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Dear Friends,

The week following graduation I had the opportunity to take a few days of vacation. This time away provided a wonderful opportunity for me to look back over the 2008-09 academic year. What a year! My reflections, while free flowing and rambling, often returned to our students, especially those who had just graduated. They are men and women who became a part of the Thomas More community. Together we learned, encouraged, served and challenged one another. They will be greatly missed! However, we take pride in their accomplishments, and we are so hopeful for what their future holds.

As you read through this issue of *Moreover*, you will see why my thoughts so often focused on our students. They are a gifted group of individuals who are attending Thomas More College for varied reasons. Some come straight from high school, others are returning to college to complete a degree, and still others are pursuing a second career. No matter their age or motivation, Thomas More students have excelled academically, athletically and in their service to the community. Our students have presented at national and regional conferences, received fellowships for graduate studies, earned Presidents' Athletic Conference championships, competed in NCAA tournaments and participated in local, national and international service projects. They truly are ready to take their place in our world as disciplined thinkers and ethical leaders.

While we have had much success this academic year, like everyone else we have not been immune to the repercussions of the economic climate. Yet, we can never allow our mission to suffer a recession. So, amidst these uncertainties, we have remained committed "to develop and sustain challenging...programs of study...within the Catholic intellectual tradition," programs that are accessible and affordable to anyone who wishes to attend Thomas More College. This would not be possible without the generous support of alumni, friends and the local community. This year alumni giving has increased significantly, a gift from a local charitable foundation allowed us to provide additional student scholarships, and with a lead gift from the Diocese of Covington, we committed to the building of a free-standing chapel on campus. These gifts take on special meaning because they are given by those who face economic uncertainties of their own.

And so my vacation reflections were infused with a spirit of gratitude. We spend so much time hoping a situation will be better that we often fail to recognize all the good around us. Psalm 63 says: "My soul is filled as with a banquet; my soul is full of joy." I hope as you read this issue of *Moreover*, you will join us in thankful celebration for the "many banquets" of the academic year 2008-09.

Wishing you a blessed summer,

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

S. Margaret Stellmayer, CDF

President

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Immigration Lecture

On March 5, 2009, Thomas More College hosted a lecture entitled "The Catholic Church on Comprehensive Immigration Reform: Dispelling the Myths." Featured speakers included: Sister Maria Francine Stacy, S.N.D, Director of Hispanic Ministry, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Dayton Office; Sister Kerstin Maria Deubel, S.N.D, Hispanic Outreach Services, Migrant Ministry, Diocese of Toledo, Fostoria Office; and Mr. Virgilio Guerra, Associate Director of the Office of Hispanic Ministries, Diocese of Toledo.



Annual James E. Biggs Spring Fling

On April 7, 2009, the Education Club hosted their Annual Spring Fling for the James E. Biggs Early Childhood Program in Covington, Kentucky. Over 200 students, their parents and faculty of the James E. Biggs Early Childhood Education Program attended the event, which included egg painting, face painting, games, reading, creating Easter pictures, holding live ducklings and chicks, and having each child's picture taken with the Easter Bunny. This year the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade choir of one of Thomas More's B.E.S.T. Partner Schools, Holy Trinity, entertained the crowd with delightful spring and Easter music under the direction of Mary Jo Wuestefeld.



2009 Hillenmeyer Lecture

On Thursday, April 16, 2009, Thomas More College hosted the 2009 Hillenmeyer Lecture, featuring The Reverend James F. Massa, Executive Director of The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Secretariat for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs. Father Massa spoke on the topic "Death, and Then What? Ecumenical Conversation about Eternal Life."



Scholastic Writing Awards
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On Sunday, April 26, 2009, Thomas More College hosted the annual Scholastic Writing Awards ceremony for the high school and junior high winners. The ceremony celebrated the writings of Gold Key, Silver Key, and other winners. The main category of the contest is creative writing, but others such as personal memoir and journalism also received awards. Over 200 students, as well as their families, friends, and teachers were in attendance. Gold Key winners received a \$1,000 scholarship, if they choose to attend Thomas More.



TMC's B.E.S.T. Project with Latonia Elementary Wins Award

On May 21, 2009, Thomas More and B.E.S.T. (Business Education Success, Team) Partner, Latonia Elementary, won "Project of the Year" for their partnership. The Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce bestowed the B.E.S.T. awards during their monthly Eggs 'N Issues program.



08-09 Alumni Board Dinner

On Tuesday, May 26, 2009, Thomas More hosted a dinner to recognize the 2008-09 Alumni Board for its service to the College. Pictured back row (I to r): Ray Hebert; 2008-09 outgoing president, Carol (Willenborg) Burns '70; Chris Bryson '93/'00; Marshall Liberman '94; Ted Zalla '90; Wayne Wycoff '97; incoming 2008-09 president, Brad Voegele '01; DeAnne Aselage '04 and Tom Ginney '53. Pictured front row (I to r): Joyce (Martin) Ginney '54; Peggy (Farrell) Stier '53; Nancy (Black) Kuchle '56; Diana (Thomas) Henke '83 and Logan (Walters) Minning '01. Not pictured: Donna Bloemer '91 and Jack Kleymeyer '55.



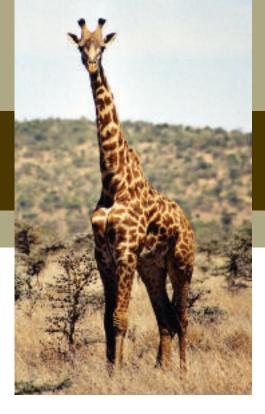
Thomas More College Alumni Association Presents

"Exploring Kenya"

Dr. John Ferner, Professor of Biology at Thomas More, in collaboration with the Thomas More College Alumni Association, has organized an expedition to Kenya in East Africa. The expedition is scheduled for July 29 through August 13, 2010. This trip will include visits to most of the well-known national parks and game reserves in Kenya including Amboseli, Lake Nakuru, Mount Kenya, Samburu and the Masai Mara.

The experience will focus on observing and photographing the spectacular concentration and diverse array of big game and birds, but it will also provide exposure to the variety of cultures in Kenya.

Please contact Dr. Ferner at john.ferner@thomasmore.edu or (859) 344-3374 for more information about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.





July 29–30 **Washington, DC** (Hotel near Dulles Airport)

Arrive from your home city and overnight at a hotel near the airport; included as part of your international airfare. Fly July 30th to Nairobi.

July 31 Nairobi

Pre-dinner lecture and orientation to Kenya by Adam Oloo.

August 1–3 Amboseli National Park

Good chance to see a large herd of elephants in the area or possibly lions heading out for a kill. The game viewing from the lodge property is also excellent, with view of Mount Kilimanjaro in the background, weather permitting. A park warden will discuss the Elephant Research Project and some of the issues facing this area. Afternoon game drives.

August 4-5 Lake Nakuru National Park

Visit the Kariandusi Archaeological Site. At Lake Nakuru Lookout Point, see the entire national park from a bird's eye view and the one to two million flamingoes that inhabit the lake. Visit a local school; basic school supply donations are very much appreciated!

August 6 Mount Kenya

Visit a plantation featuring coffee and tea. Meet with local women and learn about their weaving techniques. Enjoy spotting wildlife at the watering hole and salt lick.

August 7–8 **Shaba Game Reserve**

Game drives at Samburu and Shaba Game Reserves. The area boasts a unique collection of game only found in the region, including the Reticulated Giraffe, Grevy's Zebra, Gerenuk, and Beisa Oryx as well as 150-450 recorded species of birds out of the country's 1150 species.

August 9-11 Masai Mara-Olare Olok Conservancy

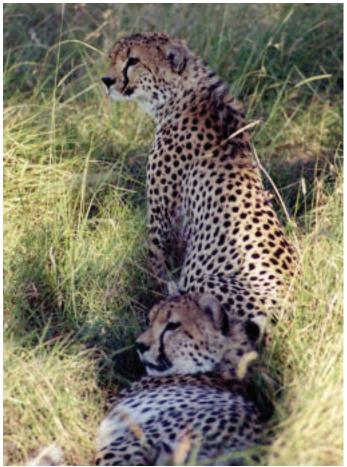
Game drives and guided walks in the Conservancy. Visit a Masai village.

August 12 Nairobi

August 13 Arrive in Dulles and connect with flights home.

July 29-August 13, 2010





Mark Your Calendar



On **Monday, September 14**, Thomas More College will host the 15th Annual Bensman Golf Classic at Summit Hills Country Club. Proceeds from this event benefit the Bensman Memorial Scholarship Fund, which



has raised over \$850,000. 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 15**, Thomas More College will host the 14th Annual Bishop Hughes Awards Dinner, which will honor two leaders in the community who have made significant contributions to Catholic higher education. The 2009 recipients are Edwin T. (Ted) Robinson and Matth. Toebben.

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.

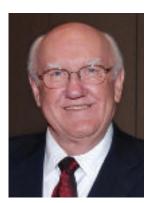
The dinner will take place at Drees Pavilion in Devou Park at 6:00 p.m. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 859-344-3344.



Bishop William A. Hughes



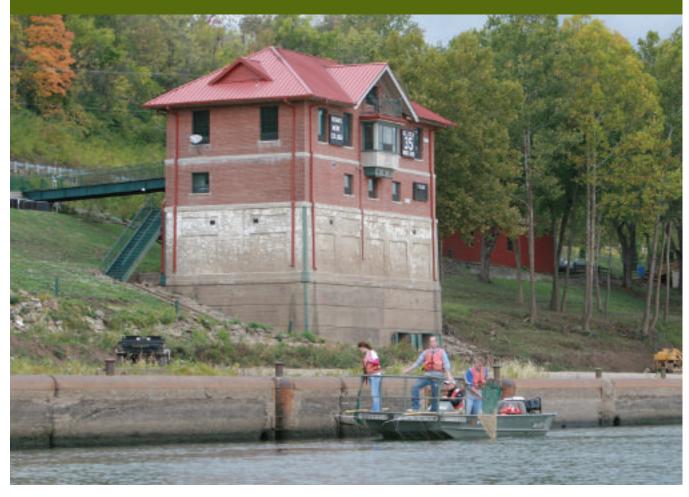
Mr. Edwin T. Robinson



Mr. Matth. Toebben

Sunday, September 13, 2:00-6:00 p.m.

Biology Field Station Open House





The Thomas More College Biology Field Station is hosting an open house for alumni and the community on Sunday, September 13, 2:00–6:00 p.m. Tours will be offered throughout the day and a formal presentation will take place from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be provided.

Whether the Field Station is new to you or you are a seasoned alumnus, there are many new additions and projects taking place. We invite you to come and learn about the Field Station and its projects, tour the lockhouse, learn about its history, see the houses, walk the river trail, talk to students, learn about our Ohio River — its fish, mussels, and water quality, or just enjoy an afternoon along our scenic Ohio River.

The Biology Field Station is a 50-acre research, teaching, and residential

facility located on the banks of the Ohio River on Route 8 in Campbell County, Kentucky. The staff at the Field Station offer visitors an opportunity to enhance their knowledge of the natural world through field courses, research projects, and outreach programs, which focus on the ecology of the Ohio River.

For additional information, visit www.thomasmore.edu/fieldstation or e-mail fieldstation@thomasmore.edu.



Eva G. Farris Art Gallery Croming Crhibits

2009 Exhibition Schedule

June 5-July 18

Kenton W. Brett/drawings & ceramics

August 21-September 19

Bekka Sage/drawings, printmaking, mixed media

September 25–October 17 Tom Kelly/paintings & drawings Brenda Stumpf/Sculpture

October 23-November 14 Jewelry show

Summer Gallery Hours

Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday: 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday & Sunday: Closed

Fall 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.

CALENDAR OF Events

August

6 Volunteer Picnic, Holbrook Student Center 6:00 p.m.

5 TMC Alumni Riverboat Cruise, BB Riverboats, Newport 6:00 p.m.

25 Alumni Association Summer Board Meeting, Chancellor's Room 6:00-8:00 p.m.

September

14 Bensman Golf Classic, Summit Hills Country Club 12:30 p.m. (Shotgun Start)

16 Endowment/Benefactor Luncheon, Steigerwald Hall 12:00–1:30 p.m.

October

3 Homecoming Game Day

Alumni Baseball Game, Baseball Field 10:00 a.m.
Alumni Tent (Food, Beverages, Activities) 11:00 a.m.—5:30 p.m.
Thomas More vs. Bethany College The Bank of Kentucky Field 1:30 p.m.

4 Homecoming Alumni Awards Luncheon, Alumni Tent 1:00 p.m.

15 Bishop Hughes Award Dinner, Drees Pavilion 6:00 p.m.

24 TMC Alumni Day at Keeneland 10:00 a.m. (Bus Departs)

Thomas More Chapel Fund UPDATE

Since March, Thomas More College has received gifts to the Chapel Fund from three additional parishes: St. Catherine of Siena, St. Mary of the Assumption and Mother of God. Numerous individual cash gifts and gifts in-kind from Division 4, Inc., LaFarge North America, Inc. and Robert Ehmet Hayes and Associates have been donated. In addition, a pledge for the stained glass window behind the altar was received from the Al Schleper family in memory of Shirley Schleper.



ALUMNI Profile

At the Top of His Game

ecently named one of three librarians in the nation by the Library of Congress to serve on a committee regarding a traveling exhibit, there is no doubt that Dave Schroeder is at the top of his game.

He possessed the qualifications The Library of Congress sought in a public librarian including skills in history and archive/museum work, which made him the perfect candidate to assist in the design of its traveling exhibit.

Dave has worked at the Kenton County Public Library for more than 18 years, most of which he spent working in the Kentucky History and Genealogy Department. From 1996-2000, he pulled double-duty as a full-time archivist for both Thomas More College and the Diocese of Covington. Dave was named Executive Director of the Kenton County Public Library system in 2007.

This recent announcement is just one of Dave's many successes. The Kenton County Public Library's annual increase in circulation statistics and program attendance prove just how many people continue to use the library. He observes libraries as "one of the great equalizers in our society. Public libraries are one of the few places in our community that bring people of all walks of life together in one facility."

Dave is excited about his role with this new traveling exhibit. "I will be a member of the advisory panel. It will be our responsibility to determine a theme for the exhibit, provide advice on how the exhibit will be crafted and what primary resources from the Library of Congress will be used to illustrate the theme," says Dave. In addition, this advisory committee will also discuss ways to create a dynamic online version of the exhibit.

This \$1 million traveling exhibit is sponsored by the Abby and Emily Rapoport Foundation, which has

sponsored other Library of Congress exhibits such as *American Treasures* and *World Treasures*. Of course, it is Dave's hope that the exhibit will appear locally, but he explains, "Once the exhibit has been constructed then public libraries, college and university libraries and museums will have an opportunity to apply for grants to have the exhibit displayed in their facilities." Items to appear in the exhibit are yet to be determined, as well as his length of service on the committee.

Community involvement has been a significant aspect of Dave's life. He is a member of the American Library Association, the Kentucky Library Association and the Collections Committee at the Behringer-Crawford Museum in Covington, Kentucky. He is also on the Board of Friends at the Kentucky Public Archives and the Baker-Hunt Foundation, also located in Covington, Kentucky. A few years ago, Kentucky Governor Ernie Fletcher appointed Mr. Schroeder a member of the Kentucky Archives and Records Commission. In October 2009, he will become Vice-Chair of the Kentucky Public Library Association.

Even as a young elementary student at Sts. Boniface and James in Ludlow, Kentucky, Dave knew he wanted to do something with his life related to history. It was one of those career placement tests that happened to indicate he would be well-suited to be a librarian - not what he considered an appealing career choice at the time. However, a few years later while a student at Covington Catholic High School, he worked as a shelver in the Covington Library. This experience confirmed what the placement test indicated — he was well-suited to be a librarian. Mr. Schroeder loves working in libraries and studying history. He has been lucky enough to do both.



Education:

- **1990** B.A., History, Thomas More College A.A., Theology, Thomas More College
- **1992** M.A., United States History, University of Cincinnati
- **1997** Masters of Science in Library Science, University of Kentucky

Career:

- **1991** Kenton County Public Library, Department of History and Genealogy
- **1996** Archivist, Thomas More College and The Diocese of Covington
- **2007** Executive Director, Kenton County Library

RETURN TO CAMPUS FOR HOMECOMING 2009

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3





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Alumni Baseball Game

Baseball alumni will get together to play a game for old time sake on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. on the Thomas More Baseball Field. Not a former baseball player? Come out and cheer on your fellow alumni.

Homecoming Tent Festivities

Join the Thomas More College community for a pre-game picnic under the big top! Enjoy a grillout, 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 the classes of 1999, 1984 and 1959.

Alumni Tent open from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Tailgating Competition

New this year, a tailgating competition seeking spirited fans. Prior to the homecoming game, judges will inspect entrants' tailgate displays and judge them on the use of blue and white, uniqueness and creativity, and Saints' spirit.

Judging begins at Noon and the winner will be announced in the Alumni Tent at halftime. Preregistration is required.

Tailgating competition new this year



Saints Football Game

Cheer on the home team in the annual homecoming football game against Bethany College at The Bank of Kentucky Field. Kick-off is at 1:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

Alumni Association Awards

The Alumni Association Awards Luncheon will take place on Sunday, October 4 at 1:00 p.m. in the Alumni Tent (weather permitting). The Alumni Association Awards occur in odd-numbered years and honor outstanding alumni and community leaders whose talents and expertise have made a significant impact on Thomas More College and the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky community.

Mark your calendar to join your fellow alumni and friends at the 2009 Thomas More Homecoming celebration October 3 and 4. Return to campus, reminisce about your college

campus, reminisce about your college days with your classmates and friends, and see what new things we've been doing.



For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 859-344-3346

Formal Invitation Coming Soon



2009 Phonathon Callers Back Row left to right: Marilyn Humphrey, Winter Okoth, Kevin Minke, Aaron Carmack, Brent Jefferson, Ashley Tucker, Caroline Wadsworth, Latonio Chambers, A.J. Montogmery. Front Row left to right: Emily Bohman, Ryann Mathers, Janae Tillman, Melissa Davis, Katlyn Simpson

Ringing It Up in 2009

This year, twenty-seven Thomas More College student volunteers rang up alumni during the month of February. "We were so pleased to have our students contacting alumni who responded to their calls in an overwhelmingly positive manner," said Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, President. The students raised \$33,356 to support scholarship programs at TMC. This was a 48% increase in giving over last year's Phonathon.

Many of the alumni who made gifts were at one time scholarship recipients themselves. The amount raised during Phonathon 2009 proves that people are at their best when they are reaching outside of themselves to help those most in need.

Our students learn some valuable life lessons in being Phonathon callers. How many jobs are there where current students get to meet so many different people all sharing the common experience of having attended the same college? Also, it looks great on their resumes.

Alumni Salute

Even in the midst of a turbulent economic climate, Thomas More College alumni proved they can be counted on when things get tough. During this year's annual fund campaign, which ran from June 1, 2008, through May 31, 2009, the Thomas More College alumni giving percentage reached 20.3%. According to a 2008 study conducted by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE), this increase places Thomas More in the 65th percentile nationwide among private liberal arts colleges. In addition, over the past 2 years the number of new alumni donors has increased by 110%.

Unrestricted gifts from alumni provide opportunities to increase student scholarships, enhance academic programs, invest in faculty and staff and enhance the quality of life on campus. We salute Thomas More College alumni for helping to make a Thomas More education available to future alumni.

Volunteers Count

Thank you to the over 200 volunteers who assist Thomas More College in a variety of capacities throughout the year. Without your dedication of time and resources we would not be able to accomplish such tremendous goals.

Thank you for another wonderful year!

WHY I GIVE TO TMC



After starting my family and entering into my career as a young banker, I realized that it was imperative for me to complete my undergraduate degree in order to achieve my career goals. As an adult student, I attended evening and weekend classes on a part-time basis to pursue my degree. Thomas More College's RECALL program, the predecessor to TAP, provided me the opportunity to earn 60 credit hours, which resulted in earning my degree in five years less time. Thomas More met my needs as an adult student and as a result, I feel committed to 'give back' through my time and resources. I have served on the Foundation as a volunteer for over 10 years and my husband and I "give back" through annual contributions. Since my employer matches my contribution, the college receives a bonus. Thomas More gave me the foundation to continue my education to complete my MBA. I encourage all alumni to 'give back' and donate through your time, talent, and resources to continue the success of Thomas More College.

- Kathy Collins '86

ALUMNI Profile

Mr. DeFalaise Goes to Washington

ou DeFalaise has had quite an exciting career in both law and public service, extending in geographic area from Kentucky to Washington, D.C. He began this service as Assistant United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, a position he held for 18 months. He then returned to private practice with the law firm then known as Adams, Brooking and Stepner in Covington, Kentucky (now Adams, Stepner, Woltermann & Dusing PLLC). In 1975, Lou was chosen to represent the 63rd House District in the Kentucky General Assembly. In those days, the district encompassed the suburban areas of Kenton County from Covington to Erlanger and Elsmere.

After six years, he was sworn in as United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky, covering the eastern half of the Commonwealth centered in Lexington. "President Ronald Reagan offered me the opportunity to serve in this capacity for the Eastern District of Kentucky, and I was happy to accept," offers Lou.

Setting public policy priorities was one of the most interesting aspects of his job. He was able to help form a statewide task force to address environmental crime by working with other federal and state authorities. The United States Attorney functions as the chief federal prosecutor and civil litigator in one of ninety-four Judicial Districts representing almost all federal agencies. "My office was involved in everything from coal mine safety enforcement to federal debt collection. At the time, typical criminal cases included firearms and explosives violations, bank robberies, kidnappings, environmental crimes and many types of financial fraud," says Lou. Overall, the most satisfying part was the feeling Lou experienced doing something positive for the community while protecting the rights of citizens.

In 1991, Lou went to Washington, D.C. to become Counsel to the Director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys. This job was challenging because many issues arose from all over the country and required immediate answers. "One day it might range from the handling of protestors blocking air field runways to paying for forensic autopsies," remembers Lou.

He became Director of the Office of Recruiting and Management in 2003, a position that he holds today. He oversees matters relating to the hiring, policy, management and separation of some 10,000 career attorneys who work for the Department of Justice. Lou's office promotes career legal recruitment efforts for the entire Department and the United States Attorney's offices; administers the Attorney General's Honors Program for hiring graduate law students; and is also responsible for the adjudication of FBI whistleblower cases.

For Lou, the best part about living and working in Washington D.C. and the surrounding area is the diversity. From cuisine and cultural events to museums, monuments and national leadership functions, there is an abundance of activities in which to participate, see or hear. He and his wife, Sharon, reside in Virginia which Lou describes with "nearby horse farms that happily remind me of Kentucky." There are also several vineyards, along with many Revolutionary and Civil War period sites which make it particularly interesting for anyone who loves history.

Upon reflection of how his college experience and how his career took him from Kentucky to Virginia and Washington D.C., Lou incorporates some geographical history. "As much as I miss Kentucky, I always remember that Kentucky and Virginia began as one state and share a rich institutional and cultural heritage, including sharing the title of Commonwealth with only two other states."



Lou DeFalaise'68

Education:

1968 - B.A., History, Thomas More College

1971 – J.D., University of Kentucky College of Law

Career

1971 – Assistant United States Attorney, Eastern District of Kentucky

1973 – Adams, Brooking and Stepner law firm, Covington, Kentucky

1975 – Representative, 63rd House District, Kentucky General Assembly

1981 – United States Attorney, Eastern District of Kentucky

1991 – Counsel to the Director, Executive Office of United States Attorneys, Washington, D.C.

2003 – Director, Office of Attorney Recruiting and Management, Washington, D.C.



THOMAS MORE COLLEGE

81st COMMENCEMENT

May 16, 2009



On May 16, 2009, three hundred and twenty three Thomas More graduates received their degrees in front of family and friends at the eighty-first commencement exercise.

Baccalaureate Mass took place at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, Kentucky, prior to commencement.

The Reverend Al Hirt delivered the commencement address. Fr. Hirt currently serves as the Pastor of St. Monica-St. George Church Newman Center in Cincinnati. He has held the position since 1999.

Special recognition included: Mr. Joseph W. Gross, President and Chief Executive Officer, St. Elizabeth Health System, who received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Romes and Mrs. Millie Faust who received the St. Thomas More Medallion.

Others receiving special recognition are: Full-time Faculty of the Year Award — Dr. Siobhan Barone, Professor of Biology; Part-time Faculty of the Year Award — Stephen Thomas, Senior Consultant in the English Department. Dawna Neil received the Presidential Service Award.

Eighteen students graduated from the first cohort of the Master of Arts in Teaching program. The program offers concentrations in both Middle Grades and Secondary content areas. Of the eighteen who are graduating, thirteen have positions teaching in the Greater Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Area, and five are

completing their student teaching this spring.





Outstanding Full-time Faculty Siobhan Barone, P.h.D.



Honorary Doctorate Mr. Joseph W. Gross.



Outstanding Part-time Faculty Stephen Thomas



Presidential Service Award Recipient, Dawna Neil



St. Thomas More Medallion Recipients, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Romes & Mrs. Millie Faust. Roy Romes not pictured.



50TH ANNIVERSARY Celebration

The Class of 1959 celebrated it's 50th anniversary at Commencement on May 16. Classmates gathered to be honored before graduates as part of the 81st Commencement ceremony. Classmates attended a reception in April at the home of President Stallmeyer, which began their celebration.

Classmates in attendance:

Bill Avery Louis Avery (Wolf) Al Geiser Robert Louderback Evelyn Ludwig (Billman) Bill Lyons Peggy McKnight (Albers) Bob Schneider
Nancy Schneiden (Albers)
Jane Summe (Terwort)
David Tracy
Ruth Turner (Hesselbrock)
Mary Williams (Rebold)
Sr. Colleen (Barbara) Winston, O.S.B.









THOMAS MORE COLLEGE

81st COMMENCEMENT

May 16, 2009

2009 GRADUATES AT A GLANCE

323 Total Graduates

22% in Graduate Programs

78% in Undergraduate Programs

50% in Traditional Programs, 50% in Non-Traditional Programs

100% of graduates passed the PRAXIS II (National Teacher's) Exam

100% of nursing graduates have a job placement in their area of choice

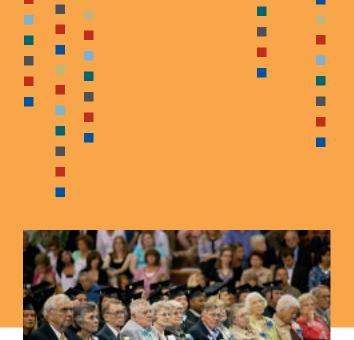
95% of graduates who applied were admitted to law school

Over 80% of the biology students who applied were accepted to graduate and professional school

Criminal Justice graduates scored in the 95th percentile in the Major Field Test

Three Business Administration graduates scored above





Class of 1959









Commencement Speaker, The Reverend Al Hirt, O.F.M.







Learning through a Different Lens

By: Leah Lemker '12 | Kim Hamann '10

We were five students and none of us knew

exactly what we were getting ourselves into. We were participating in a sociology course in which you learn about the U.S.-Mexico border in the classroom and then experience it first-hand in the field. In preparation for the trip, we learned Mexican geography, culture, history and discussed stereotypes and "myths" of Mexican-Americans. However, I don't think anything could have prepared us for the real life situation we were about to experience. "What is an Annunciation House?" "What will we be doing exactly?" These were questions that we asked

leading up to our departure, but they were not answered until we arrived in El Paso, Texas. Only by experience did we fully understand the answers to these questions. We were given the opportunity to experience several sides of the southern border and learn of immigration laws. Living it meant so much more and sunk in deeper than words ever would.

Annunciation House and Casa Videz are just two of four houses that help illegal immigrants living in Texas. On our first night in El Paso, we were standing outside of Annunciation House watching kids playing with a ball and having a blast! The joy on their faces masked the fact that these kids called this shelter their home.

The same happened when we arrived at Casa Videz and got acquainted with the illegal immigrants living there. Mothers and their children were so cheerful and welcoming toward us. Everything they had was either donated or paid for by donations, which brought me back to my home and how much I take for granted. The illegal immigrants living here rely solely on the generosity of others to survive, not just for themselves but for their children.

Traveling through Palomas, Mexico, we observed first-hand the sheer poverty. Stray dogs cluttered the streets and teenagers sold knock-off CDs and held doors open to get tips. We were also able to tour a maquila (factory) in Juarez, Mexico, and were surprised that the working conditions were more favorable than what we had seen in documentaries. The workers received some health benefits and daycare for children up to age four, but they were still only paid five dollars per day. The other side of immigration along the southern border was seen









through the lens of the Border Patrol, who protects our country by making sure that those who enter the U.S. do so legally. Overwhelming statistics were presented about how many illegal immigrants entered the United States from the southern border and how many die trying to do so.

Thomas More student Terence
Toone had a unique way of looking at
the trip. "This trip really opened up my
eyes to the international discrimination
problem that is going on in America.
As a black man brought up in the inner
city streets of Columbus, Ohio, I always
limited discrimination and injustice to
the Columbus city limit. Border Studies
showed me that discrimination is not just
a local problem but rather a more global
issue...an issue which is exploited along
the southern border."

Perhaps the most intriguing question Border Studies raised was whether the ability to protect our country was in direct conflict with our responsibility to care for people who do not possess the resources to live. It's true, the United States has specified legal ports of entry and specific procedures that must be adhered to in order to become a legal citizen. However, when a family is starving — what option is there but to leave? Where is the invisible line that we, as people, must draw for ourselves to determine when we close off in fear and rejection or when we offer what we can, regardless of skin tone or location on a map? Sadly, as of today, this line has solidified into over 700 miles of double-layered fencing on the southwestern border of our country.

Border Studies

The program is part of a Sociology course (SOC 381) that entails an intensive exploration of the U.S. - Mexican border region both in and out of the classroom. The purpose of the course is to engage students in multicultural affairs to heighten their awareness, understanding and appreciation of the social issues, their fellow human beings and the diversity of the world.

Border Studies Stats

The Border Studies Program began in 1999.

Over 100 Students and Faculty have participated since 1999.





Academic News

Phi Alpha Theta

The end of March, twenty-three students participated in a field trip, which the chapter and the College's Honors Program co-sponsored, to visit New Salem Village, Abraham Lincoln's house, and the Lincoln Presidential Museum in the Springfield, Illinois, area. As part of the Lincoln Bicentennial commemoration the chapter had earlier sponsored a public presentation by Dr. James Ramage, national Phi Alpha Theta president and Professor of History at Northern Kentucky University on "Lincoln as a Public Speaker" on February 22.

On April 4, 2009, Julie Bauerle, a senior member of Phi Alpha Theta, a history honors society, presented "Women Who Have Broken the Mold: Julia Dinsmore and Isabela Selmes Ferguson Greenway King" at the organization's Regional Conference at Eastern Kentucky University. Dr. John Cimprich, Thomas More's chapter advisor and member of the national advisory board, represented the national office at the event.

Dr. Raymond G. Hebert Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award



Pictured left to right: Ms. Sharon McGee, Dr. Raymond Hebert and Mr. David Lloyd.

The Department of History, International Studies, and Political Science established the Dr. Raymond G. Hebert Adjunct Faculty of the Year Award in honor of the chair of the history department and former academic dean Dr. Raymond G. Hebert.

The two recipients for the 2009 award were David Lloyd and Sharon McGee. Both have served in the History Department for over twenty years. "I was truly honored to present the awards to them," said Dr. Hebert. There is a plaque in the departmental lobby with each recipient's name listed. The 2008 recipients were Patrick Eagan and Sara Scheyer Farmer.

Education Department Showcases Work of Parochial Schools

The Education Department display case recently featured work from two local parochial schools. Sister Mary Norene McCormick, a 1973 Thomas More graduate, and her first and second graders at Prince of Peace School, Covington, contributed a three-dimensional penguin display. Katie Smith, a 2008 graduate of Thomas More, and her eighth grade class at St. Therese School in Southgate provided foil sculptures. Fifth graders at St. Therese also displayed diorama book reports. These were followed by fourth

graders' historical characters represented as "tube people." The most recent works from St. Therese were animal facts and faces from the second grade and colorful masks from the seventh grade. The masks were student responses to the poem "We Wear the Mask," which they studied in class. Such displays promote school pride on the part of the contributors and enhance the relationship between Thomas More's Education Department faculty and parochial school students.









Heim to Be First TMC Washington Center Intern

Thomas More student Maria Heim will be the first representative of the College to participate in The Washington Center Internship Program. Maria, a double-major in History and Political Science and president of the Pre-Legal Studies Club, is scheduled to be in Washington, D.C. for her internship this summer. Maria will be working in the Office of the Internal Revenue Services (IRS). While there, she will take a course entitled "Introduction to Criminal Law and Criminal Procedures" taught by the attorney of the IRS. Her preference is to work in the U.S. Attorney General's Office because she plans to attend law school at the College of William & Mary in Virginia after graduation. Thomas More became affiliated with The Washington Center last year and is pleased to be able to provide internship opportunities for students in the nation's capital. The internship program is offered to students with any major and includes internship opportunities in government, business, and non-governmental organizations.



Maria Heim will be interning in Washington, D.C. this summer.

Biology Student Presents at Conference

Senior biology major Jeff Goessling was invited to speak at the second annual Northern Kentucky Reptile Conference at Lloyd High School on Saturday, April 18, 2009. Jeff spoke on the chytrid fungus epidemic in frogs which is ravaging populations of species worldwide. His presentation was entitled: "Global Warming, the Silent Spring Revisited."

Political Science Students Present at Conference

Sophomores Mark Messingschlager and Robert Spoor recently delivered papers at the annual conference of the Kentucky Political Science Association at the University of Louisville. The conference allows political scientists and students the opportunity to share their research and discuss current political issues. Both students developed their papers in a "Campaigns and Elections" class taught by Dr. John T. Spence last fall. Messingschlager's paper, "Collapse and Resurgence: John McCain's 2008 Republican Presidential Primary Campaign," examined factors influencing the elasticity of public opinion in a presidential primary, while Spoor's paper was a re-evaluation of classical electoral theory, "Toward a New Understanding of Critical Elections." This was the first time students in Thomas More's Political Science program have presented conference papers.

Phi Delta Kappa Student Teacher Scholarship Award

Each year the Northern Kentucky Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa awards a monetary scholarship to outstanding students who will be student teaching the following fall or spring. This year the award was presented to Brittany Goetz, an elementary education major at Thomas More College. Criteria for the award includes proven leadership abilities in the classroom, as well as in related activities, such as clubs and volunteer opportunities. It also includes being active in community service, evidence of potential teaching dispositions in her/his respective teaching level, and being in good academic standing. The award recipient must be supported and recommended by three professional references. Brittany was presented the award at the April 21, 2009, event.



ALUMNI Profile

East Meets West

Pictured left to right: Mark Hoeck, Mary Ann Barnes, Tony Barnes and Shannon Boyle.

r. Mary Ann Barnes knew she wanted to become a doctor early in life and it was her surroundings that had an impact on her calling. "As a teenager, I was struck by the inequities and lack of healthcare in the hollows of rural West Virginia. I was not allowed to visit a young girl who lived on our farm because she had scarlet fever, but the family was too poor to take her to a doctor. It was then that I struck a deal with God that if He helped me through the training, I would do what I could to help those around me."

The second child of two Villa Madonna College alumni, the late Edward Barnes '51 and the late Carolyn (Mader) Barnes '52, Mary Ann also graduated from Thomas More College in 1977

Dr. Barnes encourages anyone

who would like to get involved

welcome to join us on these

trips. Our work in the villages

requires about 2-4 helpers for

experience is necessary. We

can train the helpers to do the

iobs that are needed." Anyone

Barnes at mbarnes@stelizabeth.

com for details about the next

February trip.

interested should e-mail Dr.

every doctor on the trip. No prior

to join them. "Others are always

and completed her residency at St. Elizabeth Healthcare (then St. Elizabeth Medical Center) after graduating from University of Louisville Medical School. She joined the faculty of the residency program at St. Elizabeth Family Practice Center in 1989. What energizes her most about teaching the residents? "I get to change the way medicine is practiced. Working with patients, you change

one life at a time. Working with students and residents, you get to change the next generation," explains Dr. Barnes. The relationships she forms with her patients is what motivates her the most. "If not for loving the people I call my patients and co-workers, it would be a job. Because of the great people I call my patients and co-workers, going into the office is invigorating."

In addition to family medicine,

Dr. Barnes has been blessed with being able to address some public health and social justice issues in her practice, such as women's health, nutrition, and obesity research. She has also received additional training as a medical acupuncturist in Chinese Herbal Medicine. Acupuncture is an Eastern medical treatment based on "Qi" (or "chi"), the life-force or vitality that nourishes the body and what is balanced in acupuncture. Mary Ann attests, "There is an ever-increasing wealth of research showing the benefits of acupuncture in many medical conditions. I still cannot totally understand how it works from a Western medicine perspective. It operates out of a totally different paradigm of health and disease. Fortunately, as more research is being done, more employers are providing

it as a benefit for their employees."

How Dr. Barnes knows just how and when to incorporate acupuncture as an additional or alternative therapy for some patients lies in whether their conditions have responded to traditional treatments. She explains, "I suggest they try other modalities if patients don't seem to be getting better with Western medicine, especially with pain. The medications we use for pain

all have somewhat of a brain-numbing effect. Acupuncture can be quite effective for many pain syndromes."

One particularly amazing aspect of Mary Ann's career has been her recent work with the people of Belize. "I never heard of Belize until about 10 years ago when a friend of mine had gone there and told me of the [medical] need. We formed a small group from our office to go." The program has blossomed ever



Mary Ann Barnes, M.D. '77

Education:

1977 — B.A., Biology, Thomas More College

1977 — A.A., Chemical Technology, Thomas More College

1981 – M.D., University of Louisville Medical School

Career:

Assistant Director of Residency, St. Elizabeth Family Practice Center

since. Dr. Barnes and a group make the annual trip to visit Belize for about 10 days in the month of February. They have made a commitment to help improve the health of several districts within Belize teaching nutrition, sanitation and infant resuscitation. The medical group from St. Elizabeth is augmented with the village nurses of Belize and the Red Cross.

Dr. Barnes performs acupuncture on some of the patients in Belize. She does remind us that "medicine will continue to change dramatically over the next few decades, fortunately. Research will tell us what works in all the different paradigms of health and disease. Treatments are becoming much less invasive and the best will be offered from all the different paradigms of health. Perhaps we'll have a better understanding of how Western medicine affects "Qi" and how acupuncture works from a Western medicine perspective."

It seems as though Dr. Mary Ann Barnes is definitely living up to her part of the deal she struck with God as a teenager. She is indeed helping those around her, no matter where she is.



TOMS Shoes: Shoes for a Better Tomorrow

Alyssa Lowry, a double major in English and Sociology, completed an internship this spring with TOMS Shoes. TOMS Shoes is an organization devoted to giving shoes to underprivileged children across the world. While traveling in Argentina, founder Blake Mycoskie was presented with a daunting reality: the impoverished children were suffering from debilitating diseases, such as podoconiosis, due to contaminants in the soil. This disease is 100% preventable simply by wearing shoes. Shoe drives are an annual occurrence in Argentina and Blake wanted to do more. He created TOMS Shoes and made a commitment to give away a pair of "TOMS" to a child in need for every pair of shoes sold.

Alyssa first heard about TOMS Shoes through her church and was inspired to apply for the internship program. "I wanted to make a difference and share TOMS Shoes' mission with my community with a goal to get shoes on people's feet," Alyssa explains. She carried out three events on campus this semester, each inspiring the Thomas More community to get involved and make a difference. Later, she hopes to participate in a shoe drop with TOMS Shoes and work closely with the underprivileged children.

TOMS Shoes

In 2006 an American traveler, Blake Mycoskie, befriended children in Argentina and found they had no shoes to protect their feet. Wanting to help, he created a company that would match every pair of shoes sold with a pair given to a child in need. One for One. Blake returned to Argentina with a group of family, friends and staff later that year with 10,000 pairs of shoes made possible by caring TOMS customers.

Since its beginning, TOMS has given over 140,000 pairs of shoes to children in need through the One for One model. TOMS plans to give over 300,000 pairs of shoes to children in need around the world in 2009.

Ongoing community events and Shoe Drop Tours allow TOMS supporters and enthusiasts to be part of our One for One movement. For more information, visit www.tomsshoes.com.

Global Learning



By: Jennie Kessler '13 Creative Writing and Spanish Major

I left the U.S. terrified of traveling with a group of strangers around London, England. As soon as I stepped off the plane and into the morning light, I knew I was in for an adventure.

Almost every day I visited two museums including the British, Victoria & Albert, and the Tate. I saw London at night from over one hundred feet in the air from the London Eye. I reverently gazed at the ornately decorated tombs of great rulers, writers, and artists of the past in Westminster Abbey. The Tower of London sent chills down my spine as I entered the towers where prisoners had been kept. I stared in awe at the crown jewels.

Watching my step, I walked along the mossy, stone path surrounding the Roman bath as I gazed at the steam swirling upward from the greenish, murky water below. In Cambridge, I took a picture of an apple tree descended from the one that Newton sat under when he discovered gravity. I witnessed the sun rise on the steps of the National Gallery overlooking Trafalgar Square with Big Ben in the background covered in a foggy haze.

I made new friends and explored the city on foot. I learned things about art, history, another culture and myself that I would never have known had I not traveled abroad. It was a great experience I shall never forget.

Faculty Notes

Dr. Rex B. Easley, Associate Professor, English, read his short story "Crossing Indiana in Darkness" at the Kentucky Philological Association Conference in Owensboro, Kentucky, on March 6, 2009.

Dr. Easley presented a paper "Thirteen Ways of Looking at the Readings" at the National College English Association Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on March 28, 2009.

Dr. Stephen C. Holler, Associate Professor, Theology, was cited and acknowledged in Linda Hall's article, "Guadalupan Devotion in Mexico: A Historiography Consideration" History Compass 7/1 (2009) 95-106. The article cited two publications by Dr. Holler: "The Origins of Marian Devotion and Latin American Cultures in the United States" Marian Studies, 46 (1995) and "Exploring the Popular Religion of U.S. Hispanic/Latino Ethnic Groups" Latino Studies Journal, 6/3 (1995).



The Reverend Ronald M. Ketteler, Chair, Department of Theology, participated as a panelist in the Kentucky Bar Association's "Rule of Law" Symposium held at Kentucky State

University on February 6, 2009. Father Ketteler was assigned to the discussion panel on "Civil Rights and Justice." The event also celebrated the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln in Kentucky.

Dr. Jack Rudnick, Jr., Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration, recently delivered a presentation entitled "Elder Abuse and Neglect: Clergy Awareness, Responsibilities and Intervention Strategies" for clergy in Northern Kentucky at Mother of God Church in Covington, Kentucky. The seminar was sponsored by a grant from Avon Company and coordinated by Patricia Schneider of Senior Services of Northern Kentucky.

Dr. Beth A. Sanders, Associate Professor and Chair, Sociology and Criminal Justice, published an article in Police Chief magazine entitled "Improving Partnerships between Law Enforcement Leaders and University-Based Researchers," co-written with Police Chief Marc Fields of the Erlanger Police Department. The paper suggests a variety of projects where police departments and academic researchers can work together including: crime analysis, grant writing, officer selection and promotional exams.

This spring, Dr. Sanders, along with Andrew Walker, a senior criminal justice major, partnered with the Erlanger Police Department in conducting a community satisfaction questionnaire. More than 400 citizens who had contact with the police department were surveyed about their encounter. Citizens were also asked about their familiarity with police services such as D.A.R.E, vacation checks and security surveys.

Dr. Sherry Cook Stanforth, Professor of English, delivered a presentation entitled "Will the Circle Be Unbroken? A Story of Appalachian Family Music and Kinship Pedagogy" at the Thirty-Second Appalachian Studies Conference: Connecting Appalachia and the World through Traditional and Contemporary Arts, Crafts and Music in March 2009 at Shawnee State University, Portsmouth, Ohio.

Dr. Stanforth, along with Dr. Julie Daoud, delivered a presentation entitled "My Not-So-Big Classroom: Organic Design in the Digital Age" at the College English Association 70th Anniversary Conference in March 2009 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



James Graham Brown Honors Banquet

M. Scott McIntyre '97, a former James Graham Brown Honors student while at TMC and a law partner with Baker Hostetler LLP, served as the guest speaker at the 2009 James Graham Brown Honors banquet on April 1 to a crowd of 64 attendees.

FACULTY Profile

Ten Minutes with Larry Boehm

How long have you worked at TMC?

A: I came to TMC after a brief stint with the federal government. I've been here for 20 years.

What are your hobbies?

A: Reading, woodworking, fishing, and camping are at the top of my list. I also cook a mean homemade salsa.

What are you passionate about?

A: Positive psychology — this relatively new area asks questions such as what makes for a meaningful or satisfying life? What brings happiness? What are the consequences of pursuing money and status to the exclusion of other things? What can you do to improve your own well-being? Researchers have examined the relationship between life satisfaction and personality, values, material wealth, religion, and other traits or circumstances to address the question of what constitutes a meaningful life. The findings are clearly relevant to the choices we face and the mixed messages we encounter.

What awards/honors have you received?

A None recently. Many of the activities I'm involved with are organizational and planning groups that work behind the scenes.

Perhaps I should try a little harder in this area.

What motivates you as a faculty member?

A: Working at TMC gives me the opportunity to pursue questions and ideas with a fair amount of independence, and that autonomy is very rewarding. I feel fortunate to have an occupation where that's the case. Also, when I've had a good class session where I'm motivated, the students are engaged, and we're making progress on some interesting topic; it can

be a bit of an adrenaline rush. I realized long ago that my interactions with students would probably have more of an impact on them and their lives than any research I might do.

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

A: Taking experimental psychology, which can be dry and technical, and making it interesting and relevant.

Where is the last place you traveled and why?

A: My daughter and I spent two weeks in Britain last summer. We share a nerdy interest in the libraries and museums of London and some of the historic sites in England and Wales. The trip allowed us to have some quality time together before she left for college.

What is your favorite book?

A: This is a tough call because there are so many choices. In psychology, How to Think Straight about Psychology by Stanovich and The Social Animal by Aronson are two of my favorites. Other favorites include The Shadow of the Wind, Don Quixote, and the Harry Potter series.

What is in your CD/MP3 player right now?

A: A collection of Led Zeppelin songs from iTunes.

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

A: Working class kid goes to college, finds his niche after some uncertainty, meets his future wife (at a fraternity party), realizes that being a professor would be a cool job, goes to graduate school, ends up at a liberal arts college that seems to be a good



Dr. Larry Boehm

Professor of Psychology

Professional Associations

Association for Psychological Science

Midwestern Psychological Association

Council of Teachers of Undergraduate Psychology

Society for the Teaching of Psychology

fit, raises a couple of kids, and wonders how it will all turn out.

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

A: I've visited 40 of the 50 U.S. states and would like to visit the remainder, especially Alaska and Hawaii.

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

A: I almost became a lawyer. If the college is ever struck by a giant meteor, and I'm not killed by the impact, then law school is plan B.

What is your motto? Or words to live by?

A: "The art of being wise is the art of knowing what to overlook." American philosopher and psychologist William James.

ALUMNI Gatherings

Have you seen your TMC alumni friends at our events this year? Maybe at Alumni Night with the Florence Freedom, Alumni Riverboat Cruise, Alumni Day at Keeneland, or the Alumni Wine Tasting? Chances are...you have! We have seen a nearly 40% increase in alumni event attendance during the 2008-09 year. If you haven't joined us yet, we look forward to seeing you!



Distinguished Alumnae Leadership Roundtable

Members of the Thomas More College Alumni Association's Distinguished Alumnae League (DAL), as well as faculty and current students, participated in a Leadership Mentor Roundtable held on February 4, 2009. DAL members shared their expertise and experiences with students in an effort to enhance their college experience and offer career advice.



Alumni Gathering in Washington D.C.

Twenty alumni located in the Washington D.C. area participated in our regional alumni gathering on a beautiful spring evening at the home of alumnus Bernie Robinson, Class of 1970, on March 31, 2009. Special local guests included politicians from Northern Kentucky, Senator Jim Bunning and his wife Mary, and Congressman Geoff Davis. Pictured left to right: Joe Theis '85, Bernie Robinson '70, Carolyn Theis (Joe's spouse), current TMC student Elizabeth Fricke (serving as an intern in D.C. for Congressman Davis during the spring 2009 semester), Senator Jim Bunning, Mary Jean (Tillman) Schuette '68, Fr. Martin Burnham '89 (in background) and George Schuette '68.



Villa Players Event

Over 30 Villa Players alumni and guests enjoyed coffee and dessert after the performance of "Waiting for the Parade" on February 28.



Florence Freedom Event

TMC Alumni Night with the Florence Freedom on May 29 enjoyed a record-breaking attendance of 721 alumni, family and friends.



Wine Tasting

A tasting of five wines from various regions around the world was enjoyed by 265 alumni and guests at the 1st Annual Alumni Wine Tasting, which took place on April 3 in Seiler Commons at Thomas More College. Thomas More Business Administration professor and wine aficionado, Dr. Chris Moyer, provided commentary on the particular wines.



Alumna Speaks in Classroom

Kathy (Beechem) Nadherny '73 spoke to a group of Junior and Senior English majors on April 14. A Q&A session followed her remarks about how her background as an English major helped her throughout her business career, and is especially fitting in her life now as she completes her own book intended for publication.



Class of 1959 Reception

The Class of 1959 enjoyed their 50th anniversary cocktail reception at the home of Thomas More president, Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P. '68.



Education in the Real World

In March, Brian Robinson '97, Patrick Tucker '98 and Lee Turner '99 returned to campus to speak to a class of Education majors. These alumni talked with the students about what to expect once they enter their teaching and/or administration careers in public and private schools.

Class Notes

1940s

Ellie Galvin '42 (formerly Sr. Mary Rosilda, S.N.D.) was an educator and registered nurse for many years. She is now retired and grateful for the education she received at Villa Madonna College. She continues to keep Thomas More College in her prayers.

Laryl Lee (Lahrman) Delker '49 recently had an article entitled "Finding Gregor Mendel's Original Documents," published in the *Monitor*, the diocesan newspaper of Trenton, New Jersey. In order to be closer to their son, John, she and her husband moved into the retirement community, Mercy Ridge, run by the archdiocese of Baltimore, Maryland.

1950s



Nancy (Black) Kuchle '56 traveled with her children and grandchildren last summer, visiting New York City to see her brother, David Black '58, and to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, where they enjoyed many sights.

Karl Lietzenmayer '58 will have his research on the life of Marquis de Lafayette published in an upcoming issue of *Northern Kentucky Heritage* magazine. His research emphasizes Lafayette's farewell tour through Kentucky in May 1825.

1960s

Dr. William Rauckhorst '62, professor and associate provost at Miami University, gave the keynote address at a symposium on Global Climate Change and Catholic Social Justice Teaching held at Xavier University on April 5, 2009. The symposium was organized by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati in cooperation with Xavier University's Ethics, Religion and Society

Program. Bill also published a related article in *America*, a Jesuit magazine, entitled "Energy Ethics in an Era of Climate Change and Peak Oil."



Dr. David Cannon'64 recently retired from Radiology
Associates,

Inc., in Louisville, Kentucky after 35 years of medical practice. He has served as a past president of Radiology Associates, Inc., Clark County Medical Society, and was an Assistant Clinical Professor of Radiology at University of Louisville School of Medicine. He and his wife, Gail, a retired clinical psychologist, now plan to spend time with their grandchildren, Owen, age 5 and Ellis, age 2, as well as pursue other hobbies such as traveling, swimming, golf and cycling.



William T. Robinson III '67 and his wife, Joan (Wernersbach) Robinson '69

were honored on April 28, 2009, with the establishment of the Wm. T. (Bill) & Joan Wernersbach Robinson III Scholarship Fund at Covington Catholic High School.



Dr. Phillip A. Tibbs '69 was a 2008 recipient of the University of Kentucky Medical Alumni Awards. He was recognized for gaining international

status for research in three clinical trials of metastatic cancer of the brain and spine.

1970s

Judy Gerwe '71 is a math specialist for the Hamilton County Educational Services Center, serves on the Ohio Council of Math Teachers Executive Board, and is also co-chair for the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics State Convention to be held in Cincinnati in November 2009. In October 2008, she spoke at the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Regional Conference in Cleveland about teaching mathematics to special needs students.

Kenneth A. Reis '72 has been married to Janet Bart for 37 years. They have three sons and three grandchildren. He currently works as a buyer and assistant floor manager for the Cincinnati Children's Museum at Union Terminal in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Karen L. (Riedinger) George '74 recently graduated from Spalding University with a Master of Fine Arts in Writing. She plans to teach writing on the college level and work towards getting her collection of short stories and poetry chapbooks published.

Debra (Lamb) Wilson '75 retired after 33 years of teaching at Walton-Verona Elementary School in Walton, Kentucky. Her future plans include travel, volunteer work, and visiting her daughter who is an architect in Nashville, Tennessee.

Jim Nelson '76 portrayed the character of Rutherford Selig in the critically acclaimed production of "Gem of the Ocean" at Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati in February 2009. Jim is also head of the theatre department at Thomas More College.

Jim Higgins '77 was awarded Volunteer of the Year by the American Diabetes Association for the second time in the past three years. He continues to serve as the chairperson for "Step Out for Diabetes" and also serves on the Guidance Advisory Board for Assumption High School in Cincinnati, Ohio.

D. Lynn Meyers '77 was the keynote speaker at the United States Institute for Theatre Technology (USITT) conference held in March 2009 in Cincinnati, Ohio. She is Producing Artistic Director for Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati. Over 4,000 national scenic designers and artists attended the conference.

Michael S. Cooper '79 was appointed Vice President of Finance for Day Air Credit Union in Dayton, Ohio.

1980s

Patrick J. Belland '80 retired after 35 years of working for the U.S. Government consulting in industrial and government security programs.

Buz Davis '83 recently appeared as Phillip in Ensemble Theatre of Cincinnati's sold-out production of "Mauritius." He also appeared as Mike in Victoria Theatre's production of "Wait Until Dark" in Dayton, Ohio. The stage keeps him busy as he travels back and forth between Cincinnati, Ohio, and New York City for various productions.

Mike Sander '84 successfully defended his dissertation on April 21, 2009, and earned his Doctorate Degree (Ed.D.) in Educational Leadership from the University of Kentucky.

Sharon (Schneider) Elliston '86 was made a partner at the law firm of Ziegler & Schneider, P.S.C., in Crescent Springs, Kentucky.



Jeffrey A. Clark '87 was appointed Principal at Lakeview Jr. High School in Pickerington, Ohio.

Michelle (Esselman) Story '87 was nominated President-Elect of the Charities Guild of Northern Kentucky. The agency helps fundraise for local charities and provides new shoes to needy children through their shoe fund.

1990s

Rob Langenderfer '96 recently had an article published entitled "My Adventures in Archives" in the *Queen City Gazette*, an online newsletter of the Special Libraries Association (Cincinnati Chapter).

Carla (Phelps) Venhoff '96 was recently honored as one of the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati Volunteers of the Year. The award was given in recognition of her more than six years of service on the Committee of Management at the YMCA's Camp Ernst. She was one of 17 recognized for her service in 2008.

Bill Arney '97 recently relocated to Austin, Texas, with his wife and two daughters to accept a new role as Manager of Workflow Development within his current employer, Great American Financial Resources, Inc.



Laura Burns '98 traveled to Beijing, China, in the summer of 2007 to attend the International Space University where she was involved in a team project related to creating a lunar biological and social archive in case of a catastrophic destruction of the earth.

Christy (Tibbs) Williams '99 and her husband, **Aaron Williams '00**, celebrated nine years of marriage on April 16, 2009.

2000s

Alexander E. Scott '00 completed all the requirements to receive the Certified Financial Planner[™] designation as awarded by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc.

Patrick Hartman '02 and his wife, Elizabeth, welcomed their first child, Luke, into the world on August 2, 2007. Patrick is in the Air Force JAG Corps and was reassigned in July 2008 to Scott Air Force Base in Illinois.



Jen (Golliher)
McCoy '03 married
Ryan McCoy on
May 15, 2009. The
couple resides in
Sharonville, Ohio. She
is currently working at
Southwestern College
in the tri-county area
of Cincinnati as the

Assistant Director of Career Services.

Joanna Bess '04 has signed to play professional basketball overseas for Club Deportivo Daimiel in Spain as of November 2008. The team, which began the season 1-5, has been 2-1 since her arrival.

Br. Paul (Michael) Byrd '04 will be attending a two-week workshop in Cairo, Egypt, this summer at the Dominican Institute of Oriental Studies. After the workshop, he will stay in Cairo doing social justice work until August 18, 2009.



Kristen (Fitzpatrick)
Clifton '04 and her
husband, Adam,
welcomed their
daughter, Ava Elise,
born February 16, 2009.
Kristen works for Bertke
& Sparks, CPAs, Inc.
The family resides in
Burlington, Kentucky.

Ryan Mulroney '04 passed the Ohio Bar Exam in November 2008. He is employed as a staff attorney in Kenton County Family Court in Kentucky.

Tara (Monday) Palmer '04 recently graduated from Pikeville College School of Osteopathic Medicine on May 9, 2009. She is starting a pediatric residency in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in July.

Kasey (Dorman) Ashcraft '05 and her husband, Tony, welcomed their first child, Jason Alexander Ashcraft, on November 5, 2008. Kasey is a Senior Account Manager with Kforce Professional Staffing. Her specific responsibility is recruiting finance and accounting professionals looking for employment.



Matthew Atkins
'05 and his wife,
Sarah (Pompilio)
Atkins '03 are
proud first-time
parents of a
daughter, Isabelle
Pompilio Atkins,
born on January 12,

2009. They reside in Cold Spring, Kentucky.

Matthew Bloemer '05 recently graduated from Florida State University with a Master's Degree in Meteorology. He is currently employed by the National Weather Service in Eureka, California.

Katey Blood '05 currently works for Teen Challenge Cincinnati Women's Home. She also works part-time for New Hope Center as an abstinence educator and in teaching abstinence curriculum in local schools. She lives in Milford, Ohio, and will marry Doug Rebholz on December 5, 2009.

Dr. Jodi (Carter) Duff '05 married Riley Ragan Duff on May 9, 2009, in the Thomas More College Chapel. The couple resides in Hamilton, Ohio, with their four dogs. Jodi received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from The Ohio State University on June 14, 2009. She will be practicing at Grady Veterinary Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Leah (England) Runion '05 and her husband, **Jeff Runion '04**, will celebrate their fifth wedding anniversary on July 31, 2009. They have two children, Brayden, age 4, and Ellie, age 1.



Jordan Landrum '06 and his fiancé, Reneé Dailey, will be married December 18, 2009, after eight years of courtship. They will reside in Edgewood, Kentucky. Jordan works for Enterprise Rent-a-Car.



Brian Loughnane
'06 is currently
living and working
in Berlin, Germany,
as an actor and
director at the Galli
Theater, performing
various works in both
English and German.

In addition, he offers courses to children and adults with the aim of improving both English language skills and performance technique.

Class Notes

Cassie Ruhlman '06 accepted a position in March 2009 as External Affairs Director (Western/Pacific Region) for Connected Nation, a non-profit tasked with expanding broadband services to rural and underserved populations across the country.

Amanda Schreiber '06 will receive her Master's in Education: Curriculum and Instruction degree in August 2009 from Ashland University.

Zachary Cooke '07 is currently enrolled in Thomas More College's TAP program to obtain his Master's of Business Administration.

Heidi (Fischesser) Lario '07 and her husband, John, along with their daughter, Summer, welcomed the newest addition to their family, daughter Olivia Pauline Lario, born on March 27, 2009. **Margaret "Maggie" Lehman '07** is employed with Dwyer Insurance Agency in Cincinnati, Ohio. She became licensed to sell property and casualty insurance in June 2008.

Dan Meyer '08 (TAP BBA) moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, in May 2009 to direct the Quality Assurance and Regulatory Program for a Department of Defense contractor. Specifically, it will be the Predator Unmanned Aircraft Maintenance program.

IN MEMORIAM

Ruth Ann (Kendall) Miner '60, wife of Dr. George Miner '58, passed away peacefully on April 4, 2009, after a long battle with lung disease.

Send Us Your Photos!

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

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Legacy families include those 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 may have been 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. One of the hopes of Thomas More College is that alumni might share their cherished experience with family members encouraging their own relatives to attend.

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

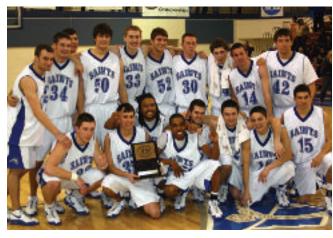
Please provide the following information for as many persons in your family who are part of your Thomas More legacy. Include each person's graduate name, graduation year, attendance years (if not an alumni) and the relationship of this person to you.





Basketball Teams Go Dancing





The 2008-09 basketball season was a banner year for both the Thomas More College men and women's basketball teams. Both teams won the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) regular season and tournament titles and advanced to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Basketball National Tournaments.

The men's team posted a 19-9 overall record and a 10-2 PAC mark to claim several firsts for the program: its first-ever PAC regular season and tournament titles and its first-ever appearance in the NCAA Division III National Tournament. Highlighting the Saints' season was a thrilling 65-62 home win over Washington & Jefferson College on February 11 to clinch the PAC regular season title, and then their

91-65 win over Bethany College in the PAC Championship game at the Connor Convocation Center on February 28. The NCAA Division III Basketball Committee sent the Saints to Columbus, Ohio, where they played No. 13 Capital on its home floor. Capital was undefeated on its home court, but that didn't bother the Saints as they took the Crusaders to overtime before falling 80-77.

The women's basketball team compiled a 28-3 overall record, a 13-1 mark in the PAC, and a No. 8 ranking in the final poll of the internet Web site, d3hoops.com Top-25. This past season the Saints had their fourth straight 20-plus win season, won their fourth straight PAC regular season title, won their third straight PAC tournament, and made their third straight appearance in the NCAA Division

III National Tournament where they advanced to the tournament's "Sweet 16."

The Saints opened the NCAA
Tournament on the road as they defeated
Randolph-Macon College, 76-61, in the
first round in Granthum, Pennsylvania,
and then defeated host and No. 15-ranked
Messiah College, 57-50, in the second
round to advance to the "Sweet 16."
Thomas More was then awarded to host
a Sectional and welcomed No. 2-ranked
Hope College, No. 3-ranked George Fox
University and No. 5-ranked Oglethorpe
University to Crestview Hills. In the
Sectional Semifinals the Saints fell, 67-51,
to Hope in front of a capacity crowd of
1,200 in the Connor Convocation Center.



Hetzer Appointed to the NCAA DIII Baseball Committee

Thomas More College Head Baseball Coach Jeff Hetzer has been appointed to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Baseball Committee. Hetzer will be the new Mideast Regional Representative. His term of service on the committee will begin September 1, 2009, and continue through September 1, 2013. The committee is responsible for evaluating teams throughout the season and for the selection and administration of the 54-team NCAA Division III Baseball National Championship. Hetzer, who just completed his ninth season as the skipper of the Saints and the program's all-time winning coach with a 215-127-3 career record, is also the assistant athletic director at Thomas More.

Rogers Named Men's Basketball Coach



In April, Thomas More College Athletic Director Terry Connor announced the appointment of Jeff Rogers as the new head men's basketball coach.

Rogers is the eighth head men's basketball coach in school history and is only moving up one chair on the Saints' bench as he had served as an assistant coach at Thomas More for the past two seasons.

"We are extremely excited to have Jeff Rogers take over our men's basketball program," commented Connor. "He has a tireless work ethic and is a great teacher of the game of basketball. We are very confident that he will help maintain our position among the conference and region's best academically and athletically."

"I appreciate the opportunity that is being provided to me by President Sister Margaret Stallmeyer and Athletic Director Terry Connor," stated Rogers. "I'm excited to have the opportunity to continue building a successful program at Thomas More. I want the team to be the best team academically in the Presidents' Athletic Conference."

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, Rogers earned his Bachelor's Degree from Western Kentucky University in 1989 and a Master's Degree from the University of Louisville in 1996. He began his coaching career in 1989 when he served as an intern with USA Basketball at the United States Olympic Committee Complex in Colorado Springs, Colorado, for a year. Then he served as an intern with the University of Kentucky Basketball program in Lexington, Kentucky, from 1990 to 1992. After leaving Kentucky, Rogers served as the Director of Basketball Operations at the University of Missouri/ Kansas City in Kansas City, Missouri, from 1992 to 1996.

In 1996 Coach Rogers returned to Kentucky and served as a high school head boys coach for 10 years before joining former head coach John Ellenwood's staff in 2007. Over the 10-year span of his high school coaching career, Rogers' teams won over 70% of their games, compiling a 201-84 record (.705), winning four straight district championships and winning a regional championship twice.

He and his wife, Stacy, reside in Hebron, Kentucky, with their three daughters, Emma, Aubrey and Allyson.

Men's Tennis Receives PAC Sportsmanship Award

The Thomas More College men's tennis team was named the 2009 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Men's Tennis Team Sportsmanship Award winner by the PAC office. This is a new award and is sponsored by the members of the PAC Student-Athlete-Advisory Council (SAAC), in an effort to recognize and encourage positive sportsmanship among the conference teams. The SAAC is a committee comprised of student-athletes from each member institution assembled to provide insight on the student-athlete experience.



Saints PAC Awards and Honors

Tournament Titles	8
Regular Season Championships	14
Players of the Year	9
Freshman of the Year	2
Coaches of the Year	6
All-Conference Honors	192
Honor Roll	143
NCAA Appearances	25
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^{**}As of May 12, 2009**

Winter Athletic Honors

Men's Basektball

PAC Coach of the Year — John Ellenwood Second Team All-PAC — Daniel McKeehan, Romell Salone and Mark Tinklenberg 2008-09 PAC Men's Basketball Team Sportsmanship Award

Women's Basketball

State Farm Coaches' All-American Team Honorable Mention – Jayme Thiem

First Team All-Great Lakes by d3hoops.com – Nicole Dickman, Jayme Thiem

First Team All-PAC — Nicole Dickman, Jayme Thiem

Second Team All-PAC - Kristen Humphrey

 $\label{eq:continuous} \mbox{Honorable Mention AII-PAC} - \mbox{Alex Gee,} \\ \mbox{Gabby Johnson}$





Softball Continues Saints' Dominance of the PAC

The softball team continued Thomas More College's dominance of the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) as it won the school's fifth PAC regular season title and third PAC tournament title during the 2008-09 academic year. The softball team joins football, women's soccer, and men and women's basketball teams, which all added to the PAC Regular Season banner that hangs on the east wall of the Connor Convocation Center. The Saints advanced to the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament and went 2-2 at the Greencastle, Indiana, Regional as they won their first-ever NCAA tournament game and finished regional semifinalists.

First-year head coach Lindsay Bramhall and the softball team became the fourth Thomas More team to advance to the NCAA Division III National Tournament this season in their sport as the football and men and women's basketball teams all made the NCAA Tournament in their sport during the 2008-09 academic year. Thomas More was one of only two schools that qualified for

the NCAA Tournament in those four sports at the Division III level. The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, a school of 8,000 plus, was the only other school in Division III that accomplished that feat.



2009 FALL ATHLETIC HOME EVENTS Calendar

September 1

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

September 8

4 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Earlham 6 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Wittenberg

September 11

4 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Spalding Women's Soccer vs. Spalding

September 12

TBA Volleyball vs. Chatham * TBA Volleyball vs. Waynesburg *

September 13

1 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Marietta 3 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Marietta

September 15

4 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Franklin

September 18

3 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Milikin 5 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Earlham

September 19

1:30 p.m. Football vs. Waynesburg *

October 2

2:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Geneva * 4:30 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Geneva *

October 3

1:30 p.m. Football vs. Bethany *

October 16

TBA Volleyball vs. Geneva *

October 14

2:30 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Thiel * 4:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Thiel *

October 15

TBA Volleyball vs. Washingon & Jefferson *

October 17

1:30 p.m. Football vs. Grove City *

October 21

TBA Volleyball vs. Mount St. Joseph

October 24

TBA Volleyball vs. Grove City * TBA Volleyball vs. Bethany *

October 25

Noon Men's Soccer vs. Grove City * 2 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Grove City * TBA Volleyball vs. St. Vincent

TBA Volleyball vs. Thiel *

October 31

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

November 7

1:30 p.m. Football vs. Geneva

*denotes Presidents' Athletic Conference contest

JOIN 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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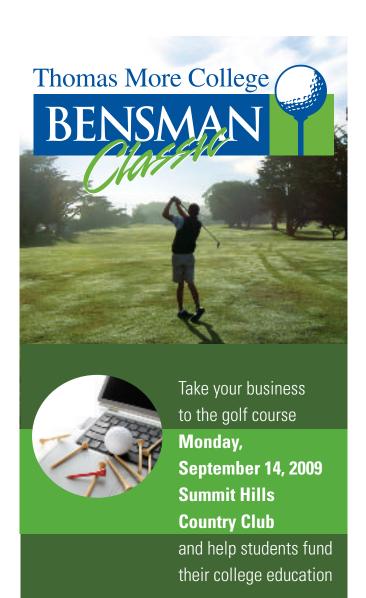
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Mark your calendar to join your fellow alumni and friends at the 2009 Thomas More Homecoming celebration October 3 and 4. Return to campus, reminisce with your classmates and friends, and see what new things are happening at Thomas More College.

