he taught chemistry. Mom asked me if I was sure I wanted to be a teacher, "You'll never be Alex P. Keaton," she warned, in reference to Michael J. Fox's money-loving character in "Family Ties." I had no desire to be like him. Money and power were not motivating to me.

No one teaches in a Catholic school because it is easy or in order to make money. There are many sacrifices that teachers in Catholic schools



make, and I think there are even more for a single person in a parochial grade school. Signing on for less pay, giving more hours in all areas, juggling many jobs and having one's life on display for the community are some of them. There are no bonus checks. Continuing education is done on one's own time. And there are always stacks of papers to grade, littering the kitchen table. These are challenges that I face every school year, but as I enter my 13th year of teaching, I am more than ever convinced that these sacrifices pale in comparison to the rewards.

Initially, I chose to be a high school English teacher, because

I knew that literature is full of the stories that guide us through life. I was drawn to Catholic education because I knew it well. After 16 years of it, I wanted to give back to the system that

had given me so much. Ultimately, my love of the Greatest Story Ever Told compelled me to be a junior high religion teacher. I tried doing other things including other work in the Church and in the private sector, but I found them to be wastelands. Not only did I feel like a prophet in a strange land, but I also felt the spiritual life draining out of me. Quite simply, I was not being what God had created me to be. Through a series of events that still amaze me, a local principal contacted me about teaching junior high religion. God led me home to my own Promised Land.

"While being a teacher may seem ordinary and not all that glamorous, teaching in a Catholic school has brought excitement, passion and zeal to my life."

While being a teacher may seem ordinary and not all that glamorous, teaching in a Catholic school has brought excitement, passion and zeal to my life. Everyday I have the opportunity to share my Catholic faith with students that most adults shrink from — pre-teens and teenagers. Everyday is different in the rapidly changing world of adolescents, and their capacity for innocent faith and new ideas means that anything can happen. The faith of a child believes that with God, all things are possible. In the classroom, I get to participate in that.



A current popular song says we are waiting for the world to change, but not in my Catholic school. There, my students are changing the world. I have seen children save lives with their faith by raising tens of thousands of dollars to support Catholic Relief Services, Free Slaves and Heifer Project International. I have shared prayer with students who are touched by the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. I have gone on amazing field trips, heard inspiring guest speakers and seen the power of an education with purpose to change the world. These flow from our faith and our desire to experience God's world. We are told that we can make a difference and then be challenged to do it. Each year, we succeed in some surprising way. All of this is because the Blue Ribbon School where I teach is a Catholic school.

My students challenge me to live my faith in an authentic way. They want something real, unvarnished and not watered-down. The Catholic Church offers that to them. They are eager to know God and they find him in the Mystical Body of Christ. When given the opportunity, many of them embrace the Rosary, adoration of the Eucharist, participating in Mass, speaking up for life, reading the Bible, and the sacraments of Holy Eucharist and Reconciliation. These traditions and beliefs of their faith capture their imagination, and fulfill their desire for God.



Dawn Franzen with her students.

My challenge as a teacher is to present their faith through creative ways without compromise. If I am to be a Christian disciple, then the best way for me to do this is to follow in the footsteps of the Master Teacher. He was a storyteller par excellence, with a deep love for children and those who sat at His feet to listen. That is why I teach in a Catholic school. I love children, storytelling, my faith and God.

I could make a lot more money, have more free time and move up in the business world if I wanted. I suppose I could even find that, on the surface, life as a teacher might be easier if I taught in a public school. But I don't want these things. By letting go of material things, the temptation to keep up with the Joneses and the newest trends, so I am finding more in my life that is rich from God's harvest. When I humble myself, He lifts me up. I want the blessings that come from sharing my faith at work and living on the faith that God will provide all that I need. One of my favorite students has said, "When you attend a Catholic school, you are being home schooled by God." There is no better place for me to spend my days teaching than in the House of God.

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Dawn Franzen '93

Teacher, St. Joseph's School, Crescent Springs

Bachelor's Degree: English Literature and Secondary Education

Associate's Degree: Theology

TMC Cuni Writing Award Recipient (1992 and 1993)

A Family Affair "Thomas More College is a second home to me. My father, Dr. Jerry Franzen, attended Thomas More as an undergrad chemistry major when it was Villa Madonna College. He and my mother, Tena, moved my family back here to Northern Kentucky when I was two years old. My father spent thirty-three years as a faculty member in the Chemistry Department. My mother also spent several years working in the department as the laboratory coordinator. Thomas More was a family place for almost my whole life. We flew kites, tossed ball, grew a garden, fed the ducks and watched hot air balloon races on campus. My brother and I spent our snow days going to work with Mom and Dad. We attended sporting events and Villa Players productions. I dreamed of attending Thomas More. When it came time to apply to colleges, there really was no competition in my mind. During my sophomore year, my brother, Jeff, joined me at TMC."

Fondest Memory "One of my favorite memories combines my two experiences of growing up on campus and being a student. I remember attending the dedication of the Connor Convocation Center, and honoring Coach Jim Connor. I grew up watching Coach lead the then Rebels to many memorable moments on the court, and he has always had a fond place in my heart. When I was a student, the men's basketball team finally got to play in the "house that Jim built." Attending the celebration brought the heroes of my childhood to the same space where my classmates and I lived, learned and played. Then, men I had looked up to when they were eighteen and twenty-one had arrived at forty, but Coach Connor, who always told the best stories to Dad at lunch and was very kind to me, was the common link. It was surreal to have my college years and childhood meet that day."

A Lasting Impression "The education that I received at Thomas More over the years and continue to receive, is one of the best gifts I have ever been given. Thank you to the many talented and generous teachers who shared their knowledge, wisdom and love of learning with my classmates and me."



Service Learning Aids Future Physician

By: DeeDee Rudenstein,
Jenzabar, Inc.

Monieka Steele aspires to be a neurosurgeon one day. The idea came to her after reading Ben Carson's *Think Big*, a book that prescribes a formula for success by an author who transformed his own life: raised in a ghetto, he went on to become a world-renowned pediatric neurosurgeon. After reading the book, Monieka was filled with a sense of aspiration and a deep desire to achieve an ambitious goal. Like the doctor who inspired her, Monieka has faced many obstacles, having been raised in Jamaica, where poverty and poor living conditions are widespread. For Monieka, life in Jamaica yields sweet memories, but it is a place where it will be difficult for her to pursue her dream of becoming a doctor.

Due to the poverty in Jamaica, the Jamaican government attempts to encourage children to go to school by



Monieka Steele (center) with her father, mother and niece outside their home in Jamaica.

making primary education free. However, to attend school, children are required to purchase all their school books, school bags, and materials to make their own uniforms. In Jamaica, children do not buy school uniforms at a local store; they have to buy the material and then sew their own clothes. In addition, kids must pay for taxi fares to and from school. It often requires several taxis at \$1.50 a ride to get to their destination. Children must also bring lunch money to school, and if their family cannot afford it, they are stigmatized to such an extent that the embarrassment alone can discourage students from attending. When taking into consideration that the average household income in Jamaica is approximately \$4,400 a year, the price of

a "free education" is exorbitant.

Given the cost of a primary education, young adults often cannot afford to attend a

college or university. With the exception of a half brother, none of Monieka's siblings were able to go to college. For Monieka to study neurosurgery at the University of West Indies in Kingston, the only school in the area that offers such a program, it would cost her \$14,300 per year in tuition alone.

Attending the University of West Indies may have seemed like an impossibility, but little did Monieka know of what life held in store for her. It has been 12 years since she first met Thomas J. Gilday, Associate Professor of Accountancy at Thomas More College. She could never have imagined the impact he would have on her life and her future. Gilday was chaperoning a trip to Jamaica



More About Monieka

Where are you from in Jamaica?

I live in Copse, Hanover but I spend most of my time in Mobay.

Do you have any siblings?

I have two sisters, two older brothers, one younger brother and a niece.

What was it like the first time you met TMC students doing service in Jamaica?

I first met people from Thomas More in 2005 when they were on a service learning trip. I

was shy when I first met them, but as I got to know them they were all very nice to me and I got to like them a lot.

Did you think that meeting would lead you to where you are today?

No, not really.

So far, how has your experience been at Thomas More?

Thomas More is great. I like all my teachers so far. I really like the United States, but it is so different from my home in Jamaica. I always



Monieka (right) and her sister.

when he met Monieka's family and many other Jamaican families. The purpose of his trip was to offer aid and community service at an international level. Gilday was inspired to begin writing courses and developing a class designed around performing community service and strengthening relationships with Jamaican families, a project that would later be called The Jamaica Service Learning Project.

Since then, The Jamaica Service Learning Project has taken off in the form of a course at Thomas More College that takes students on an annual two-week trip to Jamaica. On each visit, students devote time to volunteering at children's homes in Northwest Jamaica, Westhaven, and Blossom Gardens. They also raise funds and gather supplies for a vocational training school for young women, and teach at various schools in Northern Jamaica. In addition, they are dedicated to working on several construction projects in many key locations, and have managed

to construct buildings for under \$5,000 a unit.

The Jenzabar Foundation, a non-profit organization affiliated with Jenzabar, Inc., a leading provider of software, services, and strategies for higher education, heard about the work that The Jamaica Service Learning Project had done in Jamaica and wanted to lend its support by helping forge another bond between Thomas More and the people of Jamaica. Understanding that education is a tremendous expense for Jamaican families and hearing about Monieka's aspirations, The Jenzabar Foundation helped bring Monieka to the United States and funded her education at Thomas More College so that one day she could make her goals a reality.

Monieka recently arrived in the United States and began her major in biology at Thomas More. She entered a new world of opportunity, one that will allow her to become the doctor she aspires to become. Though her family misses

About The Jenzabar Foundation

The Jenzabar Foundation administers Jenzabar's philanthropic and community support activities and marshalls the company's resources for such endeavors. The Jenzabar Foundation continues the work initiated by the company's management team and employees as well as promoting new efforts to further the company's involvement in education and community-oriented initiatives.

Jenzabar's commitment to education extends well beyond the software and services that the company provides to institutions of higher education. The Jenzabar Foundation helps realize this vision by contributing software, services, and/or financing to deserving organizations in support of this ideal.

her while she is away from her country to pursue her education, Monieka has hopes to become a doctor and go back to Jamaica to help the families with whom she grew up. She experienced her first Kentucky winter, wearing the new coat she purchased upon arrival in the United States — the first winter coat she has ever worn. She's ready for her new beginning.

wanted to see snow and I did this past winter. I'm enjoying everything.

What have you enjoyed the most since you've been here?

I really like the snow and I like going to the stores here, they are so huge.

How have you adjusted being away from your family?

I met Betty Evans, a student at Thomas More, three years ago when she came to Jamaica for the service learning trip. We spend a lot of time

together. She is my friend and like a sister. Our friendship keeps me from being homesick. I also spend a lot of time with Professor Tom Gilday and his family. The Gilday's are like my American family. Professor Peg Owens in the Nursing Department is one of my "American Mommies." She is a very nice lady and if anything is wrong, I go to her.

On April 7, three Thomas More College individuals were recognized at the 2008 Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky Awards ceremony for their personal integrity, perseverance and leadership in this region.

Thomas More Receives Top Honors at 2008 Outstanding Women AWARDS

■ Thomas More professor, Dr. Elizabeth (Beth) Penn and Thomas More alumna, Johnna Reeder '07, were the recipients of the 2008 Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky Award. Thomas More student, Jeannie Yates Voges, was one of the recipients of the Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky Scholarship.

Dr. Elizabeth Penn has a distinguished record of service to the College and to the community. She currently serves as the Chair of the Education Department, Chair of the Social Sciences and Professions Division and as Director of Faculty Development.

Her leadership extends far beyond the walls of Thomas More's campus. She will be taking over as president of The Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education (KACTE) this year and has held numerous positions in professional organizations dedicated to education. Dr. Penn has served on several boards for non-profit organizations, or has an affiliation with them, including

the Covington Partners in Prevention Board, the Thomas More College Board of Trustees, the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Teacher Leadership, Redwood Rehabilitation Center and the United Way.

"When I think of Beth, the first term that comes to mind is leadership," said Dr. Bradley Bielski, Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs. "She leads in our institution, in professional organizations, in her classroom and in the general community." Dr. Penn has taken on the topic of leadership itself and incorporated it into her professional development. As such, she has become an expert in the topic of *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People* and has given leadership seminars to members of the Northern Kentucky community. She is also published in the area of leadership training for teachers.

Dr. Penn has been recognized in her professional life by many organizations including: President-Elect, Kentucky

Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (KATE), 2007-08, Chair of the Nominating Committee (KATE), 2001-03, Leadership Northern Kentucky (LNK), 1996; and President, Northern Kentucky Chapter, Phi Delta Kappa, 1993-94.

Johnna Reeder is a 2007 graduate of Thomas More College with a Master's of Business Administration. Johnna recently joined The Kroger Company in Cincinnati, Ohio where she serves as the national manager of labor communications. Prior to Kroger,



Johnna Reeder '07

she served as the vice president of communications and public affairs and the senior communications officer for the tri-state region for Citigroup.

Johnna is passionate about education and youth development. She exhibits that passion through her years of service. Johnna received a six-year appointment to the statewide Kentucky Community and Technical College Board of Regents by the Governor in 2005 and serves on the Executive Board. She serves on the Northern Kentucky Regional Stewardship Council, is a member of the Greater Cincinnati Foundation Funding Committee, LEGACY, the *Business Courier's* Women's Advisory Board, an advisor to the Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement and a member of the United Way's Young Leaders Society.

Jeannie Yates Voges, an adult student in the Continuing Education Program, became the first Thomas More recipient of the newly established Outstanding Women of Northern



Pictured from left to right: Mike Neubaus '93, assistant principal at Boone County High School; Noel Rash '94, teacher and head football coach at Beechwood High School; Dr. Beth Penn, Award Recipient; and Brian Robinson '97, Principal, Highlands High School. All three TMC grads wrote letters of support for Dr. Penn.

Kentucky Scholarship, in recognition of her academic achievement, service to the College and community, and personal characteristics of integrity, perseverance and leadership. Jeannie Yates Voges will graduate in December 2008 with a Bachelor's Degree in an Individualized Program and with an Associate's Degrees in Criminal Justice, Psychology and Studio Art. Jeannie is a member of the Thomas More Chapters of Psi Chi (the Psychology National Honor Society) and Delta Epsilon Sigma (a National Scholastic Honor Society). She is currently a peer mentor for adult students who are returning to college. She has been recognized for her artwork, some of which is currently on display at the capitol in Frankfort, Kentucky. She has worked as a 911 telecommunicator for the Campbell County Police Department and most recently has completed its Police Academy Program.



Jeannie Yates Voges '08.

Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky Awards

The Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky Awards celebrates women who have demonstrated leadership in their home, profession or the community. *The Kentucky Post* had been the lead sponsor of the program since its inception in 1985. It is now co-sponsored by Northern Kentucky University, Thomas More College and Gateway Community and Technical College. New to the program this year are three \$2,000 scholarships from each school to a deserving female college student who exhibits the same qualities as the women honorees.

Class Acts

Biology Students Attend Conference

Biology majors, Jeff Goessling, Kim Hamann and Josh Horn, joined Dr. John Ferner, Professor of Biology at the Ohio Amphibian Research and Conservation Conference in Columbus on March 15, 2008. The meeting was sponsored by the Ohio Biological Survey and the Ohio Division of Wildlife. TMC alumni Paul Krusling and Adam Mann were also at the conference, which focused on attempts to conserve rapidly declining frog and salamander populations in our region. All those attending have been involved in amphibian conservation through activities such as museum work, population monitoring and environmental research.

Political Science Club Hosts Lecture

On March 14, the Thomas More Political Science Club hosted a lecture titled *City Administration in Small Towns* featuring Mr. Dan Groth, City Administrator of Crestview Hills, and Ms. Jill Bailey, City Administrator of Taylor Mill. The speakers addressed the future of public administration as a career.

City Administrator of Crestview Hills since 2002, Mr. Groth supervises city staff, oversees implementation of the city budget and, working with the Mayor, provides legislative support to the Council. Ms. Bailey has been with Taylor Mill for 13 years and oversees day-to-day operations of a 4th class community comprised of approximately 7,000 residents.

Sponsored by the newly formed Political Science Club at Thomas More, the speaker series is designed to offer students, and the general public, an opportunity to hear from, and interact with, public officials through the presentation of topics of political interest.

Student Presents at History Conference

Thomas More student, Bridget Kaiser, presented "From Timepieces to Wartime Pieces: Northern Kentucky's Industry during World War II" at the Kentucky Regional Conference of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society on March 15 at the University of Louisville.

Students Attend Criminal Justice Conference

Thomas More students, and members of the Sociology and Criminal Justice Club, Jeff Helmer, Lynse Blood, Brett Smith, Mason O'Hara, Kristin Dorgan, and Lori Droege, attended the Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences annual conference on March 12-14, in Cincinnati. Students attended panels where researchers from all over the country presented current research findings on topics such as inmate suicide prevention, correctional officer job stress, police officer job performance, and convict criminology. The students also attended an Alpha Phi Sigma (criminal justice honor society) reception in conjunction with students at the University of Cincinnati.



Pictured from left to right: TMC student Catherine O'Shea; Professor, Dr. Maria Garriga and TMC students, Kristina Marcelli, Claire Noltemeyer and Carrie Fay.

Students Participate in César Chávez Vigil

Thomas More students Catherine O'Shea, Kristina Marcelli, Claire Noltemeyer, Michael Renauer and Carrie Fay, as well as Dr. Maria C. Garriga, Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Foreign Language Department, volunteered at the César Chávez Vigil held on March 31 at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center. The students were in charge of greeting those attending the event.

Appalachian Studies Conference

Dr. Sherry Cook Stanforth, Associate Professor, English and senior English major, Katie Trauth, presented their research on March 30th at the 31st Annual Appalachian Studies Association Conference in Huntington, West Virginia. Their session, "Coming Around the Mountain: A Story of Home-Grown Knowledge and Kinship Pedagogy," is partially inspired by mountaintop removal awareness programs that they have developed for local schools and libraries.

History Student Presents at Conference

Senior history and international studies major, Jacob Martin, from Middlesboro, Kentucky, presented "The 1952 Egyptian Revolution: An African Nation Breaks from European Imperialist Chains" at the national convention of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society in Albuquerque, New Mexico on January 3.

Criminal Justice Alumni Return to Talk with Students

Thomas More alumni, Jeff Young '05 and Megan O'Hara '05, graduates of the Criminal Justice and Sociology Program at Thomas More College, recently gave a presentation to Professor Ellie Megerle's Probation and Parole class. Officers Young and O'Hara are currently employed in the Division of Probation and Parole for the Commonwealth of Kentucky and work in the Northern Kentucky area. They spoke to the class about the training procedures for probation and parole officers and the demands of their careers.



Kristen Schnell receiving the Phi Delta Kappa Student Teacher Scholarship Award.

Phi Delta Kappa Student Teaching Scholarship

Thomas More junior elementary education major, Kristen Schnell has been awarded the Phi Delta Kappa's annual Student Teacher Scholarship. The recipients of this award are chosen based on their academic achievements, dispositions to teach, and service to their community. As a member of the Education Club, Kristen has been actively engaged in the organization of the annual Spring Fling which collaborates with the James E. Biggs' Early Childhood Program in Covington, and has volunteered for and participated in the Student Government Association's Winter Wonderland. As additional service to the community, Kristen is involved with the faculty, staff, and students of our Best Partner School, Latonia Elementary, in the planning, creating, and painting of a wall mural for depicting what Latonia Elementary represents. Kristen also has been recently trained in One-to-One Reading and is participating in weekly tutoring sessions with a student from R.C. Hinsdale Elementary. In her clinical field experience, Kristen has shown exemplary skills in knowledge, teaching and classroom management. Kristen will be completing her student teaching this fall. Along with the scholarship, Kristen is awarded membership into Phi Delta Kappa.

Words Celebration

On April 4, award-winning Thomas More College writers and artists gathered for a festive evening of literature, art and music at the annual *Words* Celebration. Renowned poet Maurice Manning was the featured guest author to help launch this year's publication of *Words*, the College's student literary magazine. Maurice Manning is a native of Kentucky and the author of *Lawrence Booth's Book of Visions*, which was the recipient of the 2000 Yale Series of Younger Poets Award. Authors shared their creative pieces, talented Thomas More student artists showcased their work and the folk band, Tellico, performed.

Emily Eismann Named 2008 Outstanding Graduating Senior



Emily Eismann, who graduated *summa cum laude* from Thomas More College in May 2008, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology,

and an Associate's degree in Biology, was named the Outstanding Graduating Senior in the Class of 2008. Emily scored at the 99th percentile on the Psychology Major Field test. She has been accepted into the doctoral program in Experimental Psychology at the University of Louisville with full fellowship support.

While at Thomas More, Emily completed internships at St. Elizabeth Geriatric Unit and at Children's Hospital Medical Center. She conducted three research projects with subsequent presentations at professional conferences. She volunteered as an assistant at the National Institute of Mental Health, played varsity women's soccer, served as President of Psi Chi/Psych Club, and been actively involved in Biology Club activities. She was a member of the TMC Psych Bowl team that placed second in the state in March 2008.

Class Acts

Biology Field Station Launches New Research Program with the Newport Aquarium, Columbus Zoo and The Ohio State University



Since nearly the inception of the Newport Aquarium, the Biology Department at Thomas More College has worked closely with the staff at the Aquarium and the WAVE Foundation. These interactions have provided our students with unique opportunities to apply their classroom knowledge and utilize their skills in a professional setting while advancing the missions of all three organizations. Recently, Dr. Christopher Lorentz, Professor of Biology, and the students at the Field Station, have begun a collaborative research project in the area of freshwater mussel conservation with the Aquarium biologists. The Ohio River and its tributaries have supported a rich assemblage of freshwater mussels; nearly 300 species exist within the Ohio River-Mississippi River Drainages. However, these mussels are among the most threatened group of aquatic organisms anywhere in the world. Over two-thirds of the species in the Southeastern United States are considered already extinct, endangered, threatened or of special concern. Therefore, urgent attention has been paid to this group in recent years.

A critical piece to any research or recovery program is the successful collection and holding of various fish species that may serve as potential hosts for the larval stage of freshwater mussels. However, more research is needed to determine which fish species may serve as hosts for different mussel species. This is where the Newport Aquarium, the WAVE Foundation and Thomas More College hope to make significant contributions to the current body of research by providing holding space for various fish species that are currently difficult to raise and

maintain in captivity. If such species can be successfully raised at the Field Station, endangered and threatened mussel species, currently being raised at the Freshwater Mussel Conservation & Research Center in Columbus, will be brought to the Station to interact with the potential host fish. The Columbus Zoo & the Newport Aquarium, along with the Ohio State University, opened the mussel research center in 2002, which focuses on research and recovery efforts for freshwater mussels throughout the region.

The first phase of this project began this spring at the Thomas More College Biology Field Station. A new, state-of-the-art 670 gallon tank will be made at the Field Station in order to house fish species that may serve as potential hosts for the mussel glochidia.



In addition to the mussel project, the following programs and studies are planned for the Center for Ohio River Research & Education during this summer:

- The Center, again this year, hosted grade school field trips at the Biology Field Station. Over 500 grade school students visited the Station this spring for interactive, hands-on science lessons offered by education and biology students.
- For the Duke Energy Corporation, the Center will continue its long-term monitoring of the Ohio River around the Zimmer Power Plant. Studies will include water chemistry analyses and fish & mussel collections.
- Through the Environmental Academy, a new partnership between the Center

and the Sanitation District, biology and environmental science students will be assisting SD1 biologists with several stream surveys throughout Northern Kentucky. These studies provide baseline data which will be used in the development of a stormwater management plan throughout the region.

- The United States Environmental Protection Agency renewed its internship program with the Center to employ TMC students to conduct research in the area of biosensor technology and the evaluation of aquatic biomonitors for source water protection. In addition, a new USEPA internship to study climate change issues has been established. Environmental Science students will work alongside EPA scientists to examine the role of large rivers on the emission of greenhouse gases.
- From July 20 – July 25, the Center will offer its fourth annual Summer Science Institute, a week-long enrichment program for high school students from Kentucky and Ohio. The Institute includes a challenging science curriculum and hands-on activities in aquatic biology, astronomy and physics at the Thomas More College Biology Field Station and The Bank of Kentucky Observatory. Participants will spend the week on campus in Murphy Hall, and study throughout the area, including the Licking River, Ohio River and Newport Aquarium.

For further information on the Thomas More College Biology Field Station, contact Dr. Chris Lorentz at 859-344-3373.



Taking Service to Next Level

By: Dr. Elizabeth M. Penn
Professor,
Education Department

Thomas More College education majors engage in service in many of our local schools. Terence Toone, Dennis Gullick and Brandon Bolden are three students who have taken that service to the next level. All three of these student athletes were required to complete eight hours of classroom assistance for their Educational Psychology class; all three became mentors at Holmes High School and stayed for more than two years because of some very special people.

Dennis Gullick plans to graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Educational Studies in 2009. He plans to pursue his Master's Degree in guidance counseling. Dennis states that, "In my four years at Thomas More College, no course or assignment has offered greater confirmation of my career choice than mentoring at Holmes High School. I discovered the true value of leadership and the importance of respect for self and others. In the world we live in today, our youth are losing the battle between individuality and the media. They must learn good manners, self-reliance and perseverance. These are the qualities that I feel have served me well. I thank everyone who has been a part of this process, especially Renata Watts who has opened up many doors that I did not know existed."

Renata Watts is the director of the Bulldog Connection, a mentoring opportunity at Holmes Junior/Senior High School. Terence Toone, also a junior pursuing his Bachelor of Arts in Educational Studies, describes Renata as a "strong woman who is passionate about mentoring" and who is "all about the kids." She maintains a strong connection with these young men who serve as role models for their mentees. She sends the mentors tickets to the Holmes' basketball games, keeps them informed about school activities and even invites them to her home for dinner. She and her husband, Tony Watts, also an educator, mentor the mentors.

Thomas More College education majors engage in service in many of

Terence, Dennis and Brandon continue their involvement at Holmes not only because of Renata, but also because of the young men who have become such an important part of their lives. Terence said he would "encourage everyone to mentor" because that "student might find something in you that he cannot find in anyone else." Dennis was gratified to discover that his mentee "was facing some of the same challenges that I had at that age." Brandon found it easy to build a relationship with his mentee and to let him know that "he's not alone" with his difficulties. The "kids are very thankful" for the time that you spend with them.

Through Renata, both Terence and Dennis are now youth care workers at the Children's Home of Northern Kentucky in Devou Park. Terence sees this full-time job, 11:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday, as an "extension of the mentoring relationship. The kids look up to you. They think I can be a college student, a professional, and still be cool." These troubled 12 to 17 year olds look up to the Thomas More student athletes who have become their role models.

The Bulldog Connection is only one of the many mentoring opportunities available through the Covington Partners in Prevention, a coalition of community partners that provide mentors, money and materials to support academic achievement, physical fitness and the prevention of substance abuse. Thomas More alumna, Julie Geisen Scheper '76, is the chairperson of the Mentoring Committee. Julie and her team have successfully recruited 175 mentors from local colleges, businesses and retirees. Julie writes that "Sometimes people question whether they have the right credentials or qualifications to be a mentor. Mentoring is a great opportunity to take what you have learned from your life experiences and give encouragement to a young person. It is also a way to give back to the community. I have personally found mentoring to be fun and rewarding, and hope that more people will consider giving of their time and talent!"



Dennis Gullick



Brandon Bolden



Terence Toone

With the help of professionals like Renata Watts and Julie Geisen Scheper, these three young men are contributing to the betterment of our community while gaining valuable experience in their chosen careers. All three plan to continue their work with young people as guidance counselors and coaches. Their mentoring responsibilities are preparing them for life after graduation.

FACULTY Profile

Ten Minutes
with Becky Tacy

Becky Tacy, MSN, RN, CFN

Assistant Professor, Nursing

Professional Associations:

Sigma Theta Tau International

American College of Forensic
Examiners International

Emergency Nurses Association

International Association of
Forensic Nurses

National Hispanic Nurses Association

American Taekwondo Association

How long have you worked at TMC?**A:** This is my third year at TMC.**What are your hobbies?****A:** Three sons keep me very busy, and they have encouraged me in martial arts. I have been practicing taekwondo with my sons for over 6 years and have earned the rank of 2nd degree black belt. If it had not been for the interest my sons had in the art I would have never imagined that I could be a black belt, and certainly not at the second-degree level! The best benefit of this hobby is that I spend the time with my sons; we work together as peers instead of under the traditional parent/child roles. The discipline and teaching of the martial arts has also enhanced my classroom teaching through the use of mentorship and coaching. The martial art also teaches honor and respect for all beings.**What are you passionate about?****A:** I have a passion for Psychoneuroimmunology (PNI). The premise is that emotions affect the immune system, and thereby health is controlled by both positive and negative emotional states. I teach a Freshmen Year Seminar (FYS) course that deals with stress management, which is the basis of PNI. PNI emphasizes that the patient has control over his/her health, instead of the reverse paradigm wherein the patient is controlled by his/her health/illness. I intend to study PNI to the point that I can begin to impact nursing.**What awards/honors have you received?****A:** *Who's Who* recognized me as an outstanding professional/executive when I was managing the Emergency Department

at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. I received an award for Outstanding Contribution to Emergency Nursing when I lead a group that developed a short stay Cardiac Evaluation Unit for the Emergency Department. Closer to TMC, I received the award in 1985 as the Nursing Graduate of the Year.

What motivates you as a faculty member?**A:** The energy exhibited by the students motivates me the most. When I see the students applying the concepts we discuss in the classrooms to real patient cases, my spirit of teacher gains the greatest pride for their work.**Where is the last place you traveled and why?****A:** I last traveled to Spain as a chaperone to my son's high school Spanish class. It was a fantastically educational and enriching experience because I spent time with very energetic and perceptive young people, and because I was able to see the land of my father's ancestry.**If you had to put your story in just a few sentences, what would it be?****A:** My first goal was to study elementary/special education only to find doors close while a better door opened for me to seek nursing as my profession. I have worked as an emergency nurse for nearly 23 years now and thoroughly enjoy the patient care. I am a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) and certified Forensic Nurse (CFN). These credentials allow me to do violence trauma investigations. I have been a nurse manager, and nursing educator in a large medical center, but have found my greatest niche as teacher/

mentor to nursing students. I know that in this current role at TMC I can best enhance the field of nursing through my work with our fine graduating students.

What is something you've always wanted to do, but haven't had the chance to do yet?**A:** I want to travel more and to experience more of our beautiful Earth. Someday I would like to fly over the Great Wall of China in a hot air balloon!**What is something about you that people would be surprised to know?****A:** I was born in Mexico City, Mexico and came to the US in 1970, at which point I learned English as my second language. I speak fluent Spanish and use it in medical interpreting and translation.**What is your motto? Or words to live by?****A:** "The world we have created is a product of our thinking. It cannot be changed without changing our thinking." Albert Einstein, 1879-1955
German-born Jewish Theoretical Physicist

Dr. Bradley A. Bielski, Vice President for Academic Affairs, will represent Thomas More College, as well as other independent colleges, as a member of the Kentucky's Council on Post-Secondary Education. He will work on a committee that will establish the Kentucky Academic Advising Association.

Dr. John V. Cimprich, Professor of History and Chairperson, Humanities Division, presented "Evaluating General Forrest at Fort Pillow" at Kennesaw State University's New Interpretations of the Civil War Symposium on March 1 at Kennesaw, Georgia. Dr. Cimprich also presented "Racial Massacres by Confederates During the Civil War" at the Organization of American Historians' Convention on March 28 in New York, New York. He served as the national office representative at the Kentucky Regional Conference of the Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society on March 15 at the University of Louisville.

Dr. Erwin F. Erhardt, III, Professor of History and Economics and Pre-Law Advisor, attended the *Western Association of Pre-Law Advisors* in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in September. The conference included a tour and workshop held at LSAC (Law School Admissions Council) headquarters in Newtown, Pennsylvania, followed by tours of the four host law schools — Villanova, Temple, Drexel and Penn.

In October, Dr. Erhardt attended the *European Studies Conference* held at the University of Nebraska, Omaha. At this conference, Dr. Erhardt presented a paper titled "Romania's Road to European Accession and Beyond: Challenges of Ongoing Development." He also chaired two panels: "Studies in Russian Literature," and "Europe in the 20th Century."

Professor Erhardt also took part in the *Global Studies Conference* which is held concurrently at the University of Nebraska, Omaha. At this conference, Dr. Erhardt presented a paper titled "The Political Transformation of Daniel Ortega: A New Agenda for Nicaragua's Future?" He also chaired the panel "Engineers without Borders and Village Life Outreach: Ongoing projects in Kenya and Tanzania." Dr. Erhardt, a member of the Global Studies Conference Steering Committee, also helped in the organization of panels for the conference.



Professor Erhardt and his cousin, Br. David Schultz, FSC, Ph.D., Dept. of Theology, Gwynedd-Mercy College, both participated in the Legacy of 1968 Conference held at Chestnut Hill College, Pennsylvania in April 2008.

During the sabbatical, Dr. Erhardt also authored "Growing up in a War-Torn Homeland: American Representations of the Children of French in the World War II TV Series *Combat!*" which will appear as a chapter in the forthcoming book entitled *Children, the Invisible Victims of War: An Interdisciplinary Study*. The collection has been edited by Dr. Martin Parsons, University of Reading, and will be published in the United Kingdom in May 2008.

In February, Dr. Erhardt attended the *Texas/Southwest Popular Culture Conference* held in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Here he presented a paper titled "George Lucas' The Young Indiana Jones on DVD: the convergence of televised historical entertainment with the documentary tradition."

During the first weekend of April, Dr. Erhardt attended the *Legacy of 1968 Conference* held at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At this conference, Professor Erhardt chaired the session titled "Spring in Czechoslovakia."

Father Ronald M. Ketteler, Associate Professor and Chair, Theology, served as a member of the Joint Committee Planning group for the Catholic Conference of Kentucky's "Catholics at the Capitol" program, which was held in Frankfort on February 11 and 12, 2008.

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On Tuesday, February 12, Fr. Ketteler was invited to deliver the opening prayer for the session of the Kentucky House of Representatives. That session was convened at the Old Capitol to open the bicentennial of Lincoln's birth in Kentucky.

William (Bill) Guilfoile

By: Raymond G. Hebert, Ph.D.
Chairperson, Department of
History and International Studies,
Dean of the College, Emeritus,
Thomas More College

William (Bill) Guilfoile was “a creative teacher, a gifted musician, and

ever the gentleman,” recalled Sr. M. Evelyn Reinke S.N.D., a long-time colleague and Bill’s former chairperson in the Education Department at Thomas More College. In other words, he was much more than just a faculty member at Thomas More College.

Bill was a member of the Villa Madonna/Thomas More College faculty from 1967–1994 and, when he retired, it was my great pleasure as Dean of the College to reward Bill with a well deserved Emeritus status in recognition of his long and colorful career in the classroom. Most do not realize, in fact, that he taught in many venues before joining us at the College. Overall, he touched the lives of students for twelve years in the Covington Public Schools and also had teaching experiences at Indian Hill High School and abroad in Nagoya, Japan and Adana, Turkey where he taught vocal music for the American Dependent Schools and earned a

“Superior” rating in the Civil Service Rating for Teachers Overseas.

Thinking about the latter, for example, that is the second special talent of Bill’s that most do not know about, his remarkable talent in and love of music. My fondest memories of Bill are of his classes in “The Classroom Teacher Views the Performing Arts,” I and II, among the most popular on campus from the late 1980s and early 1990s. Both Sr. Evelyn and I remember the long lines on senior pre-registration day as non-traditional students would be there at 6:30 a.m. for a 9:00 a.m. registration because it was always the first course to close out students. Bill shared his love of music and his singing voice in those courses and, in the process, brought the students into the worlds of opera, symphonic



music and Broadway musicals in ways they had never imagined. On a personal note, I will never forget Bill’s beautiful voice as he sang at the baptisms of our two daughters — among my most

favorable memories of those special occasions.

On the Education Department side, Bill was a specialist in Remedial and Developmental Reading, having earned a Master’s of Arts and beyond at the University of Cincinnati after his Villa Madonna College Bachelor of Arts, and he was also the supervisor of student teachers at Thomas More College for many years. But, again, not as well known was how, as Sr. Evelyn put it: “in his science methods classes he loved to amaze teacher candidates with experiments. A favorite scientific surprise occurred when he struck a tuning fork,

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Dr. Elizabeth M. Penn, Professor and Chairperson, Education, and **Ms. Gail Yesul**, Assistant Professor, Education, attended the Association of Independent Liberal Arts Colleges of Teacher Education (AILACTE) and the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (AACTE) Conferences in New Orleans in February 2008.

Mr. John D. Rudnick, Jr., Associate Professor, Business Administration, published an article entitled “Transformational Leadership: Model Encourages Leaders to Transcend Personal Ambition in Health Progress.” Volume 88, Number 3 (May – June 2007).

Mr. Rudnick passed the required comprehensive exam for his doctoral program in the concentration of Leadership from the School of Psychology and Behavioral Health Sciences at Argosy University, Sarasota, Florida.

Dr. Sherry Cook Stanforth, Associate Professor, English, worked with senior English major Katie Trauth, to develop various public programs related to mountaintop removal in Kentucky. Their coursework and public involvement led to a presentation, “Coming Around the Mountain: A Story of Home-grown Knowledge and Kinship Pedagogy,” which they delivered at the March 2008 Appalachian

Studies Association Conference in Huntington, West Virginia.

Dr. Stanforth published a poem entitled “That Mountain” in the annual anthology *For a Better World 2008: Poems and Drawings on Peace and Justice by Greater Cincinnati Artists*.

Dr. Stanforth worked with local business leader and philanthropist Roger Grein to establish an endowment that will begin a Partners in Philanthropy Program on the Thomas More campus. The funding will allow faculty and students in a course setting to co-develop and award grant opportunities for non-profit organizations.

then lowered it into a glass of water and sprinkled his class.” Not surprisingly, then, was the recognition he received as Outstanding Teacher of the Year for 1981.

Bill Guilfoile was active in the Kentucky Association for Teacher and the Southeastern Regional Association for

“Bill shared his love of music and his singing voice in those courses and.... brought the students into the worlds of opera, symphonic music and Broadway musicals in ways they had never imagined.”

Teacher Educators. He taught in several Elderhostels for Thomas More College on “The Symphony in its Many Forms” and, as was said in two of my faculty evaluations in the late 1980s, “was a model to all of us of Christian patience and concern” and that he consistently “performed with distinction” in the classroom.

Sr. M. Evelynnn concluded her remarks by reminding us that “Bill

Guilfoile inspired many to enjoy opera and symphonic music who would otherwise never have sampled either of them.

Many former students and colleagues will also remember Bill for his kindness, good humor, and innovative approach to learning.” I second those and add that he will be remembered above all else for being such a fine gentleman and a dear friend. I always enjoyed talking to him after his retirement, especially when I ran into him at Remke’s Market in Ft. Mitchell or when he came to visit us on campus or had the opportunity to ask his neighbor and former TMC colleague Jeanne Pike how he was doing.

He will be missed by all of us at Thomas More College and particularly by me. I truly valued his professionalism and his friendship and will never forget him. I am sure that those who knew him as well will not forget him either.

Dr. Raymond G. Hebert delivered this eulogy at Mr. Guilfoile’s funeral on March 27, 2008.



Dr. Stanforth, in collaboration with Honors students from her “A State of Nature in Kentucky” seminar, created an on-campus nature education program for kids from Sixth District Elementary School. The group designed stations that included live animals, Appalachian folk music, writing and drawing nature images and interactive dramatic performance.

Dr. Stanforth, in collaboration with Thomas More Collage English majors and her family band, Tellico, offered a program in November 2007 at Kenton County Durr Branch Library called “A Collage of Creativity.” Part of the “One Book, One Community” series, this interactive

presentation featured poetry, song, fiction and non-fiction pieces with a focus on mountaintop removal.

Dr. Stanforth worked with Senior English major, Katie Trauth, and Tellico to bring a modified version of the “Collage of Creativity” program to Queen of Angels Montessori students in November, 2007.

Dr. Paul Tenkotte, Professor, History, appeared on WCET on March 2, 2008 along with several other historians featured in a new public television documentary entitled “*Sacred Spaces of Greater Cincinnati*.” This was one of WCET’s

telethon fundraisers featuring magnificent cinematography, covering Christian, Jewish, Muslim, and Hindu traditions in the tri-state. The program was made possible through the generous contributions of Carl H. Lindner, the Ohio Humanities Council, The Josephine S. Russell Charitable Trust, PNC Bank, the Fine Arts Fund, GBBN architects, and the Voyageur Media Group. It is scheduled to air again in June.

ALUMNI Gatherings



History Reunion

"Thomas More Takes You Places" was the rhetoric claimed by over 30 alumni who came back to campus on February 16, 2008 for the Department of History Reunion. The alumni shared their success stories and enjoyed reminiscing about beloved faculty members.



Columbus, Ohio Alumni

VMC/TMC alumni enjoyed the Columbus Regional Alumni Gathering held at Bexley Monk just outside of Columbus on March 25, 2008. Pictured are (top row left to right): Cathy Silvers, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; Rita (Hurm) Bahlmann '63; Ron Stoughton '91; Wayne Wycoff '97; Monica Ginney, Director of Alumni Relations; (bottom row l to r): Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, President of Thomas More College; Gene Nolan; Vickie (Della Maria) Nolan '70; Linda Broderick '72; Diane (Bacon) Donnermeyer '70; Joe Donnermeyer '71, and Jerry Bahlmann '63.



Education Class Alumni Panel

Dr. Beth Penn's class of junior education majors enjoyed listening to alumni members of our Distinguished Alumnae League speak about what they might encounter at various types of schools as they begin their teaching careers. The panel consisted of (pictured left to right): Amity Yeager '01, Julie Geisen Scheper '76, and Sr. Rita Brink, O.S.B. '72.



25-Year Nursing Reunion

The first nursing class, which graduated in 1982, recently celebrated their 25-year anniversary on April 12, 2008. Pictured from left to right: Lissa Cash, Phyllis (Butts) Nelson, Susan Linton, Debbie (Reedy) Morris, Tammy (Linton) DiMuzio, and Paula Cuthrell.



Larry Staverman's Induction

Larry Staverman '58, was posthumously inducted into the Stadium Managers Association hall of fame at a ceremony in San Diego, California on February 7, 2008. His family, including his wife, Joyce Staverman, was there to accept this award. Pictured from left to right: Larry's son, Rob Staverman, his daughter, Sharon Bowen, his wife, Joyce, and friend, Rick Nafe, VP of Stadium Operations for Tropicana Field.



Psychology Alumni Panel

On March 19, 2008, psychology majors enjoyed a panel of psychology alumni discussing options after graduation. Pictured are alumni panelists (left to right): Shaun Howard '03 with Procter & Gamble, Julie Geisen Scheper '76 who enjoyed a long career in counseling and social work, and Krista Neltner Campbell '90, who has an extensive background in Industrial/Organizational Psychology and will be teaching such a class at TMC next semester.



2008 Hall of Fame Induction

On February 23, 2008, nine former student-athletes were inducted into the 2008 Athletic Hall of Fame surrounded by a sell-out crowd of over 140. Pictured (left to right) bottom row: Cubby Lyon '51 (baseball), Ron Ryan '97 (baseball), Bobby Young '87 (baseball), Gary Bailey '86 (men's tennis); top row: Sherry Clinkenbeard Smith '98 (women's basketball), John Paul Case '94 (football), Christine Cullinane Cooper '97 (volleyball), and Will Castleberry '01 (football). Not pictured: Les Stewart '63 (men's basketball), whose award was given posthumously.

ALUMNI Profile

Making Wishes Come True

William C. Trigg III, Ph.D. is a living example of “service to others.” He has applied it each day since graduating from Thomas More College. He pursued graduate studies in law enforcement by accepting a fellowship at the University of New York at Albany and obtained his Master’s in Criminal Justice, with a focus on police studies. He had planned to return to Northern Kentucky to enjoy a career in law enforcement, but a mentor persuaded him to pursue his doctorate, which he did in 1984.

The same year he earned his Ph.D., an opportunity with the New York State Police presented itself when they established a new charitable foundation in support of the agency. The New York State Trooper Foundation hired Bill as its Executive Director and he spent the next 21 years building it from the ground up. His law enforcement career took a turn as he headed toward a non-profit career, but he helped many in law enforcement along the way. Dr. Trigg calls it “the best of both worlds being able to work with one of the nation’s finest police agencies” in the process of enjoying non-profit management.

In 2005, he stayed in the non-profit sector but took a different path in helping others. He became CEO of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Northeast New York. His service to others went from helping those who help others to helping children and their families find encouragement within the healing process at a difficult time in their lives. The mission of the Make-A-Wish Foundation is to grant the wish of every eligible child with a life-threatening medical condition residing in the 15 counties of upstate New York. This particular chapter grants approximately 75 wishes a year and is one of 67 chapters in the country.

One of the most challenging efforts in Dr. Trigg’s job is “to dispel a very persistent misperception that the Make-A-Wish Foundation grants wishes only for dying or terminally ill children,”

states Trigg. “Many of the children we serve (over 70% in the area) survive their illnesses or life-threatening conditions and go on to live very productive lives as adults.” Dr. Trigg says the experience of granting a wish is “more about giving a seriously ill child and his/her family a life-affirming experience that is part of the healing process for the entire family.”

He knows the Foundation succeeds in giving strength, hope and joy “because I see it in their faces every time I have the privilege of meeting them or being present when a wish is granted,” says Trigg. “The excitement and joy on their faces says it all, they are so happy! That’s the reward of this job.” Talk about a job with instant gratification.

The most motivating part of managing such an incredible organization is truly the Wish Children and the volunteer Wish Granters. “On the one hand, the children and teenagers we serve are incredibly courageous and resilient. They do not see their illness as an excuse to give up, but as a challenge to overcome,” observes Trigg. “For this reason, we owe it to them and to ourselves to give them hope, strength and joy that they will do just that.”

The other motivator is the network of volunteers. The Wish Granters are indeed dedicated, committed, and very creative in their efforts to give children their heartfelt wish, whatever it may be. “Total strangers are willing to make a magical experience happen for a child and family that desperately needs hope and joy at a terribly difficult time,” Dr. Trigg states. He always tells people, “Our Wish Granters are the true heroes of the Make-A-Wish Foundation.”

Dr. Trigg applies various aspects of what he learned at Thomas More College in his career everyday. “Everything about my college experience at TMC has had application throughout my career, from trying to make a positive difference in people’s lives, to doing a quality job, to leading by example, especially the example of service to others.” Dr. Trigg realizes,



William C. Trigg III, Ph.D. '76

**Bachelor of Arts, Psychology/Drama
Thomas More College**

**Master’s in Criminal Justice
University of New York, Albany**

**Doctorate in Criminal Justice
University of New York, Albany**

Bill Trigg with Make-A-Wish child, Izaak, and his brother, Kaleb, granting his wish for a camper.

“Although I did not fully appreciate it at the time, the Catholic Christian tradition of the College in emphasizing service to others had a profound influence on the decisions I have made in my life, from my career in the non-profit sector to my active involvement in the Church in both the parish and diocesan levels.”

“Perhaps most importantly,” recalls Trigg, “my four years at TMC helped me appreciate the importance of treating people with dignity and respect for who they are, what they can do and what they can teach us — no matter who they are. That lesson has served me well throughout my professional career and in my personal life.”

Dr. Trigg’s greatest personal accomplishments are, of course, his daughters, who also seem to have chosen paths to help others. Genevieve is studying to be a lawyer and Amelia is studying to be a high school history teacher. His greatest professional accomplishment sums up his life of service to others. It is a unique Tribute Weekend he began 13 years ago for families of New York State Troopers killed in the line of duty which, according to Trigg, “brings together more than 180 family members to help them share their loss, find support for each other, and find affirmation in their ability to survive.”

1970s

Ivan S. Bennett '72, retired to Hilton Head Plantation in Hilton Head Island, SC with his wife, Susan. He is indebted to Thomas More College for its 1969 Second Chance Program.



Mark J. Stepaniak '77, a partner in the Labor and Employment Department at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP, has recently accepted two board appointments: VP on the Board of Trustees at Catholic

Social Services (CCS) of Southwestern Ohio and the Board of Directors for the Dan Beard Council of the Boy Scouts of America.

1980s

Patrick J. Ginney, DPM '82 married Yong Knecht on December 28, 2007. He is a podiatrist practicing in Florence, Kentucky. He is currently on staff at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, St. Luke Hospitals, and the Chancellor Surgery Center.

Steven Imhoff '83 is a nurse coordinator at the Fetal Care Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Rebecca Schaffer Wells '83 earned the Master's of Music at Miami University (Ohio) and is a faculty member in the Department of Music at Northern Kentucky University. She has been published on jazz history/women wind players in the United Kingdom. She also co-directs the children's choir of the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, called the Angelus Singers.

1990s

Kimberly F. (Hall) Moore '93 is a Nurse Practitioner at the Cincinnati VA Medical Center. She is the local and regional award winner for the Excellence in Nursing Award. As the regional award winner, she is also considered for the national award.

Eric Richardson '93 was appointed by Governor Ernie Fletcher to serve as a Special Justice to the Kentucky Supreme Court. He has also been selected as one of the "2008 Leading Lawyers" in the February 2008 issue of Cincinnati Magazine.

Karin M. (Schueler) Donato '94 and husband, Andy, welcomed their fourth child, Leah Rose, on January 1, 2008.



Andy Adams '99 and wife, Anna, welcomed their second child, Emma Kathryn, on February 18, 2008. Emma joins her 2-year-old brother, Jack, in their new home in Ft. Mitchell.

Christy (Hoffeditz) Oehler '99 married Bryan Oehler on October 27, 2007. She has been working at Boone County 911 for eight years.

2000s

Shawna (Kelley) McClure '02 and **Doug McClure '03** were married in July 2007.

Emily Meier '04 and **Brian Walters '04** were married in May 2008.

Katy Rust '04 married Tim Mason on October 21, 2006. They currently reside in Cold Spring, Kentucky.

Chad Smith '04 recently had his first son, Roman Carter Smith, on August 25, 2007. Roman joins his older sister, Alexis.

Jarrod Zeiser '04 was married in June 2007. He and wife, Meghan, are expecting their first child in May 2008.

WHY I GIVE TO TMC



"What I really do is 'give back'. The life I have now was enormously influenced by the friends, educators and classmates I had at Thomas More. If you are grateful for your life and success, don't you want to give that gift to another young person? Of course you do.**"**

Patrick J. Ginney, DPM '82

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We would love to include photos of our alumni and their family as part of Class Notes. Please follow these guidelines when submitting photos for publication.*

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Going Paperless

Remember when a doctor or nurse came into your hospital room, grabbed your chart at the foot of your bed, and documented their observations and medical instructions on paper? Well, just like music and calendars, those medical charts are now becoming part of the e-world.

Lissa Cash is currently the Implementation Lead for Critical Care/Women's Health/Surgical Services for Sentara Healthcare in Norfolk, Virginia, which means she is responsible for overseeing implementation of the Electronic Medical Records (EMR) for those departments in a seven-hospital system.

Cash, who graduated from Thomas More College in 1982 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, credits the nursing faculty with the tools she has to succeed in her current position. "TMC's Nursing faculty taught me to be progressive, independent, resourceful and that I could succeed in anything I tried."

Sentara Healthcare is known as one of the most forward-thinking health systems in the country. Cash knows, "Sentara likes to be cutting-edge, yet cost effective in their approach to new healthcare ideas. We were spending millions of dollars on the old paper chart system through purchasing, storing, and microfilming old charts." For example, the federal government mandated that hospitals move to electronic records. "In addition," states Cash, "patient safety concerns are forcing hospitals to implement computerized physician order entry. The best part is that nurses will no longer have to wait in line for access to the patient's chart. The nurse and physician can document in the EMR simultaneously."

The biggest challenge of this process has been adaptation to change. Cash says her most difficult task is "convincing people that change is okay, we will all survive this and our patient care will be better as a result. The people I work with on the EMR project and the staff in the hospitals have really stepped up to the challenge. Although we've completely disrupted their routines, they have adjusted to the new system within a few weeks, and we've heard many positive comments since implementing the EMR at our first hospital in February." Yes, there are always glitches, especially in the Information Technology (I.T.) world, but the new EMRs at that first hospital even survived a power outage. Sentara has done well foreseeing those e-obstacles, and persevered. Cash's work continues for the remaining 6 hospitals in the network.

A few years ago, she had the opportunity to participate in eICU, a place that does remote monitoring of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) patients. Sentara was the first health system in the country to implement this concept. "The I.T. side of the eICU really helped me transition into the EMR project."

Even though electronics is a daily part of her nursing career, she still remains true to the profession. Her best accomplishments in life include earning her Master's degree from the University of Virginia, one of the top nursing schools in the country, being a featured speaker at the American Association of Critical Care Nurses National Teaching Institute in 2004, and publishing an article and a chapter in a nursing textbook. "Personally," beams Cash, "my best achievement is my 16-year-old son. He makes it all worthwhile."



Lissa Cash '82

**Associate of Arts, History
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Thomas More College**

**Master's of Nursing
University of Virginia**

ALUMNI Profile

So Far So Good

Kathleen Beechem Nadherny recently retired from US Bank as an executive vice president responsible for management of the bank's metropolitan markets, which included 11,000 employees and 1,200 retail banking centers. She was named among the "25 Most Powerful Women in Banking" by the trade publication, *US Banker*, having established US Bank's initiative for grocery store and corporate site branch locations. She was the senior most woman within US Bancorp in the Cincinnati market and honored as a YWCA Career Woman of Achievement.

How does a longtime, powerful career woman go from being in the novitiate of the Sisters of Notre Dame when she began at Thomas More College to the woman described above?

"I left the convent while in college, but had an 'untypical' college experience," remarks Kathleen. "I was an English major and very influenced by my professor, (the late) Sandy Cuni, '60. She disciplined me to become a better writer and encouraged me along the way." She attributes her love of reading and writing to this day to Professor Cuni.

"Banking was, in fact, my third career change having been a teacher and a human resource professional in retail before joining the bank," recalls Kathleen. She first worked in human resources at the bank as the industry became more interested in recruiting and hiring salespeople. She moved up the ranks of her division and hoped to get the top spot in human resources when it opened, but was turned down. After being disappointed and dissatisfied, Beechem thought of leaving the bank until a senior executive found a way to retain her. She says she'll never forget the conversation that ensued. He told her, "I'm tired of hearing about how well you counsel other managers to lead around here, let's find out if you can do it!"

He gave her the opportunity to counsel others as a district manager

with nearly 12 branches in downtown Cincinnati. As the bank grew, so did her responsibilities. "I became very experienced at doing mergers and was able to recreate the 'culture' that was so successful in Cincinnati across many other markets."

Kathleen was responsible for more than 50% of the retail branches in 24 states. The two highest leverage achievements in her position had benefits that nearly each of the 11,000 employees enjoyed. One was to establish and execute a regular monthly coaching routine model and Kathleen asked her team to do the same, "This one-on-one coaching conversation for all 11,000 employees created outstanding results for the company and allowed for individual development. Many of those employees were in entry level positions and our success was dependent upon their development and continued loyalty and retention."

The other achievement was the transition to a customer service behavior training model which was able to be measured. "Customers were surveyed regularly. Employees' pay was influenced by the quality of care they gave our customers. US Bank's customer service is one of the best across the country."

Kathleen retired earlier than planned in January 2005 in order to care for her husband, Pete Nadherny, who recently passed away after battling a brain tumor for over 2 years. Throughout her career, Pete was a wonderful source of support as he not only took care of the everyday household essentials, but was also a very successful entrepreneur as CEO of The Angus Group, an executive search firm.

Pete was originally given 3 to 6 months to live. The Nadhernys took full advantage of the longer time he gained and visited some of the most fantastic places in the country. These included Mount Rushmore in South Dakota, the Tetons in Wyoming, the bears in Yellowstone National Park,



Kathleen Beechem Nadherny '73

**Bachelor of Arts, English
Thomas More College**

Named among the "25 Most Powerful Women in Banking" by the trade publication, *US Banker*

YWCA Career Woman of Achievement

Glacier Park in Montana, Yosemite in Northern California and Pete's favorite place — Napa Valley and its wonderful wineries. Being sports car enthusiasts, Pete and Kathy, along with their two sons, also fulfilled a lifelong dream of any sports car fan — the 24 Heures du Mans in Le Mans, France last June.

Kathleen Beechem Nadherny has returned to her writing roots which took hold at Thomas More College, and is currently using those skills and the inspiration of Professor Cuni. She is writing a book telling of her husband's courageous battle and her caregiving story called *So Far, So Good*.

Are you a Thomas More LEGACY FAMILY?



Legacy families include those family members whose relatives graduated from Villa Madonna College/Thomas More College, and/or are current students attending Thomas More College. Family members considered part of a legacy family include grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, daughters, sons, sisters, brothers and cousins.

Legacy families carry on the tradition, spirit, and values of their alma mater since many of them were probably introduced to the College at a young age, carrying that loyalty with them as they grew older.

Children and grandchildren of alumni can bring a sense of tradition and a link to part of the College's history. Legacy families provide for the transfer of loyalty for generations to come. The desire and the expectation that alumni might share

their cherished experience with family members in the hopes of encouraging their own relatives to attend, is one of the hopes of Thomas More College.

The TMC Alumni Association honors your family loyalty and would like to recognize and maintain this information for future generations to follow.

Please provide the following information for as many alumni in your family that are part of your Thomas More legacy. Include each person's VMC/TMC graduate name, alumni year, attendance years (if not an alumni) and the relationship of this person to you.

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Student Athlete Stand Outs

Top row pictured from left to right: Tandra Sellers, Jennifer Teski, Nicole Dickman, Rachel Krumpelbeck, Amy Stultz, Amanda Link, Claire Noltemeyer, Dana Bors. Bottom row left to right: Jayme Thiem, Gabby Johnson, Alicia Williams, Jenna Kelsch, Carrie Fay, Alex Gee, Sarah Yeise and Caitlyn Mauch.



Lady Saints Historical Season

The 2007-08 women's basketball season will go down as one of the best in school history as the Saints ran through the regular season at 25-0. Thomas More went on to claim its second straight Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) regular season and tournament championships. However, their exciting run came to an abrupt end as they were upset in the second round of the NCAA Tournament by Ogelthorpe. The Stormy Petrels would eventually advance to the Division III Final Four.

Junior guard Jayme Thiem (Newport Central Catholic) racked a plethora of postseason accolades. She was named PAC Player of the Year and earned first-team All-Region from D3hoops.com. Thiem picked up third-team All-America honors from D3hoops.com and *Women's DIII News*, and was named honorable mention All-American by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Senior Tandra Sellers (Boone County) and freshman Nicole Dickman (Notre Dame Academy) earned second

and third team all-region honors from D3hoops.com. Head coach Brian Neal was named the Web site's regional Coach of the Year. The senior class of Sellers, Amanda Link (Glen Este), Jenna Kelsch (Pendleton County) and Jennifer Teski (Glen Este) left school as the all-time winningest class and the only class to average 20-plus wins over their careers. Thomas More finished the season 29-1 ranked eighth in the country.



Men's Basketball

The Thomas More men's basketball team finished the season at 11-16 and posted its first-ever Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) tournament victory by upsetting Westminster in the first round, 95-77. Part of the reason for Thomas More's success was the ability

to win in the Connor Convocation Center. The Saints posted a 7-4 mark at home.

Juniors Mark Tinklenberg and Matty Owens helped bring a winning attitude and basketball

toughness. Tinklenberg, en route to second team Presidents' Athletic Conference honors, led the team with 15.6 points and 6.7 rebounds. Owens was second on the team with 7.6 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. Senior Brad Buckner, who earned honorable mention

PAC honors for the second straight season, was third on the team with 7.2 points and 4.0 rebounds.

The 2007-08 season also saw several freshmen step into key roles, giving Thomas More fans a glimpse of a bright future. Johnny Bovard started 21 games for Thomas More, averaging 6.0 points, while the trio of Kurt Bovard, Brian Muse and Eddie Brown all came off the bench for the Saints. The Saints had some impressive wins throughout the season, including victories over Washington & Jefferson, Bethany, Geneva and Saint Vincent, the latter of which met in the PAC final. Geneva and Saint Vincent are provisional Division III members, and still have scholarship players on its rosters.



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The Saints Sideliners is a group of supportive alumni, parents and fans of Thomas More College athletics. This group is designed to help maintain and improve Thomas More's tradition of excellence in athletics. Get involved and be a special part of Thomas More College athletics.

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2008 FALL ATHLETIC HOME EVENTS Calendar

Friday, August 29

3 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Capital
5 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Capital

Saturday, August 30

12 Noon Volleyball vs Blackburn
4 p.m. Volleyball vs Penn State-Behrend

Sunday, August 31

11 a.m. Volleyball vs Earlham
3 p.m. Volleyball vs Spalding

Monday, September 1

1 p.m. Men's Soccer vs
Cincinnati Christian

Tuesday, September 2

5 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Hanover

Wednesday, September 3

5 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Hanover

Saturday, September 6

1:30 p.m. Football vs John Carroll

Wednesday, September 10

7 p.m. Volleyball vs Transylvania

Tuesday, September 16

4 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Centre

Saturday, September 20

10 a.m. Volleyball vs Centre
11:30 a.m. Volleyball vs Baldwin-Wallace
2 p.m. Volleyball vs Piedmont
3 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Berea

Tuesday, September 23

4 p.m. Women's Soccer vs
Mount St. Joseph

Wednesday, September 24

4 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Mount St. Joseph

Saturday, September 27

1:30 p.m. Football vs Westminster*

Thursday, October 2

6 p.m. Volleyball vs Geneva*

Saturday, October 4

12 Noon Women's Soccer vs Westminster*
2 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Westminster*

Sunday, October 5

1:30 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Spaulding
3:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Spaulding

Saturday, October 11

11 a.m. Volleyball vs
Washington & Jefferson*
1:30 p.m. Football vs Saint Vincent*
3 p.m. Volleyball vs Bethany*

Sunday, October 12

12 Noon Women's Soccer vs Chatham*
1 p.m. Volleyball vs Saint Vincent*

Tuesday, October 14

1:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs
Washington & Jefferson*

4 p.m. Women's Soccer vs
Washington & Jefferson*

Saturday, October 18

10 a.m. Volleyball vs Waynesburg*
2 p.m. Volleyball vs Westminster*

Wednesday, October 22

2 p.m. Men's Soccer vs Saint Vincent*.
4 p.m. Women's Soccer vs Saint Vincent*.

Saturday, October 25

1:30 p.m. Football vs Thiel*

Saturday, November 1

10 a.m. Volleyball vs Grove City*
12 Noon Volleyball vs Thiel*
1:30 p.m. Football vs
Washington & Jefferson*
TBA Men's Soccer vs Bethany*
TBA Women's Soccer vs Bethany*

Sunday, November 2

11 a.m. Volleyball vs Rockford

Saturday, November 15

1:30 p.m. Football vs Mount St. Joseph

* Presidents' Athletic Conference Game

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