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DISCIPLINED THINKERS. ETHICAL LEADERS.



Dear Friend,

Happy New Year! May 2008 be a year of true and lasting peace in each of our hearts and in our world.

We begin this new year at Thomas More College with a great amount of enthusiasm after completing a most successful fall semester. Hopefully, as you read through this issue of *Moreover* you will rejoice with us over our students' academic and athletic success, as well as their willingness to serve our community. Our ability

to meet the James Graham Brown Challenge grant ended the semester on a high note. As January comes to an end, all indicators point to a spring 2008 semester that will continue this positive momentum for the College.

Many of you participated in a comprehensive market research study for Thomas More this fall. The information we received from our alumni, faculty, staff, church leaders and current and prospective students, will guide the development of an integrated marketing plan which will enhance the visibility and distinctiveness of the College to key constituent groups. We were told that TMC's level of participation from both the focus groups and the e-mail survey was well above the norm. Such response speaks of the commitment of our college community and guarantees the relevance of the new marketing initiatives. Thanks to each of you who assisted us in this important project.

Parallel to our work on a marketing plan, is the development of a comprehensive new strategic plan to carry the College forward to 2013. We are challenged to develop a plan built on our mission that will become a road map for the next five years, and that will reflect our values and that supports the Vision 2015 and Strive initiatives. To do this, it will be necessary for us to be ambitious, energetic, and farreaching. We must set high standards for learning, and this five year plan must evidence a commitment to leadership, inclusivity and service. All of this must be student-centered! Our ultimate purpose is to assist our students to become the men and women this world so desperately needs — individuals who are known for their faith, integrity, ethical decision making, disciplined thinking and responsiveness to the needs of others.

Our mission as a Catholic diocesan college committed to providing a superior liberal arts education in the Catholic intellectual tradition does not change. How best to accomplish that mission in today's world is the task of this strategic planning.

We will keep you informed as the plan develops, and we trust you will keep this important project in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,

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

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Bensman Golf Classic

The Bensman Golf Classic 2007, presented by The Bank of Kentucky, was held at Summit Hills Country Club on Monday, September 10 and featured a sold-out crowd of 31 foursomes. The event raised \$60,000 for the Charles J. Bensman Student Scholarship Fund.



Endowment bunch

On September 26, 2007, Thomas More College hosted an endowment lunch to connect students who receive scholarship assistance from endowments with their benefactors. At the lunch, the students shared with their benefactors the importance of receiving scholarship assistance. Gifts to the endowment make it possible to plan for the future of Thomas More College and provide further opportunities for present and future generations of students.



Homecoming 2007

"Homecoming 2007: Under Construction" was held on campus Saturday, September 29, 2007. The tent held a crowd of 200 alumni families who enjoyed the game via live telecast, an endless array of food and drinks, live music, and plenty of cornhole, basketball, baseball, and frisbee on TMC's front lawn.





Annual Bishop Hughes Awards
On October 11, 2007, Thomas More College presented

On October 11, 2007, Thomas More College presented Ms. Mary T. Bunning and Reverend Monsignor William F. Cleves with the Twelfth Annual Bishop William A. Hughes Award for their contribution to the community and Catholic higher education. The event took place at Summit Hills Country Club in Crestview Hills, Kentucky. The award is named after the retired Bishop of the Covington Diocese, Bishop William A. Hughes, for his support of Thomas More College and Catholic education.



runMORE 2007

Thomas More hosted its 4th annual runMORE 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, October 20, 2007. More than 140 individuals took part in the event, including faculty, staff, students and individuals from the community. The event raised more than \$2,500 for the Thomas More Service Learning Program.



TMC Supports the Troops

Thomas More College hosted a Support Our Troops and Honor Our Veterans Evening on Saturday, November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Holbrook Student Center. The purpose of the event was to demonstrate support and hope for our troops in Iraq, as well as recognize veterans for their service. The event included a candlelight prayer service and guest speakers. Thomas More collected items for care packages to send to our troops over the holiday through the Yellow Ribbon Center.



Winter Wonderland

On December 5, 2007, Thomas More College hosted children and adults at the annual *Winter Wonderland* event held in the Holbrook Student Center. Participants made holiday crafts, played games, enjoyed story-telling, had a holiday dinner and spent time with Santa Claus. Winter Wonderland is designed to provide an enjoyable evening for children that might otherwise have a challenging holiday season, as well as bring together members and families of the Thomas More College community.

Thomas More Sets Fundraising Record with 100% Employee Giving

Thomas More College has set a fundraising record with 100% employee participation in the Annual Scholarship Fund Campaign. "This is an amazing accomplishment for Thomas More College, and it speaks volumes about the commitment our faculty and staff have toward our students and the quality education we provide," said President Stallmeyer.

100% of Thomas More's employees made a gift to the scholarship campaign, raising a total of \$27,731 in unrestricted funds. This surpasses the 2006-07 campaign in which 97% of employees participated. The funds raised in the Employee Scholarship Campaign are used to assist deserving students who would otherwise be unable to attend Thomas More College.



CALENDAR OF Events

February

May

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;	The 27th Annual Thomas More College Lawyers' Brunch			
	Liturgy, Thomas More Chapel	11:00 a.m.		
	Brunch & Lecture, Steigerwald Hall	Noon		
	The Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers			
	Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center	12:30 p.m.		
(Ash Wednesday Mass, Steigerwald Hall	12:30 p.m.		
(6 The Fourth Annual Dr. Henry Winkler Academic Lecture			
	Science Lecture Hall, Administration Building	7:00 p.m.		
1	Outloud Festival, Science Lecture Hall	2:00 p.m.		
1:	Northern Kentucky University Military Lecture Series			
	Topic: I Am Ireland: Padraic Pearse and the Easter Rebellion of 1916			
	Steigerwald Hall	7:00 p.m.		
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April				
!	JGB Honors Senior Banquet, Union Terminal	6:00 p.m.		
11	Hillenmeyer Lecture, Steigerwald Hall	7:00 p.m.		
1:	Class of 1982 Nursing Reunion, Chancellors Room	6:00 p.m.		
1	TAP/MBA Alumni Networking, Queen City Club	6:00 p.m.		
2:		6:00 p.m.		
2	Baseball Alumni Conference Cookout, Baseball Field	Noon		
2	ADG Awards Banquet, Steigerwald Hall	6:00 p.m.		

Athletic Complex Update

Construction began in the fall on the first phase of the new athletic complex with the relocation of power lines. The existing tree line between the field and campus was removed and the valley was filled with dirt. The removal of the trees makes the construction of the field a focal point on campus, allowing students, faculty, staff and visitors to enjoy watching the progress. The storm water retention pond has been filled and relocated. The goal posts and scoreboard have been removed, as well as the hill at the northwest end zone to allow the field to be moved closer to the existing parking lot. The hill will remain, but will be tapered better for fan use. The projected completion date for the first phase is the fall of 2008.



Site work is being completed, including filling in the valley behind the existing grandstands and the old hill in the northwest end zone. The existing stands will eventually be relocated.

10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

1:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Chancellors Room

Baccalaureate Mass, Cathedral Basilica

Commencement Luncheon Honoring the Class of 1958

2008 Commencement Ceremony, Thomas More College

Alumni Association Spring Board Meeting, Chancellors Room

Eva G. Farris Art Gallery Opcoming Exhibits



January 11-February 1

Northern Kentucky Printmakers

February 8- March 7

Petr Stanicky drawings, prints and sculpture

March 14-April 4

Senior Thesis Exhibition

April 11- May 12

Student Exhibition

Art Gallery Hours

Monday — Thursday: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 12 to 5 p.m.

Located on the main level of the Thomas More Library. For more information, call 859-344-3300.

Spring Enrollment Events

Accepted Student Overnight Program

February 5-6, 2008

Holbrook Student Center — Stiegerwald Hall

Spring Preview Day and Cook Out

April 25, 2008

5:30 p.m.

Holbrook Student Center — Stiegerwald Hall

For more information on these events, contact the Office of Enrollment at 859-344-3332.

Thomas More Appoints Vice President for Student Services



Thomas More College is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Matthew H. Webster, to the newly established position of Vice President for Student Services.

Mr. Webster has been a member of the Thomas More community since 1999, serving as the Director of Student Life until 2003 and then as the Dean of Students. Webster replaces Ms. Angela Griffin-Jones, who has served as Vice President for Enrollment Management since 2003. Ms. Jones has accepted a position as Vice Provost for Enrollment and Student Academic Services at St. Bonaventure University in New York. The departure of Ms. Jones provided Thomas More the opportunity to examine the existing administrative configuration and make changes to better serve our students. The newly established Vice President for Student Services will oversee all student service departments within the College

including admissions, financial aid, student life and student support services.

"President Stallmeyer has created a structure that will greatly enhance the college experience as students will move seamlessly from the recruiting process to becoming active members of the Thomas More community," said Webster. "The coordination of admissions, campus life, student development and student services, will provide the best possible support structure and campus environment for every member of Thomas More College."

"Mr. Webster's ability to oversee student services for the College is evidenced by his success as Dean of Students," said President Stallmeyer. "While in this position, he assisted in doubling the resident population, oversaw the addition of a new residence hall, reorganized the student development staff, was integral in the creation of a new campus life logo and served a pivotal role in upgrading the College's emergency response procedures."

Investing in the FUTURE

of Thomas More College

The Jack LaVelle Scholarship Fund

Bv: Bob Hoffer

It is difficult to summarize a life and career as rich

Jack rarely missed family

dinners at home with his

wife, Linda, and four children.

and storied as Jack LaVelle's in a page or two. Loving husband, devoted father, devout member of the Catholic Church, avid golfer and card player, leading tax and corporate lawyer, attorney for the Diocese of Covington and many religious orders and institutions, partner, mentor

and friend. Jack lived life to the fullest while always maintaining Christian virtues of kindness, charity and humility.

Jack grew up across the street from Mother of God Church in Covington, graduated from Covington Latin School and Thomas More College, and then worked his way through Chase College of Law as an employee of the Kentucky Finance Cabinet. After graduating from Chase,

Jack worked for two years for the accounting firm of Coopers & Lybrand in downtown Cincinnati. In 1972, he went to work for Charlie Deters, Gerry Benzinger and future Kenton Circuit Judge Douglas Stephens as an associate at the firm Deters, Benzinger & Stephens.

The firm was located at 219 Garrard Street, an office building then owned by Charlie Deters and Judge Jim Dressman, Jr. Jack had a lot of amusing anecdotes about the days on Garrard Street. Probably the one he liked telling the most was the time he was working late at night and surprised a burglar who was breaking into the restroom window. Jack chased him out the building and down an alley, but somehow his prey managed to escape. We were always glad

Jack didn't catch the guy.

When Judge Stephens left the firm in the mid 1970's to pursue a judicial career, the name of the firm was changed to Deters, Benzinger & LaVelle. Quite a few prominent and colorful lawyers rented space in the 219 Garrard office building in the years Jack worked

there, including Judge Bill Dunn, Judge Jim Dressman, Judge Larry Wichmann, Wayne Bridges, and Willie Mathis, among others.

With his background in accounting and finance, Jack quickly established himself as a specialist in the fields of corporate and taxation law.



He also assumed the role of legal counsel for the Diocese of Covington and many religious orders and institutions in the Greater Cincinnati area.

A lifelong Catholic, Jack was dedicated to the Catholic Church not only spiritually, but professionally as well. He considered the hallmark of his legal career his service to the Church.

When we think of Jack's defining professional characteristics, we think of his high ethical standards, his integrity and his attention to detail. Though he rarely set foot in courtrooms, he was held



in high esteem by a number of judges, to the extent that he was regularly appointed a fiduciary or guardian by several local judges. As the firm grew and Jack's responsibilities increased, Jack's humility and his work ethic never faltered. His love of tax season was legendary.

Jim Dressman laughs when he thinks of Jack even in the last years of his practice managing to collect a box of tax returns to take to the Post Office at midnight on April 15 to get postmarked just ahead of the filing deadline.

Jack was always a very committed family man. No matter how pressing his professional obligations, he rarely missed family dinners at home with his wife, Linda, and four children. In his leisure time, Jack was known for his passion for the game of golf.

He was a long-time member of Summit Hills Country Club, and took several golfing trips each year with golfing buddies. He was also very fond of card games, especially bridge and poker.

June 8, 2007 marked the fourth anniversary of Jack LaVelle's passing. It is difficult to believe Jack has not been with us for so many years. Jack made such a lasting impression on everyone he met and impacted the lives of many people. The Jack LaVelle Scholarship Fund is a way of celebrating his life and his passions. In the broadest sense, the mission of establishing an endowment fund in Jack's name will

be to give young men and women an opportunity to receive the same type of liberal arts education that he received.

Each year, graduates of parochial high schools in the Diocese of Covington will have first preference for receiving the Jack LaVelle Scholarship to Thomas More College. The scholarships will be awarded to qualified students based on financial need. As we look to a bright future



of growth and expansion for Thomas More College, your involvement in this scholarship campaign can be an important part of that success.

For more information on the Jack LaVelle Scholarship Fund, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 859-344-3344.

Thomas More Reaches \$1 Million Endowment Challenge

Thomas More College reached its \$1 million Endowment Challenge established by the James Graham Brown Foundation. In December 2006, the James Graham Brown Foundation awarded Thomas More \$250,000 for the endowed James Graham Brown Scholarships Program, as well as an additional \$500,000 for the general scholarship fund, if the College raised a matching \$1 million by December 31, 2007.

"We are so proud to have risen to the challenge in raising the \$1 million necessary to receive the half million," said Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, President of Thomas More College. "This will allow Thomas More to make scholarship funds available to even more deserving students as well as increase the College's general endowment significantly."

WHY WE GIVE TO TMC



We give to Thomas More because the College has given so much to our family. When our daughter, Michelle, decided she wanted to go to Thomas More, the faculty and staff provided a way for her to achieve her goal. When our son, Michael, was looking at colleges, Thomas More made sure he knew he was wanted and welcome. They both graduated from Thomas More and have become wonderful, caring, Christian people. We are very proud of our children and our association with Thomas More College.

Lou ('81) and Marilyn Esselmen

When John Sherron was in high school in 1960, he never dreamed that he would someday have a daughter whose actions would be influenced by his decision to go to Norway as an AFS exchange student.

Now, 47 years later, his daughter, Dr. Cate Sherron, Associate Professor of Philosophy at Thomas More, and her husband, Randy Bailey, are participating in AFS as parent hosts for a 17-year old high school student from Turkey, Aydin T. Baydar. Aydin arrived in Northern Kentucky this summer and will live with Dr. Sherron and her husband until June, 2008.

"Actually, there were many influences that led us to welcome Aydin to live in our home for a year," Dr. Sherron said. "We knew about exchange programs from my dad as well as my uncle, who was an exchange student in Argentina in the late 1960s. When I was growing up, my dad displayed small Norwegian flags on our Christmas tree every year. He had brought them back home with him many years earlier, and he treasured them. My uncle met and married a young woman from

Iran. I remember hearing her tell funny stories about her own language gaffes. They, too, have hosted several exchange students."

"Three of my college roommates had been exchange students in Turkey, the Netherlands, and Chile. The one who went to Chile ended up marrying a young Argentinean exchange student whom she met in high school."

"My interest in other cultures was further fueled by my experiences while living overseas (England and Iran) and in several different states (Illinois, California, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania) — all before I was 16 years old. My dad was a civil engineer in the U.S. Navy, and we were able to experience other cultures through moves for his job. My mom was probably the only American mother in Middletown, Ohio, who regularly cooked from Persian recipes she had learned when we lived in Iran!"

Randy Bailey, Cate's husband, grew up in eastern Ohio. At Bethany College, he met many foreign students who became friends as well as fraternity brothers. Later, he earned an M.F.A. degree in acting from Ohio University where he met other foreign students. Randy's friends, work experiences in

theater, and personal travel have all stimulated his interest in other cultures.

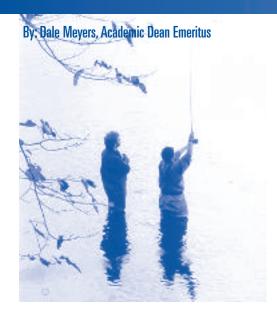
Friends and neighbors were another big influence. Dr. Siobhan Barone, Professor of Biology at Thomas More, and her husband, Jim, had hosted an AFS student and were very encouraging. "Also, our neighbors across the street in Ft. Thomas, Rees Storm and Addison Austin, and their three sons, Griffin, Rian, and Christian, have hosted many foreign students. Rees and Addison have been a big support to us." With these neighbors,



Aydin had "instantaneous" American friends living next door and also daily transportation with them to and from Highlands High School.

Aydin says he enjoys many things in America. "I didn't know American football before I came here. I like playing it even more than watching." He likes the fact

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Pictured left to right: Randy Bailey, Aydin T. Baydar and Catherine Sherron.

that American teenagers can drive at age 16 instead of 18 as in Turkey ("That's so cool!"). He enjoys Highlands High School, but says that school in America is easier. "In Turkey, we have to wear school uniforms, and we take 8 classes every day." Aydin, who plans to go to medical school and become a doctor like his father, Metin L. Baydar, M.D. (who is President of Isparta Súleyman Demirel University in Isparta, Turkey), has already learned calculus and is helping his American classmates in math. Before he came to America, Aydin watched the films *American Pie* and *Alpha Dog*.

From those films, he said he expected to find a lot of drug use here, but he said he has not found that. Aydin was strongly encouraged to travel (he's been to Japan and several European countries) by his father as well as his mother, Nülüfer Baydar, an archeologist at Ankara Ethnography Museum. Also back home in Ankara, Aydin's 14 year-old sister, Jülide D. Baydar, stays in touch with him by e-mail.

"I didn't realize you could host AFS students without having children of your own," said Cate. "When we accidentally found out that we would be eligible to do so, the whole world opened up." Her biggest surprise, she said, is that hosting is easier than she expected. "Highlands High School has been very supportive, and we've been very impressed by the teachers, staff and the school's academic excellence. I also didn't realize how much support AFS would give us." AFS stays in touch with the students and with us through a local person who serves in the role of liaison. "Our liaison, Jason, has a Ph.D. from Harvard, and he works as a scientific researcher at the University of Cincinnati." Jason himself had been an AFS exchange student to Turkey.

People who hear about student exchange programs often focus on how

much the foreign student will learn about American culture. Dr. Sherron has already found that the experience of living for a year with a Muslim son has affected her perspective and the perspective of other Americans who get to know him. "I like to think about how Aydin's experience here has a ripple effect on many people. Now his classmates at Highlands actually know a boy from Turkey, and they see that he loves American football just like they do, and he's also funny and kind." Siobhan Barone, an immunologist, will teach an honors class at TMC on HIV/ AIDS next spring. Because of Aydin and the web of contacts he has brought, the TMC honors students will now get to meet and learn about the scientific research of Aydin's American liaison, Jason.

The extent of the ripple effect from Aydin's year in America may never be known. Just as John Sherron had no idea of the ripple effect that his experience as an American exchange student in Norway would have on his daughter and continue to have on many other people, 47 years later.







BEST Partners

Thomas More Strengthens Partnership with Latonia Elementary

By: Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg MAT Coordinator Assistant Professor Thomas More College is beginning its third year as the

BEST Partner with Latonia Elementary School in Covington, Kentucky. BEST stands for Business Education Success Teams and is an outreach program of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Established in 1989, the BEST Program seeks to connect the business community with schools throughout Northern Kentucky.

The BEST Program strives to improve communication and understanding among businesses and education by facilitating the sharing of resources and expertise. Strategies and activities are developed jointly by school and business team members each year.

On October 26, Latonia Elementary Family Resource Center Coordinator and BEST contact person at the school, Darla Payne, met with Education faculty at Thomas More College to develop the action plan for 2007-08. "We are tremendously excited about the possibilities to learn from each other and help Latonia Elementary students think about their future," said Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg, Education faculty member and BEST Program contact person at Thomas More College. Ms. Payne agrees that students at Latonia Elementary can benefit greatly by this partnership. "Many of our students have never been on a college campus, and we want them to

understand that education is vital to their long term success," Ms. Payne added.

Latonia Elementary, located within the Covington Independent Schools, is a preschool through fifth grade center which houses 378 students. Eighty-three percent of the student population is at or below poverty level; five percent are considered homeless; and 18% is students with disabilities.

One of the primary goals of the BEST Program is to focus on activities that help increase the students' reading comprehension, writing proficiency, and math and science skills. This will be done through Book Talks from 10:30 a.m. to noon on specified days in thirty minute intervals. This activity, which targets the advanced reader, provides the BEST Partner and parents the opportunity to read a book and discuss it with a group of 8–10 students during lunch.

A second goal is to provide students with the opportunity to explore a variety of careers and continuing education. Fourth and fifth grade students will visit the campus at Thomas More College to tour the campus, have lunch, and have an opportunity to talk to college students and faculty about college life. Student ambassadors from the Admissions Office will assist in planning this event. Mr. Billy Sarge, Assistant Director of Admissions at Thomas More College, is eager to have these students come to campus. He commented, "Any time we can get elementary level

students on campus to get an idea of what college life is all about, is great. We are honored to be a part of this partnership with Latonia Elementary." It is also planned to have students attend a basketball game on campus.

On October 30, Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg, a representative from the Office of Admissions, along with Student Work Study, Johnny Bergman, and Thomas More Mascot, Tommy Mo, attended a walk-a-thon at Latonia Elementary. Students had previously

BEST stands for Business Education Success Teams and is an outreach program of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce

taken pledges and agreed to walk for 45 minutes around the school to raise money for noted school projects. The walk was very successful, involving close to 100 students, several parents, teachers, and staff. The Admissions Office gave brochures to parents and teachers who are interested in educational programs at Thomas More, and there was great interaction between Thomas More and Latonia Elementary. Mr. Lee Turner, principal of Latonia Elementary and also a Thomas More alumnus, expressed his pleasure in having the College participate

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in this activity: "It is great to have my alma mater partnering with me in the workplace. We look forward to great things from this partnership."

Dr. Beth Penn, Chairperson of the Education Department at Thomas More College, supports the plan which has been developed: "We know that in order for students to be successful, there must be a meaningful relationship among the school, the families, and the community. I am pleased that the Education Department, as well as the entire College community, can be a part of this great opportunity."

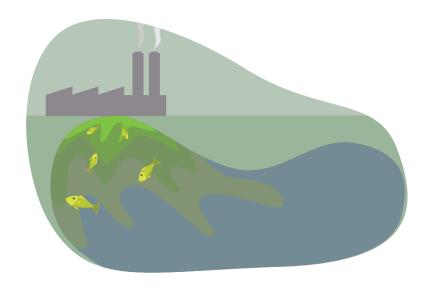
Schools cannot accomplish their academic goals alone. Involving their BEST partner is critical to their growth and preparing students for success. Through BEST, Thomas More College and Latonia Elementary are committed to work together to develop activities that will help meet the needs of the school and have a positive impact on future workforce development in the Northern Kentucky region.

If you are interested in serving as a tutor, either in school or out of school, or being part of this partnership in other ways, please contact Dr. Joyce F. Hamberg at joyce.hamberg@thomasmore.edu, or by phone at 859-344-3338.



Pictured from left to right. Kevin Martin, Marquise Lewis, D'Andre Babineaux, Brandon Smith and mascot, Tommy Mo. Standing: Lee Turner, Principal at Latonia Elementary School.

Class Acts



Biology Students Present at Symposium



Biology Students at the Argonne Undergraduate Research Symposium in Chicago, Illinois.

On November 2, 2007 Dr. Jay Kirchner, Assistant Professor of Biology, and eight students from the Biology Department attended the Argonne Undergraduate Research Symposium in Chicago. One of the students, Emily Eismann, presented research she and other students did at the Biology Field Station on the Ohio River under the direction of Dr. Chris Lorentz, Professor of Biology. This symposium was a two day event. In addition to attending the meeting and hearing talks representing all of the natural sciences including Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Computer Science, the Thomas More biology students also were able to visit the Museum of Natural History and other attractions in downtown Chicago. The Thomas More Biology Department annually sends students to participate in this conference, in addition to other conferences, including the Kentucky Academy of Science.



Pictured left to right: Jeff Goessling and Emily Eismann.



Students Present at the Kentucky Academy of Sciences

Emily Eismann, Biology and Psychology major, along with several other students, performed a bioassessment of the fishes of the Ohio River this past summer. The primary objectives of this study were to assess the current composition of the fish community, examine spatial variation among the fish populations near a coal-fired power plant, and investigate the hydrological, chemical, and physical characteristics of the Ohio River near the power plant. On November 2, Emily presented this research at the Argonne National Undergraduate Symposium in Chicago and again on November 9 at the Kentucky Academy of Sciences Annual Meetings at the University of Louisville.

Also at the Kentucky Academy of Science meetings, Jeff Goessling, Biology major, presented a talk entitled, "A survey of amphibians and reptiles within a constructed wetland and restored stream corridor in Campbell County, Kentucky." This research conducted last summer, under the direction of Dr. John Ferner, Professor of Biology, examined the effectiveness of a restoration project which included stabilization of stream banks, construction of stream riffle complexes, restoration of stream sinuosity, creation of two stormwater detention wetlands, enhancement of an existing pond and enhancement of 25 acres of riparian woodland. The design of the physical features in this restoration project was found to provide a successful corridor for colonization of the newly created wetlands by amphibians and reptiles from surrounding habitats.

Student Presents at the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics

Chemistry and Biology major, Erica Goetz, performed research this past summer at the University of Cincinnati through the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics (ASPET) undergraduate research program under the direction of Dr. Jo El J. Schultz. At the conclusion of the summer, Erica presented a poster on her work entitled "The Role of Protein Kinase C epsilon in FGF2-Mediated Cardioprotection," and received second place in the ASPET poster competition.



Pictured left to right: Erica Goetz, and her advisor, Dr. Jo El J. Schultz, at the American Society of Pharmacology and Experimental Therapeutics.

FACULTY Profile

Ten Minutes with Ann Hicks

How long have you worked at TMC?

A: That question is more complicated than you might expect. My first teaching experience at TMC was a one semester appointment in 1975. I substituted for a professor on release time to develop the chemistry curriculum for the newly approved Nursing Program. I returned in 1978 for a one year appointment, while the department searched for a new faculty member. When the new hire did not work out, Sr. Rita Marie Mueller, the chemistry department chair, asked me to apply for a full-time faculty position. That's a long winded way of saying I've been full-time at TMC since 1980, a mere 27 years.

What are your hobbies?

A: Gardening is near the top of my list. I particularly like flower gardening. Birding is another avocation. One reason I am going to Costa Rica this summer is to see tropical birds.

What are you passionate about?

A: Teaching Organic Chemistry. I still enjoy helping students see the intricacies, simplicity and wonder of organic chemistry.

TMC Women's Basketball. I try to get to as many home games as possible and make as much noise as possible while I'm there. Go Saints!

What awards/honors have you received?

A: I have been honored to receive two awards for outstanding teaching at Thomas More: one in 1978–79 for part-time faculty and one in 1992–93 for full-time faculty. Coincidentally, in 1992–93 my husband, Vern, received a similar award from NKU.

What motivates you as a faculty member?

A: I still get excited sharing organic chemistry with students and a charge out of seeing a student have an "AHA!" moment. Nothing is more satisfying to a teacher than to witness that moment when the pieces fall into place and a student crosses the bridge from memorization to understanding.

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

A: Keeping up with the changes in classroom technology and adapting to the different learning styles of students.

Where is the last place you traveled and why?

A: Japan. My niece married the son of the Australian Ambassodor to Japan who invited our extended family to spend Christmas with him and his wife. For six wonderful days, eight of us were guests in the Australian Embassy in Tokyo. We were treated to a formal Christmas dinner. Afterwords, we sang Christmas carols accompanied by a world famous Japanese flautist. She brought her own song book, "The Reader's Digest Anthology of Christmas Carols." We explored Tokyo and took a side trip to Hiroshima and Kyoto. It was a great time!

What is your favorite book?

A: Usually, the one I'm reading at the moment. Most of my reading is done in the summer and is a mix of fiction and nonfiction. Last summer I read Madeline Albright's book, "The Mighty and the Almighty," and "Monkey Girl" by Edward Humes. "Monkey Girl" is an account of the trial of the Dover, PA School Board that was a result of the Board's decision to change the biology curriculum in Dover's schools and require intelligent design be taught along with evolution.



Professor, Chemistry

Professional Associations:

The American Chemical Society

What is in your CD player right now?

A: An Eva Cassidy album, "Song Bird"

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

A: Farm girl goes to college, earns a Ph.D. in chemistry, marries her prince, raises two terrific children, teaches chemistry at TMC, retires to a home in the country with a cistern and septic tank.

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

A: Growing up in North Carolina, I saw Pilot Mountain every time we went to town or the grocery store. I always wanted to stand on the top of that mountain's knob, but never did. I am going to do that one day.

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

A: I always send my husband to do the Christmas shopping because I can't stand crowds.

In Memoriam

Barb Davis

By: Ruchelle Dunwoody '91

On Wednesday, November 8, 2006, I was headed to Saint John's Arena, in Columbus, Ohio to watch a volleyball match between the then ranked Penn State (#3) and Ohio State (#23). I was heading for Interstate 315 when my cell phone rang, and it was Barb. After our usual phone greetings, she told me news I would never forget, that she has been diagnosed with terminal cancer. I remember yelling into the phone, "are you kidding? Can you get a second opinion?" When we finally hung up, I cried all the way to the arena. I can't recall another time where I felt so helpless and alone. I wanted to be there for her like she had been there for me so many times before and I couldn't. I was only left with questions: 'What am I going to do without her? Can this really be true? Who was going to have dinner with me on Sundays? Who was going to edit my papers or remind me to call my mom, or watch sports with me? Who, outside my immediate family, was going to tell me what a great person I've become?'

Barb passed away surrounded by family and friends just a few short months after being diagnosed. It's difficult to describe in words the impact that Barb had on my life. While I was a student at Thomas More College, I was her student assistant. If you asked Barb to recall our first meeting, she would laugh and say I didn't like her very much. According to Barb, when I first met her, I gave her a cocky look that said, "I'm Ruchelle Dunwoody, who the hell are you!" Despite my attitude during our first encounter, our relationship bloomed into something magnificent.

Barb was rare, in the fact she was never in a bad mood. She greeted everyone with a huge hug and warm smile. When I came to work she always asked how my classes were going. During the holidays, when I couldn't get home, she invited me into hers. When I had an issue or a problem, Barb was always available to offer a helping hand, or advice to get me back on the right track. Throughout my time at Thomas More College and beyond, she encouraged me to be my best; she challenged my views, my beliefs, and the way I looked at the world. My mom always told me I could do anything and be anyone in this world. Barb was like my mom; she made me believe it was

positives in every situation. When I was too embarrassed or stubborn to ask for assistance, she knew exactly what to do to help me achieve my goals without asking. My four years at Thomas More College were amazing, and a great deal of my success today came primarily from Barb's generosity, patience and love.

After, I graduated in 1991, Barb and I remained friends. My mom called Barb my "Ohio Mom." She allowed me to live with her after I graduated while I pursued my professional career. She did this for several other students, as well. During that time, Barb helped me



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true. She was my Guardian Angel as she was for many other students at Thomas More. By asking me questions and demanding that I practice my study skill strategies, she was teaching me and other students at Thomas More how to survive "Global Perspectives," "English 201," and "Chemistry for Everyday Life." When I didn't do so well on my exams, Barb was always waiting in her office with words of encouragement, a plan for the next exam and raisin oatmeal cookies. She always made me smile and she had a way of making me see the

prepare for interviews, write cover letters and teach Sunday school. We talked about politics, watched sports and discussed the joys of international travel. It was during our Sunday dinners that we shared our dreams and aspirations for the future. After about a year of living with Barb, she helped me find a place of my own in Cincinnati, where I started working for Scripps Howard in corporate accounting. But we continued to see each other for dinner and shopping, or just to relax together.



Barb Davis Endowment

Barb Davis was genuinely committed to the students at Thomas More College. It was not surprising that one of Barb's last wishes was that an endowed scholarship be established in her name. The Barbara Sturm Davis scholarship was established by her family in October 2007 to honor her and remember her for her many contributions to the education and mentoring of her students in a 25 year career in education. The funds from the scholarship will be awarded to deserving juniors or seniors who have demonstrated clear academic improvement and progress.

A gift from each of Barb's students who benefited so richly from her guidance and generosity will ensure that Barb's legacy lives on.

Contributions can be made to:

The Barbara Sturm Davis Endowed 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.

Often, Barb spoke passionately about her students and colleagues at Thomas More. Sometimes I felt like I was still a student because she would keep me updated on all the College news during our gatherings. She spoke about the students who passed through her doors each day. I was often overwhelmed by the number of people she interacted with daily, but then I would remember my time at the College and realized she hadn't changed. She loved teaching and helping others. We talked about when she would retire, but she always said, "Ruchelle, I'm having too much fun, I can't stop now." Even when she was dealing with health issues, Thomas More was where she wanted to be, surrounded by her students and colleagues.

Barb had a wisdom that went beyond her words, and there were many times I thought she was a mind-reader. When I had a bad day or week, she would call or send an e-mail that simply said, "I'm thinking of you and hoping you're having a great day". She had a heart of gold. I now work in higher education because Barb always told me to pursue the desires in my heart. She said when you decide on a career, do it for the pure enjoyment you get from being around the people who love it just as much as you do.

Barb and I have shared so many wonderful adventures, whether we were together or apart. I will always admire her many qualities. She was my guiding light and a gift from heaven. Our lives are better because of Barb Davis and her legacy will live forever in my heart and in the hearts of those she touched daily. She valued and enjoyed every moment she spent on earth and spent every day doing the things she loved; reading, traveling, teaching, laughing and smiling, always smiling.

She was a loving mother, kind and inspiring; she was a great teacher, fun, challenging and personable; she was a one-of-a-kind friend, loyal, trustworthy and dependable. She is truly missed by her friends, family and students. My heart still aches when I think about her and I often have to hold back my tears. I take solace in the fact that she lived her "dash" extraordinarily.

This summer, I plan to travel to China with a couple of my Thomas More buddies. This fulfills a promise I made to Barb. I know she is watching and this is my way of saying, "thank you for everything."

Without Borders

Pilgrimage Fascinates Education Teacher

Bright flower boxes, narrow winding streets, sidewalk cafes: sights like these delighted the eyes of Sr. M. Evelynn Reinke, S.N.D. (1972), Associate Professor of Education, on her summer pilgrimage to Europe. Landing in Germany on June 22, Sr. Evelynn and seven other Sisters of Notre Dame toured key locations in the early history of their congregation. These included visits to Vechta, Coesfeld, and Muelhausen, Germany; with a short trip to Tegelen, The Netherlands. The pilgrimage allows contemporary Sisters of Notre Dame to walk the streets and stairways traveled by their foundress and her earliest companions. On a day trip to the motherhouse of the Sisters of Notre

Dame of Namur, Belgium, the pilgrims knelt on the very prie-dieu used by St. Julie Billiart, the German Notre Dame's spiritual mother.

Besides visiting the sites of the Congregation's first foundations, the pilgrims experienced some of the local culture and historic attractions. The lush green of the Rhineland countryside provided sharp contrast to the thirsty brown grass at home.

Flying to Rome on July 2, the American S.N.D.'s enjoyed the excitement of a papal audience, the last before Pope Benedict's vacation. They were happy to be in the air-conditioned audience hall rather than outside in the blazing Roman sun over St. Peter's Square. Holy Mass in the crypt of St. Peter's, within view of the back of his tomb, was the most aweinspiring experience for Sr. Evelynn.

Another highlight of the sisters' stay in Italy was the trip to Assisi. The Franciscan atmosphere of prayer and simplicity and the beauty of the countryside seem to charm all who go there. Also moving were the devotion of the Romans to Our Lady and the reverence for so many martyrs and other saints honored there. All the pilgrims arrived home loaded with photos, souvenirs, and memories to last a lifetime.

Academic News



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Thomas More's Accelerated Degree Program

TAP Welcomes its' 200th Cohort

This past January, the College launched the 200th cohort group of the Thomas More College Accelerated Degree Program (TAP) for working professionals. Since its inception in 1993, over 3300 tristate professionals from organizations like Toyota, Procter and Gamble, Citi, Fifth Third, Cincinnati Children's Hospital, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Cascades, National City and Fidelity Investments have benefited from enrollment in Thomas More's Accelerated Degree Program.

Thomas More's cohort model was the first of its kind in the tri-state to offer adult learners access to a full-time course schedule while maintaining fulltime professional responsibilities. The model is successful because it incubates the essential leadership and business skills needed for our region to be competitive in the global marketplace. Learning outcomes embedded in each course foster critical thinking, problem solving, team collaboration, analysis and ethical decision making.

The business community positively responded to this dynamic program prompting expansion on the part of Thomas More to meet working professionals' needs. Today TAP degree options include: an Associate of Elected Studies, a Bachelor of Business Administration with available concentrations in Finance, Marketing and Management, a Master of Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration for Healthcare Professionals.

Faculty Notes



Professors, Dr. Robert Riehmann and Rebecca Bilbo, at the American Museum of Natural History in New York.

Associate Professor and Chair,
Mathematics and Physics, presented a
joint paper in October 2007, at the School
of Visual Arts' "The National Conference on
Liberal Arts and the Artist" in New York. The
paper, titled "Folk Art, Fairytales and Science:
Representations of Religion in the Bluegrass"
was a critique of the newly opened Creation
Museum in Petersburg, Kentucky. While in

Rebecca Bilbo, Associate Professor

and Chair, Art and Dr. Robert Riehemann,

Dr. Rex B. Easley, Associate Professor, English, had a poem, "Mary Hill," published this summer (2007) in a national literary journal, *Miller's Pond*, based in Rochester, New York.

New York, they paid a visit to see the dinosaur

exhibits at the American Museum of Natural

History.

Dr. John W. Ferner, Professor, Biology, was recently recognized in three sections of the book "Contributions to the History of Herpetology, Volume 2" edited by Kraig Adler of Cornell University and published by the Society for the Study of Amphibians and Reptiles. Dr. Ferner contributed to the biography of Worth Hamilton Weller, a Walnut Hills High School student who discovered a new species of salamander in 1930. In the book section on taxonomic authorship, Dr. Ferner is cited for describing

new species of lizards and snakes from the Philippines in the 1990's. And finally, Ferner's academic lineage is traced back through an historic series of mentors to Louis Agassiz, a famous German scientist who began training ichthyologists and herpetologists at Cornell in the mid-1800's.

Dr. R. Steven Flynn, Professor and Chair, Accountancy, published an article titled "Determinants of Perceived Audit Quality: The Role of Audit Fees and Audit Committee Composition" in the *Journal of Academy of Business and Economics*, Vol. VII, No. 1 (2007). Dr. Flynn also presented the paper at the 2007 annual meeting of the International Academy of Business and Economics in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 15, 2007.

Father Ronald Ketteler, Associate Professor and Chair, Theology, presented a position paper on November 26 to the Education Committee of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky. The meeting was held in Louisville. The presentation discussed the issue of "Evolution, Intelligent Design Theory, and Science Classes." Father Ketteler also participated in the 2007 Health Care Summit held in Lexington on October 30. Father Ketteler served on the planning committee.

Ellie Megerle, Assistant Professor,
Sociology and Criminal Justice, gave an
invited address to Catholic Charities of Northern
Kentucky on November 12. Her presentation
was entitled, "The Culture of Poverty." Catholic
Social Services provides a variety of counseling,
housing, and family services to the Northern
Kentucky area. In addition to her outreach
presentation, Professor Megerle has served
as a community volunteer with Catholic Social
Services for the past several years.

Dr. Elizabeth M. Penn, Professor and Chair, Education, was elected president-elect of the Kentucky Association of Colleges of Teacher Educators. She was invited to participate in the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education Leadership Institute in Washington, D.C. in July 2007. The Institute was followed by the Day on the Hill, during which attendees met with members of Congress to discuss issues of importance to education. Dr. Penn is also serving on the Kentucky Education Standards Board Educator Preparation Program Quality Measurement Committee.

Beth A. Sanders, Associate Professor and Chair, Sociology and Criminal Justice,

served as a consultant to a Northern Kentucky police department on their sergeant promotional exam process. The project included a task analysis of the job of police sergeant. The analysis resulted in an updated job description and a list of essential tasks undertaken by sergeants at the agency. Final products included a written test, a work simulation, and an oral interview. Keith Cureton, a senior Criminal Justice major from New Albany, Indiana, assisted with the project.

Dr. Manish Sharma, Associate Professor, Education, is serving on the Kentucky Education
Professional Standards Board Mathematics Task
Force for Elementary Education.

2007 Alumni Award Recipients



The TMC Alumni Association held its biennial Alumni Awards ceremony as part of Homecoming Weekend on Sunday, September 30. The day began with Mass in the Thomas More Chapel, followed by brunch and the awards ceremony in Steigerwald Hall to a sold-out crowd of 140 alumni, family and friends. Pictured are the 2007 Alumni Award recipients: Dr. James Connor '75, Tom Dietz '69, Dr. Ron Mielech '57, Carol Jansen '51, Kathy Collins '86 and A.J. Schaeffer '96.

Andrew J. "A.J." Schaeffer

Class of 1996 Citizenship Award

A.J. is a Principal for DECA (Drug Enhancement Company of America), a pharmaceutical development company based in Union, Kentucky. He is also Co-chair of Vision 2015, Northern Kentucky's 10-year regional, strategic blueprint. He received his B.A. in Economics and History with an Associate's in Pre-legal Studies from Thomas More College before receiving his J.D. from the University of Kentucky's College of Law. Other community organizations have recognized A.J., including the American Bar Association's Young Lawyers Division. He is the recipient of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce's Unity Award, the Legacy Legend Award, City of Covington's "A.J. Schaeffer Day", and was voted one of Cincinnati Business Courier's "Forty Under 40."

Carol W. Jansen

Class of 1951

Thomas More College Service Award

Carol has been involved with Thomas More College for 50 years in both volunteer and employee roles. She is a charter member of the Women's Guild, an auxiliary organization of alumnae responsible for events such as the Bengal Roar, the grand opening of Shillito's at Florence Mall, the famed Thomas More haunted houses, and several College presidential inauguration receptions. As an employee, she worked with Sr. Irmina in the Registrar's Office at the request of Fr. Murphy. Carol's most recent capacity was prospect researcher in the Development Office, as well as interim alumni director in the mid-1990's.

Dr. Ronald A. Mielech

Class of 1957 Lasting Influence Award

Dr. Mielech graduated from Villa Madonna College in 1957 with a B.A. in English. He obtained his MFA in Playwriting from Yale University School of Drama and his Ph.D. in Dramatic Literature and History of Theatre from The Ohio State University. He began teaching at Thomas More College in 1960, ultimately helping to establish the Drama Program in 1971. He has written plays which have been produced on numerous academic, community and professional stages. Ron was the recipient of the Scientiam Award from Covington Latin School, and twice received the Outstanding Teaching Award during his tenure at Thomas More College before retiring in 2002.

Dr. James R. Connor

Class of 1975

Professional Achievement Award

Dr. Connor is a University Distinguished Professor, Vice Chair of Neurosurgery, and Director of the G.M. Leader Family Laboratory for Alzheimer's Disease Research at Penn State University's College of Medicine. He also serves as CEO of CHYNA, Inc., a company designed to develop and manufacture iron supplements to treat iron deficiency anemia and related disorders around the world. He received his B.A. in Psychology from Thomas More College in 1975, obtained his M.S. in Physiology from Wright State University, and his Ph.D. in Anatomy from The University of California, Berkeley. Dr. Connor has been recognized nationally and internationally for his research on iron in the brain. He and his team have identified the contribution of iron mismanagement in the brain to numerous neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis, Lou Gehrig's Disease, and Restless Legs Syndrome. He is also an editor of two books on metals and their role in neurological diseases.

Thomas R. Dietz

Class of 1969

Thomas More College Service Award

Tom is Chairman and CEO of Schiff, Kreidler-Shell (SKS), an insurance and risk management company in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky. He obtained his B.A. in Economics from Thomas More College in 1969. Tom taught mathematics at St. Pius X School in Edgewood, Kentucky before entering the insurance sector. He is a member of several community boards and committees, including Trustee Emeritus for Thomas More College, Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Taft Museum and The Metropolitan Club. For several years, Tom chaired the College's Corporate Campaign reaching new corporate giving goals each year. Tom continues his service with Thomas More College as a member of the Foundation and Major Gifts Committee.

Kathleen A. Collins

Class of 1986

Professional Achievement Award

Kathy is Vice President, Private Client Services for Fifth Third Bank of Northern Kentucky. She has held various vice president titles in banking since 1977. She has been involved with the private client sector since 1993. In addition, she has held several leadership positions within the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky communities. Presently, Kathy serves on various boards including: The Metropolitan Club, St. Elizabeth Medical Center, Family Nurturing Center and Leadership Northern Kentucky. Kathy is a Thomas More College Trustee Emerita and former Chair of the Foundation. In addition, she is a member of the new Distinguished Alumnae League for outstanding alumnae of Villa Madonna College and Thomas More College.

Gatherings Gatherings



"Rewind to the Riverboat Cruise" brought back some alumni memories from the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s. Over 30 alumni enjoyed an evening of cruising and dancing along the Ohio River aboard BB Riverboats "The River Queen" on August 25.



Young Alumni Night was held at Hofbrauhaus in Newport, Kentucky on October 4. Pictured (l to r): Amity Yeager '01, Logan (Walters) Minning '01, Steve Minning '99, and future TMC alumna, McKenzie Minning (18 months).



The first of many regional alumni gatherings occurred in Lexington, Kentucky on October 25 at the upscale Portofino Restaurant. Pictured (l to r): Monica Ginney '93 (Director, Alumni Relations), Dr. Thomas King '99, Tyler Whisman '04, President, Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer '68, Karole Ward '07, Colette Irtz '67 and Cathy Silvers (VP, Institutional Advancement).



The inaugural TAP/MBA Alumni Networking session took place on October 16 at the Metropolitan Club. Approximately 20 MBA alumni enjoyed networking with each other in order to maintain and reveal new professional connections to help their careers and businesses flourish.



Our second regional alumni gathering was held on October 30 in Louisville, Kentucky at Maker's Mark Lounge in the 4th Street Live entertainment district. Pictured (l to r): Cathy Silvers (VP, Institutional Advancement), Don Mueller '90, Jim Higgins '77, President Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer '68, Theresa (Hillenmeyer) Mattei '73, Mary Allen Peake '74, Doug Voet '78 and Monica Ginney '93 (Director, Alumni Relations).

ALUMNI Profile

Joe Qualls

As a child, Joe marveled at how things worked and constantly tried to find ways to make them work better. His high school education taught him that particular questioning of the world was good, and he knew that a liberal arts education at Thomas More, focusing on Biology, would show him the best way to question how and why things worked.

Joe finished high school at Holy Cross in Covington, Kentucky. It was his teachers at Holy Cross who encouraged him to look at Thomas More, stressing that the academics were challenging, and they felt that was what Joe needed in order to reach the potential they saw in him. As soon as Joe stepped foot on the Thomas More campus for a high school visit, he felt the closeness of its tight-knit community. He immediately knew that the small class sizes and individual attention from professors would allow him to interact on a more personal level and not feel lost in a large university setting.

The Biology program at Thomas More impressed Joe, especially the success rate at which students were obtaining jobs or being accepted to graduate schools. "I now know that it was the personal attention students receive from the Biology faculty that led to this success rate," said Joe. "The faculty let us know up front, if we asked, what sort of jobs would be available to us with various levels of educational degrees, and they would further direct us on which path to take to best reach our goals."

In 2002, Joe graduated from Thomas More College with a bachelor's degree in biology. Like many Thomas More graduates, Joe decided to continue his education in graduate school. Getting into the school of his choice was not a problem, thanks to Thomas More and its dedicated faculty. Joe recently obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky's Department of Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics, which is only a stepping stone toward his career goal of a research/teaching faculty position at a university or research

hospital. Joe is currently working as a Postdoctoral Fellow and Research Associate at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. Siobhan Barone stands out in Joe's mind as the most influential professor during his student career at Thomas More. He credits her with directing him on his path towards scientific research in immunology and infectious diseases. Dr. Barone's guidance was one of the main reasons why Joe decided to pursue his career as a scientist, especially after a summer of being involved in a research project with Dr. Barone, which resulted in presentations in Chicago and New Orleans, as well as published findings of this research.

Joe enjoys his work in the lab at St. Jude's where he works with Dr. Peter Murray in the Department of Infectious Diseases. He is involved in work which focuses on a better understanding of a white blood cell (macrophage) and its involvement in establishing an immune response against infection based upon the type and source of infection.

While at Thomas More, Joe appreciated how students were encouraged to provide service to others, whether it was through volunteering, mentoring or participating in service-learning activities. One of the extracurricular involvements that Joe found most helpful then, and now, was his Christian Awakening Retreats within the Diocese of Covington. These retreats for local high school seniors focus on helping students identify and strengthen their relationship with one another and with God. He hopes to continue working with young adults in a similar way in the local Diocese of Memphis.

Joe has had other experiences since his graduation from Thomas More, both exciting and little-known. He was a member of the General Michael Collins Memorial Pipe Band, in which he played bass drum. While he played with them, they were lucky enough to be joined



Postdoctoral Fellow and Research Assistant St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital

Bachelor's Degree, Biology Thomas More College

Doctorate, Microbiology, Immunology and Molecular Genetics University of Kentucky

by the Irish Army Pipes and Drums during the March 2007 St. Patrick's Day Parade in Cincinnati, Ohio. Joe's most exciting venture came in 2005, when he was fortunate to present a portion of his graduate research at Oxford University in Great Britain for the Society of Leukocyte Biology meeting. This was Joe's first time out of the country and the trip of a lifetime.

Joe is engaged to be married in April 2008 to fellow Thomas More alumna, Denise Beam '04, who finished her Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy from Spalding University in Louisville, Kentucky. She is working at Oaklawn Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, a long-term care facility.

Joe's ultimate goal revolves around donating to the scientific integrity of the world. "One of the great things about science," states Joe, "is that we don't have to waste time repeating the mistakes others have made, we can build on the competitive research through communications and publications of peer reviewed journals." Joe hopes that in some small way, his work will add to the betterment of humankind.



1960s

John (Jack) Richardson '65 retired after 35 years as Chairperson and Director of the Criminal Justice Department of Xavier University. He is now Professor Emeritus teaching Corrections and administering the Criminalistics concentration at Xavier.

Alberta Utrup '66 marked 25 years of ministry in Cincinnati, Ohio at Mercy Western Hills Hospital as Chaplain on September 23, 2007. For the past 15 years, she has also been involved in ministry at Mercy Franciscan at West Park, a senior living community.

Bill Robinson '67 has been elected to the Board of Trustees for the FreestoreFoodbank, the tri-state's largest emergency food and services provider. The Board of Trustees for this organization is responsible for policy development and fiduciary oversight.

1970s

Carl Biery '70 retired from Cincinnati Bell after 33 years and has written a cookbook, entitled "From My Kentucky Kitchen to Yours," now available at Kentucky Haus Artisan Center in Newport, Kentucky.

Vickie (Hucker) Cimprich '72 wrote a book of poetry, "Pretty Mother's Home: A Shakeress Daybook", concerning the life of an imaginary member of the Shaker utopian community at Pleasant Hill, Kentucky. It has been published by Broadstone Books in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Jean A. (Roth) Caudill '76 is enjoying her 2 new grandchildren and grateful to be back in Northern Kentucky after leaving Columbus, Ohio.

Barbara (Bender) Waldron '77 enjoyed a fine career in Social Work before retiring in 2007. She credits the late Bob Berger for his leadership, training, and the former Social Work Program he established at Thomas More.

Michael Walsh '78 was named Vice President of Program Services for Clovernook Center for the Blind, in which programs are designed to foster independence and improve quality of life for the visually impaired.

1980s

Linda (Shoettmer) Verst '81 has served as a member on the Kentucky Certification Board for Prevention Professionals since its inception 10 years ago. This organization uses current research to help communities and individuals change their thinking and behavior regarding alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. She began her college studies at Villa Madonna College in 1963, but just prior to the birth of her 5th child, graduated in 1981 (this fifth child, Danielle [Verst] Ashley, is a 2004 TMC alumna). She wonders how many other alumnae enjoyed motherhood during prolonged college years.

Patricia (Hoeper) Furterer '84 recently received a promotion to Vice President of Insurance and Risk Management at First America.

Sandra E. Laney '89, Chairman and CEO of Cadre Computer Resources, Inc., has been elected to the Indiana University Foundation Board of Directors. She also serves as President of the Chemed Foundation, Chief Operating Officer and Trustee for Hutton Bruce Acres, and as Vice-President and Treasurer of the Edward L. Hutton Foundation.

1990s

Steve Gieske '94 and his wife, Leslie, welcomed their first child, Luke, on August 1, 2007.

Rob Langenderfer '96, a Senior Researcher and Analyst for Key Alliance, received his Master of Science in Library Science degree from the University of Kentucky in May 2007. Northern Kentucky Heritage published his article, "St. Paul Catholic Church, Florence, Kentucky" in their Fall/Winter 2006 issue.

Clint Brandner '98 married Krista Funke on September 21, 2007. They reside in Keller, Texas.

Scott Guise '99 and wife, Tracie, welcomed their first child, Hallie Kate Guise, on May 13, 2007.

Shanna (Ziegler) Rauen '99 and husband, Mike, celebrated the birth of their second son, Cameron David, on May 10, 2007. Cameron joins brother, Logan (2), and half-sister, Jade (10). Shanna is teaching junior high math at St. Joe's Elementary in Cold Spring, Kentucky.

2000s

Amy Mead '00, '04 has recently accepted a position as Director of Business Development for Weston Solutions, Inc., an environmental engineering and re-development firm.

Erin Benke '01 has been promoted to Financial Services Strategist at Libby Perszyk Kathman (LPK), the world's largest, independent design agency in the world. In her new role, Erin is a key team member on the Chiquita and Bounty accounts.

Send Us Your Photos!

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:*

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

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

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*These guidelines apply to all photos — class notes, marriages, births, deaths — submitted for publication.

Christy (Cleves) Daly '01 married Levi Daly on August 4, 2007 and they reside in Illinois. Christy works as the Volunteer Coordinator for Provena Hospice in neighboring Champaign.

Brian Motz '01 and wife, Maria, welcomed their first child, Maren, on April 30, 2007.

Kelly (Nichols) Camm '02 was recently hired as Senior Marketing Communications Specialist for Cristofoli-Keeling, Inc., a majority female-owned local firm specializing in strategic consultation, planning and implementation in the areas of public relations, brand design and marketing planning.

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Shelly Koch '02, Financial Staff Auditor for Fifth Third Bank, was awarded the CFE (Certified Fraud Examiner) designation in September 2007. She hopes to pursue a career in white-collar crime investigation.

Steven D. Jaeger '03 graduated May 2007 from Salmon P. Chase College of Law. He passed the Kentucky Bar Exam in July 2007 and is now

an Associate with O'Hara, Ruberg, Taylor, Sloan & Sergent in Crestview Hills, Kentucky. He married Lindsey Kise in May 2006.

Stephanie (Cameron) Wright '03 and **Hugh Wright '00** were married in June 2007. They reside in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Paul Hardy '04 married Jeanne-Marie DeClouet in December 2007.

Bill Osswald '04 is the Assistant Chief of Southwestern Ohio K9 Search and Rescue.

Bridget Ruschman '04 is engaged to fiancé, Phil Go. The wedding is set for May 17, 2008. They will reside in Villa Hills, Kentucky.

Jennifer (Schack) Jenicke '04 married Jason Jenicke on October 20, 2007.

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 transfer of loyalty for generations to come. The want and the expectation that alumni might share

their cherished experience with family members in the hopes of encouraging their own relative's attendance, 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 this person is to you.

Send your legacy information to: Office of Alumni Relations 333 Thomas More Parkway Crestview Hills. KY 41017





ALUMNI Update

Update your records with the College!

If you have recent changes in the areas listed below, please take a moment and tell us. This information is maintained internally by the Office of Alumni Relations. To update your information on the Thomas More College Web site, please visit www.thomasmore.edu/alumni and click on "Register as an Alumni." Thank you for your time and assistance.

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		Class Year:
		Home Phone:
City:		State: Zip:
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Student Athlete Stand Outs

Fall Presidents' Athletic Conference Selections

Players of the Year

BRITTANY YEGGY

WOMEN'S SOCCER



Garry Sheahan





Women's Soccer

First Team:

Brittany Yeggy, Angie Kersting

Second Team:

Kaitlyn Cohen, Kristen DePaoli, Toria Cross, Megan Hobbs

Volleyball

First Team:

Valeri Kuhn, Lindsay Svec

Second Team:

Kristine Rust, Leslie Hoelscher

Men's Soccer

First Team:

Garry Sheahan, Aaron Osborne

Second Team:

Dan Miller

Honorable Mention:

John Wallace, Matt Koopman

Football

First Team:

Terence Toone, Brandon Lee, Cordario Collier

Second Team:

Tyler Grant, Matt Clark

Honorable Mention:

Kyle James, Rashawn West, David Dransman, Nick Dew, Brandon Kohrs, Andy Poe

2008 Athletic Hall of Fame

Inductees:

Gary Bailey '86

Men's Tennis

John Paul Case '94

Football

Will Castleberry '01

Football

Christine Cullinane Cooper '97

Women's Volleyball

George "Cubby" Lyon '51

Baseball

Ron Ryan '97

Baseball

Sherry Clinkenbeard Smith '98

Women's Basketball

Les Stewart '63*

Men's Basketball

Bobby Young '87

Baseball

* = posthumously

2008 Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Saturday, February 23, 2008

Steigerwald Hall, Holbrook Student Center

5:00 p.m. - Cocktail Reception

6:00 p.m. - Dinner and Induction Ceremony

\$30 per person

Reservation Deadline: Friday, February 15, 2008

Online: www.thomasmore.edu/alumni

E-mail: alumni@thomasmore.edu

Phone: (859) 344-3346





IOIN the Saints Sideliners

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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Crestview Hills, KY 41017
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E-mail the information to terry.connor@thomasmore.edu.

Calendar **HOME EVENTS** 2007 SPRING ATHLETIC

Wednesday, February 6 Thursday, March 20

5:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs

Waynesburg*

7:30 p.m. Men's Basketball vs Waynesburg*

Saturday, February 9

Women's Basketball vs Grove City* 1 p.m. 3 p.m. Men's Basketball vs Grove City*

Wednesday, February 20

7:30 p.m. Women's Basketball vs Chatham*

Saturday, Febraury 23

Women's Basketball vs Saint 1 p.m.

Vincent*

1 p.m. Fastpitch vs Maryville

Men's Basketball vs Saint Vincent* 3 p.m.

Wednesday, March 12

Baseball vs Bluffton (DH) 1 p.m.

Saturday, March 15

Fastpitch vs Geneva* 1 p.m.

Sunday, March 16

Noon Baseball vs Lake Erie

Tuesday, March 18

3 p.m. Fastpitch vs Wilmington

Wednesday, March 19

3 p.m. Baseball vs Hanover 4 p.m. Baseball vs Anderson

Tuesday, March 25

3 p.m. Baseball vs Centre

Wednesday, March 26

Fastpitch vs Capital 3:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 27

Men's Tennis vs Wilmington

Friday, March 28

Men's Tennis vs Saint Vincent* TBA

Saturday, March 29

10 a.m. Men's Tennis vs Waynesburg* 12 p.m. Baseball vs Thiel (DH) * 1 p.m. Fastpitch vs Washington &

Jefferson*

Sunday, March 30

2 p.m. Baseball vs Defiance 3 p.m. Fastpitch vs Centre

Monday, March 31

Fastpitch vs Chatham* 3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2

TBA Men's Tennis vs Mount St. Joseph

Saturday, April 5

1 p.m. Fastpitch vs Bethany* Wednesday, April 9

1 p.m. Baseball vs Geneva*

Saturday, April 12

10 a.m. Men's Tennis vs Grove City* Fastpitch vs Saint Vincent 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 13

Men's Tennis vs Westminster* 10 a.m.

Wednesday, April 16

4 p.m. Baseball vs Wittenberg

Saturday, April 19

Fastpitch vs Thiel* 1 p.m.

Sunday, April 20

1 p.m. Fastpitch vs Transylvania

Wednesday, April 23

4 p.m. Baseball vs Ohio Wesleyan

Saturday, April 26

Baseball vs Bethany* 12 p.m.

Sunday, May 3

12 p.m. Baseball vs Grove City*

Monday, May 5

4 p.m. Baseball vs Transylvania

* Presidents' Athletic Conference Game















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