

82nd Commencement † Answering the Call to Give † Life Lessons

SUMMER 2010

# MOREOVER

Thomas More College

**Graduates embark on  
new chapter in their  
life narratives**





THOMAS MORE  
COLLEGE  
TOGETHER IN PURSUIT OF TRUTH



Dear Friends,

Summer brings with it a season of growth, where the trees, plants and flowers that bloomed in the spring have matured to showcase their full potential. As I admire the beauty of Thomas More's campus this time of year, I think of our students — those who will be coming in the fall with minds open and eager to learn and those who just graduated in May, whose growth instills within me a sense of pride and anticipation for the contributions they will make in the world.

The class of 2010 includes individuals who excelled in the classroom as well as the community. Many of them balanced demanding course loads with jobs, entrepreneurial endeavors, volunteer commitments and family, while maintaining high GPAs. They were student athletes, club presidents and accomplished performers, writers, scientists, mathematicians and critical thinkers.

The impressive academic accomplishments of the class of 2010 are coupled with their contributions elsewhere. Some of them have traveled overseas to offer their talents and expand their horizons, while others participated in research teams and honor societies. Many of our graduates have volunteered to build houses for Habitat for Humanity, serve meals to the homeless, assist underprivileged children, prepare tax returns for low-income individuals, visit with elderly patients, mentor school children, tutor peers and help make our communities better places to live.

I'm proud of the nurturing environment our staff and faculty offer students to help them grow. But, I'm equally impressed with the contagious enthusiasm, quest for independent thinking and the desire to succeed that our students demonstrate.

It's no doubt that some in this graduating class will face the daunting task of securing a job in one of the most challenging job markets our country has ever experienced. Others will continue their education, with many gaining admission into programs to graduate, law and medical schools. As they join the ranks of TMC alumni, it is my hope that their experiences here won't end. Our current and incoming students thrive because of the relationship with alumni who continue to help support our college with their financial contributions and active participation through events, sports programs and endeavors.

We are blessed to receive the nourishment of faith and support received from our diocese, trustees and donors as they join us in the mission to encourage students to be creative problem-solvers, lifelong scholars and considerate citizens of the world. Gazing upon the large oaks on our campus, I feel a sense of comfort and pride in recognizing how far we've come. And, while the smaller trees don't offer as much shade or strength just yet, their promise of what lies ahead inspires me to share my enthusiasm with others in nourishing this college campus and helping our students grow.

Sincerely,

*Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P.*

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Gerber Daisies—Megan Keck, Oil Painting

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## ON THE COVER

Thomas More College honored the accomplishments of 354 graduates during its 82nd commencement ceremony May 15, 2010, on the front lawn of the Holbrook Student Center. Kristina Behne graduated with a BA degree in Accounting and an AA in Business Administration.





Answer our “family tradition” question  
and be eligible to win a netbook!

# GET *MORE* of *Moreover*

What is your favorite  
family tradition?

Stay connected with what’s going on with faculty,  
staff and students at TMC with *MORE*, the  
college’s new online companion to *Moreover*.

*MORE* highlights recent events, faculty and student  
accolades and campus happenings, in addition to  
offering contests, surveys and a chance to learn more  
about what’s going on at Thomas More.

Check out the first edition of *MORE* at  
[thomasmore.edu/more](http://thomasmore.edu/more). Be one of the first 100 to

answer the question, “What is your favorite family tradition?” ... and be eligible to win  
a netbook, courtesy of Christopher Fischer ’95, President/CEO, Systems Insight,  
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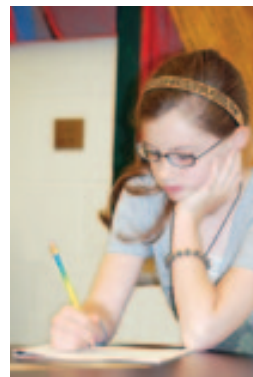


## Little Saints “What Does it Mean to Be Me?” Poetry Contest

*Moreover* is looking to its youngest readers  
for submissions to its first ever **Little Saints  
Poetry Contest**. The theme is “What Does  
It Mean to Be Me?” Children from ages 4  
to 18 are invited to share their personal life  
narrative through poetry. Little Saints poets  
can be relatives or friends of TMC alumni. To  
be eligible, young poets are asked to send their  
submissions to:

*Moreover*  
333 Thomas More Parkway  
Crestview Hills, KY 41017  
Or e-mail to: [moreover@thomasmore.edu](mailto:moreover@thomasmore.edu)

Judging will be conducted by the college’s  
English faculty and the editor of *Moreover*.  
The chosen poem will be published in the  
next issue and the winning poet will receive a



special gift from  
TMC. Honorable  
mentions will  
be highlighted  
in *MORE*, the  
magazine’s online  
companion.  
The deadline  
for submissions  
is September 1,  
2010.

Do You Know Any Prospective Students?  
Spread the Word ...

## Preview Night at TMC

July 21 – 5:30 p.m., Holbrook Student Center

TMC’s Office of Admissions is hosting a Preview Night for prospective  
students on Wednesday, July 21, 2010. The event will begin with a cookout  
at 5:30 p.m., followed by student life, admissions and financial aid info  
sessions, an alumni panel and a campus tour.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact the Office of  
Admissions at 859-344-3332 or visit [thomasmore.edu/admissions](http://thomasmore.edu/admissions).



## In Their Own Words

Each year, writing students at Thomas More College dig deep into their creative minds to offer heartfelt poetry and prose for *Words*, the literary journal edited and managed by TMC undergraduates. Included in the publication is Jenny Rife's *Clara Miller's Son*, which was awarded the 2010 Sandra Lee Cuni Award. Her fictional account of a young man who attempts to shed the tight reins of his mother in Alabama for an unpredictable journey toward independence offers an engaging invitation to learn more about this character's travels.



Jenny's story was written in response to a fictional short story assignment in Dr. Rex Easley's Advanced Creative Writing class. She commented on the characters depicted in the story. "Had this piece been a little longer, I would have explored Clara's character more. I think she has many startling discoveries to unveil," she said. In addition to her accolades for *Clara Miller's Son*, Jenny has three poems scheduled for print in two national literary magazines this summer.

## EXCERPT FROM *Clara Miller's Son*, PUBLISHED IN *Words* 2010

BY JENNY RIFE

*I spent my childhood under the narrowed gaze of a mother who was certain that since I was a breech birth, I would amount to no good. Our twenty years together were fraught with tensions and machinations until the day I accepted a job as a salesman with Breckman Baskets and Jellies, loaded my blue Oldsmobile with gift baskets full of fancy jams and confections, and headed north toward Ohio. Hitting the gas pedal as hard as I could, I left Beaufort, Alabama disappearing behind me in the red dust.*

*I held a canning jar of sweet tea between my knees, and a paper sack rested on the passenger seat, the biscuits inside making greasy crescent moons on its wrinkled sides. It was assumed I would dip into my wares for any enhancements. Mother had confiscated my knife, a five-inch folding blade with a bone handle, which would have been useful for splitting biscuits, spreading jams, and any number of other purposes; perdition may have been my destiny, she said, but I needn't court it so brazenly. She offered me a wooden spoon with a broken handle, which fit far less comfortably in my trouser pocket.*

*My fawn colored church coat hung in the back seat, a freshly cleaned blind spot reminding me at every lane change that if I was bent for ruin, it was not for lack of effort on my mother's part. We sat each Sunday in the middle pew of Beaufort Baptist and I knelt for extra prayers at my mother's insistence, her cool hand pressed to the back of my neck. Before I left home, she had slipped some fresh lavender cuttings into the breast pocket, and over them tucked an ironed handkerchief, which was not for my use, but to proffer in the unlikely event that I encounter a lady in my troubled circles.*

*As I passed Beaufort's city limits, I regarded my hometown in my rearview mirror and thought it was the best vantage point from which to regard Beaufort, and Alabama. I looked forward now and all around, at rolling hills, dozing cows, red-winged blackbirds dotting the fence line. Beaufort had all these things, but it seemed to me that everything was new, astonishingly colorful, and I uncapped a pen with my teeth to jot "hills, cows, blackbirds" in a notebook I kept on the seat next to me, to capture any interesting thoughts or ideas that might occur to me on the long drive. I figured I would know what I meant later.*

To request a copy of *Words*, e-mail [alumni@thomasmore.edu](mailto:alumni@thomasmore.edu).

Cover Art Selection: Gina Vitucci, "Venus: More than Just a Planet," Charcoal

Cover Design: Jason Matheny



## Taking Art Outside the Classroom

In early May, Thomas More's campus temporarily resembled that of a sculpture park, as unique artistic elements shared the spotlight with blooming flowers and trees. Students in Sculpture I and II classes headed outdoors to construct their final projects on campus grounds, under the direction of Adjunct Professor Kirk Mayhew. Their assignment was to design and construct outdoor installation sculpture with consideration of the idea of "shelter." Some used all natural objects found on the site for their works, while others incorporated recycled and found materials into their creations.



"PLAY," SERAH ISABEL



## Social Justice Week Highlights Faith and Empathy

During Social Justice Week in the spring, the Offices of Multicultural Affairs and Student Activities produced a week of events, including an interfaith forum with faith leaders from Lutheran, Baptist, Presbyterian and Catholic faiths who spoke on the differences and similarities among the Christian faiths and coming together for the good of humanity.

The 2nd Annual Tunnel of Awareness project also played a part in the week of

events. The Tunnel of Awareness is an interactive tour that allows participants to fully understand various types of issues through experience.

The tunnel is designed

to challenge thoughts and perceptions about different issues through an interactive experience.



*Freshman Jacob Wilson and his Lil' Saint pose after winning the relay race.*

## Thomas More College hosts Lil' Saints Night

The Resident Student Association (RSA) hosted the 2nd Annual Lil' Saints Night in April. Residents (Big Saints) invited their younger siblings, cousins and friends (Lil' Saints) to spend the night on campus. RSA planned a fun-filled night with games and events around the Olympic theme, complete with opening and closing ceremonies. Lil' and Big Saints participated in competitions all over campus. More than 35 guests and 23 residents participated. Lil' Saints Night was organized by the RSA Executive Board including seniors Jake Rebholz and Laura Jarboe, junior Kyle Egan and sophomores Christina Green and Brooke Callahan.

## Saints Card Does Double Duty

Thomas More College and U.S. Bank now offer the Saints Card — an all-in-one Campus ID and ATM card. Students can open a free student checking account with U.S. Bank and use their Campus ID cards like they would an ATM or debit card. Whether they are at the gas pump or the grocery store, they can simply swipe their student ID cards through the reader, select “debit” and enter their ATM PIN codes. According to Dean of Students Ebony Griggs-Griffin, the card is one more way students can lighten their load. Students can use their Saints Card at over 1.4 million

Interlink point-of-sale locations nationwide.



## Thomas More Offers Additional Financial Aid to Veterans Through Yellow Ribbon Program

Thomas More College is now participating in the Yellow Ribbon GI Education Enhancement Program, a provision of the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2008. This program allows institutions of higher learning to voluntarily enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to fund tuition expenses that exceed the highest public in-state undergraduate tuition rate. Thomas More contributes up to 50 percent of those expenses, while the VA matches that same amount. For more information, visit [thomasmore.edu](http://thomasmore.edu).



## Students Making Their Mark on the World ...



## TMC Students on Habitat for Humanity Mission Make News Headlines in Florida

A group of 27 volunteers (22 of them students) from TMC spent their spring break at Ft. Walton Beach. Rather than earning their tans soaking up the sun on the beach, they broke a sweat working with drywall, framing, sheathing and building a roof and trusses. The Habitat for Humanity trip proved to be a rewarding and productive experience. It also garnered news coverage by a local television station which profiled the students' efforts and highlighted their spirit of volunteerism. Thanks to Joe Yung of Columbia Sussex for providing rooms for the group in Birmingham. In Ft. Walton, the students were housed at a local church just a

## Political Scientists Deliver Conference Papers at Murray State

Thomas More College was represented at the annual conference of the Kentucky



Political Science Association at Murray State University by Chris Rickels, Assistant Professor John T. Spence, Tristan Crigger and Will Eifert, all of whom delivered papers. For more details, visit [thomasmore.edu/MORE](http://thomasmore.edu/MORE).



Featured in the photo: Adam Sargent, Kristina Marcelli, Prof. Alison Shepard, Jason Matheny, Amanda Evans and Gina Vitucci

## TMC Art History Students Experience the Big Apple

The Department of Art and Art History sponsored two trips to New York. In November, a special study trip for Art History majors was scheduled in conjunction with a special 17th century Dutch painting exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum and the Judy Chicago show at the Brooklyn Museum. The spring trip coincided with the William Kentridge retrospective and the performance exhibit, "The Artist is Here" at the Museum of Modern Art. Always on the trip agenda is the Metropolitan Museum of Art, galleries and the sights of New York City. On this trip the group had a special treat — an invitation to artist studios in the former Brooklyn Navy Yard and Williamsburg, where they visited the studio of well-known artist Steven Montgomery.

## Phi Alpha Theta Students Share Their Works

Rob and Rich Spoor traveled to San Diego, Calif., to speak at the organization's national convention. Rich gave "Artistic Views of the American Civil War" and Rob delivered "Big Bone Lick: From Salt Lick to State Park" on January 27, 2010. Dr. John Cimprich, the chapter's advisor who accompanied them, also presided and commented at a session.

At Phi Alpha Theta's Kentucky Conference in March, other members presented ...

- Rita DiBello on "St. Benedict Church, Covington, Ky.: A Spirit of Work and Prayer"
- Hannah Glorius on "The Least of Friend: Eamon de Valera, Michael Collins, and the Struggle for Irish Freedom"
- Heidi Hagedorn, "Bishop Brossart High School in Alexandria, Ky."
- Maria Heim, "Screw and the City: The Sin City Years of Newport, Ky., Through the Eyes of Screw Andrews"
- Laura Jarboe, "Lebanon, Ky., in the Depression: A Local Crisis"

few blocks from the ocean. Fellow Habitat volunteers on the site hosted the groups for several dinners. The TMC group has been invited to come back again next year.

## Student Teaching Abroad through the Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching (COST)

The Consortium for Overseas Student Teaching (COST) program provides future teachers with the opportunity to try their educational theories in classroom situations within the context of a new country, a new culture and a new style of life. Mindy Cooper, a senior education major, chose to do part of her student teaching through this program. She is currently finishing her student teaching in Cologne, Germany.

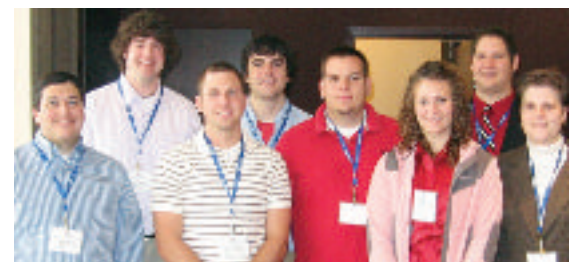
Student teaching abroad is proving to be an excellent opportunity for students to employ their education from Thomas More College in a new and different setting. This learning opportunity is invaluable, and Mindy is looking forward to sharing details from her venture when she returns to the United States.

The college hosted the attendees of the Annual COST Conference in April. The COST coordinators from 15 US colleges and universities as well as delegates from Australia, Mexico, New Zealand and the Bahamas attended the meeting. This year, TMC and Northern Kentucky University jointly hosted the meeting with the delegates spending a day at each of the institutions. Additional information about COST can be found at [costprogram.org](http://costprogram.org).

## Chemistry Students Represent TMC at FACSS

Students from the Thomas More Chemistry Department attended the 2009 Federation of Analytical Chemistry and Spectroscopy Societies (FACSS) Conference last fall in Louisville, Ky. Adam Reis, Cori Weinel and Bethany Vaughn each presented posters that highlighted research performed at Thomas More under the direction of Dr. Bill Wetzel. Additionally, Cori Weinel received a student poster award from the FACSS conference for her research involving the analysis of periodical cicadas from the greater Cincinnati area.

Front Row: Dr. Bill Wetzel, Joe Berling, Bethany Vaughn, and Cori Weinel. Back Row: Mark Lucas, Adam Yearly, Tyler Trent and Adam Reis.





# Giving Back

## NEW BEGINNINGS

### A Message from TMC Vice President for Institutional Advancement Cathy Silvers

**For me, the beginning of the summer always brings a sense of newness, a fresh outlook and an ambition for growth.** Our new fiscal year here at Thomas More began June 1. As we embark on a fresh season of promoting growth and giving to our college,



I am humbled and thankful for the contributions of dedicated alumni and friends who made the choice to give this last year during such an incredibly challenging economic time. This economy has prompted all of us to pause and re-evaluate our spending, saving and giving. On behalf of Thomas More College, I thank you for your continued support and contributions.

In addition to financial gifts, more than 170 volunteers helped support various endeavors at the college within the last year. Many of those volunteers were alumni whose dedication for supporting Thomas More is both admirable and impressive. Thanks to all who so generously donated their time and talents.

**“With a continued focus on striving for excellence and using our resources and talents to the best of our abilities, we invite you to be part of our Thomas More giving family and play a role in this fruitful and enriching experience.”**

will and insurance policies. In addition, there are options to create trusts or annuities to structure giving. We’ve also streamlined and simplified ways to donate to fit an individual’s specific needs.

Many of you are aware of our ambition to build a free-standing chapel in the center of campus. The chapel will serve as the physical focal point and spiritual heart of the campus for current and future students, as well as the community. Through support from the Diocese and parishes, as well as monetary and in-kind donations from individuals,



a student has here — a personal, trustworthy opportunity to leave your mark on the world. With a continued focus on striving for excellence and using our resources and talents to the best of our abilities, we invite you to be part of our Thomas More giving family and play a role in this fruitful and enriching experience.

**To find out more about the options available to donors, contact Cathy Silvers at 859-344-3344 or go online at [thomasmore.edu/giving](http://thomasmore.edu/giving).**

Our mission toward preserving the values for which Thomas More was established and our vision of moving forward toward growth will be focal points for our efforts to promote giving this year. We’ve recently incorporated a planned giving option for donors who want to include Thomas More in their

the college has now raised \$2.6 million toward the \$3.5 million goal. We hope to continue this momentum.

I believe that giving to Thomas More is reflective of the experience

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Sept. 16 | President’s Society Dinner

The 10th Annual President’s Society Dinner is set for Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010. The event honors donors who have given \$1,000 or more to the college during the last fiscal year. For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 859-344-3344.

### Oct. 14 | Bishop Hughes Awards Dinner

The 15th Annual Bishop William A. Hughes Awards Dinner will be held Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010 at Drees Pavilion. The event recognizes two leaders in the community who have made significant contributions to Catholic higher education in honor of former chancellor of the college and retired bishop of the Diocese of Covington Bishop William A. Hughes. This year’s event honors William J. Zeck and Wilbert L. Ziegler. Tickets can be purchased by calling 859-344-3344.

## Why my family gives to TMC

**“***Thomas More is an excellent school. I think all of us really received a quality education, so I would strongly encourage giving back to the college. Along with three of my brothers, I graduated from Thomas More, and my wife is also an alumna. In addition, my father was a professor here in the 1970s for*



*a number of years. So, we have a connection with Thomas More. When our family was approached to give, we were presented with an opportunity that worked for us. It wasn’t*

*simply a request for ‘x’ amount of dollars. They looked at our contribution from our point of view and how it would benefit our family as well as the school.”*

**– Bill Kohlepp ’61**



ANSWERING THE CALL TO GIVE...

# 2010 Phonathon Produces 5 Percent Increase Over Last Year

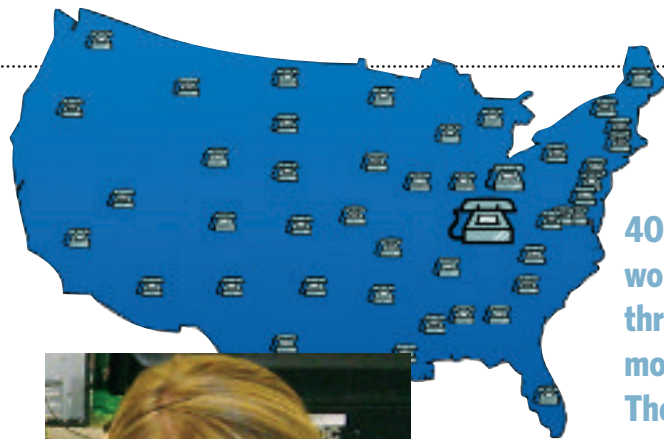


TMC's annual  
Phonathon was

conducted in February, with 40 student callers working 748 hours, calling 4,612 households in 47 states (including Hawaii). While the main focus was on fund raising for Thomas More, the students also used their time on the phone with alumni to seek information. Several received valuable tips on internship opportunities and networking references, as well as handwritten notes offering encouragement.

Students secured 571 donations and recorded an increase in dollars given by 5 percent over last year's Phonathon. (Out of the total number of households, 2,224 had never given before.) Students encouraged alumni to help increase that giving percentage by making a pledge to the Annual Fund. They also took time to call and simply thank donors who had given before the Phonathon.

Students also asked alumni who their favorite professor was, what they liked best about TMC and any advice they had for their future as they prepared for graduation. To see the results, visit [thomasmore.edu/MORE](http://thomasmore.edu/MORE).



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**Q: How do you motivate a student caller?**

**A: Secure donations from generous alumni, and ...  
FEED THEM LOTS  
OF SNACKS!**

Water, Mountain Dew and fruity snacks topped the list of most items consumed by student callers during the Phonathon. Here's the breakdown:

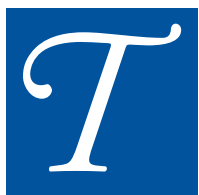
- 240 bags of fruity snacks
- 216 bottles of water
- 136 bottles of Mountain Dew
- 48 bottles of Dr. Pepper
- 40 bottles of Coke
- 40 bottles of Sprite
- 32 bottles of Pepsi
- 16 bottles of Diet Coke
- And several bags of pretzels, Doritos, crackers, Rice Krispie treats, granola bars, Skittles, chocolate bars and a couple of apples!





82ND COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY † MAY 15, 2010

## GRADUATES ENCOURAGED *to* CONSIDER IMPORTANT CHAPTERS *in* THEIR OWN LIFE NARRATIVES



Thomas More College honored the accomplishments of 354 graduates during its 82nd commencement May 15. A Baccalaureate Mass was held at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington prior to the ceremony.

With eager bounces in their steps, graduates processed along campus, waving at proud family members and smiling broadly as clicks of digital cameras and cell phones captured the moment. While the modern communication tools of tweets and Facebook postings documented the excitement of graduates, it was the traditional Pomp and Circumstance march that set the tone for the event. Graduates gracefully took their places within a semi-circle of white chairs located on the front lawn of the Holbrook Student Center under the sunny skies of a brilliant spring day.

Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, president of the college, recognized the outstanding accomplishments of the graduates and acknowledged the group of more than 20 alumni from the class of 1960 who came back to Thomas More to participate in the celebration. Speaking to the graduates, she said, "No doubt you will do great things in your life. It is my hope that you will look to the Class of 1960 as an example of a life-long connectedness to our college." She warmly encouraged students to view this chapter of their lives not as an ending relationship with Thomas More, but as a beginning of their new role as alumni who are always welcomed back here.



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to our college."*

– Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer

In addition to honoring the graduates, several others were recognized during the ceremony. Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the college Dr. Brad Bielski presented the Outstanding Teacher Awards to Christopher Moyer, Ph.D., Business Administration (full-time faculty member) and Margaret Hoffman, M.Ed '68 (part-time faculty member). Sr. Stallmeyer presented an honorary degree to Bill Remke, CEO of Remke Markets, Inc. She also proudly recognized the commitment to academic excellence and volunteerism of graduating senior Erin A. Baumgartner, an accounting major and business minor, and the recipient of the 2010 Presidential Service Award.



*"In telling your story, you find unity  
and narrative structure to your life."*

– Fr. Edward Malloy

The Rev. Edward A. Malloy, C.S.C., President Emeritus of the University of Notre Dame, delivered the commencement address. Fr. Malloy served as president of Notre Dame for 18 years. He currently is a full professor in the Department of Theology and is an accomplished author.

His experience as a priest, writer and educator was eloquently illuminated through his message, which rang true with those just beginning their journey into the "real" world, as well as those who have traveled its paths a time or two. He recalled both the challenges and the rewards of having written his own personal story and acknowledged the value of the process of transcribing one's actions. "In telling your story, you find unity and narrative structure to your life," he said. With that introduction, he shared four short chapters from his own personal narrative and emphasized the importance of each ...

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# CLASS OF 2010

BY THE NUMBERS

**354** graduates earned a total of 402 degrees (some students earned both a bachelor's and associate's degree simultaneously).

**75** Master of Business Administration degrees

**13** Master of Arts Teaching degrees

**229** Bachelor degrees

**85** Associate degrees



## TMC Graduates Excelled in the Classroom

Outgoing seniors scored big on the Measure of Academic Proficiency and Progress (MAPP) test, which assesses four core skill areas — critical thinking, reading, writing and mathematics:

- 2 graduates in the 99th percentile in History
- 2 graduates in the 99th percentile in English (3 graduates above the 90th percentile)
- 1 graduate at the 98th percentile in Psychology
- 1 graduate in the 97th percentile in Political Science
- 1 graduate in the 97th percentile in Medical Technology
- 1 graduate in the 93rd percentile in Environmental Science
- 2 graduates above the 92nd percentile in Accountancy
- 9 graduates above the 90th percentile in Biology (1 graduate in the 100th percentile on PCAT)
- 1 graduate in the 90th percentile in Theatre



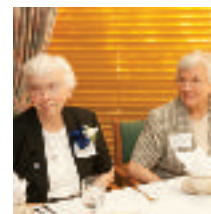
*Erin A. Baumgartner was awarded the 2010 Presidential Service Award.*

For more photos and details on graduates, visit [thomasmore.edu/MORE](http://thomasmore.edu/MORE).





## CLASS OF 1960 { RETURNS TO CAMPUS



The Class of 1960 celebrated its 50th class anniversary over a series of events culminating in Commencement Weekend on May 14 and 15. More than 30 classmates and spouses enjoyed the various festivities, which gave them opportunities to get together and reminisce about their days at Villa Madonna College. (See page 25 for more.)

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### • | CHAPTER 1

*Learn how to say thank you and congratulations.*

He encouraged graduates to be aware of how individuals play a critical role in their lives. Fr. Malloy recounted his own personal experience with Sr. Eleanor, an elementary school teacher who played an important part in shaping his character and preparing him for the future. He expressed his gratitude for being able to thank her later in life after he had fully realized the impact she had on his growth as an individual.

president of a university where he had almost flunked out. He encouraged graduates to be confident in their future and not let disappointments stand in the way of perseverance.

### • | CHAPTER 3

*Listen to God's call to serve and use skills.*

Fr. Malloy emphasized the importance of seeking God's call. "No one can tell us where to go or what to do. We all have our own way of pursuing what we do. God gave us the free will to follow His call. And, He promises to be with us on the journey," he said.

### • | CHAPTER 4

*If you have been gifted, it's important to find an appropriate way to give in return.*

Fr. Malloy described his experience in donating a kidney to his nephew. What turned out to be one gift evolved into two, however, when he learned that his nephew could benefit from another donor whose kidney was intended to go to a relative that proved to be an unsuccessful match. The result was two people benefitting in the end and a shared thankfulness for both having received and having given such a gift.



Anthony Depenbrock, Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, Father Edward Malloy and Bishop Roger Foys prepare for commencement.

### • | CHAPTER 2

*Overcoming obstacles and disappointments and keeping dreams alive are keys to success.*

Fr. Malloy emphasized the values of persistence and discipline and building upon the foundation of an outstanding education. Recalling his early struggles in college and persistence to succeed as a student and an athlete, he jokingly said that he was later proud to be

Chair of Thomas More College's Board of Trustees Anthony Depenbrock offered his congratulations to the graduates, as did Bishop Roger Foys, who offered the benediction. The graduates recessed to greet family and friends with hugs and photo opportunities on the campus where they had worked so hard to pursue their dreams. While varying in age, gender, culture and career paths, each of these graduates seemed eager to embark on a new chapter in his/her own life narratives. †



# COMMENCEMENT MOMENTS & *Life Lessons*

Graduates share  
some of the  
important life  
lessons they  
learned here  
at TMC ...



"Never be afraid to try anything. You will at least learn something in the process, and you may even succeed."

– Adam Reis  
BA in Biology



"The most important life lesson that I have learned is that things that may be small to you can have a huge impact on someone else."

– Brandon Bolden  
BA in Educational Studies  
AA in History/Psychology



"Good grades will help you get into graduate or medical school, but the relationships you make will shape who you are — which is key to a successful future."

– Angie Atherton  
BS in Forensic Biology



"Upon graduating from Thomas More, I have learned that no goals are unobtainable. If you put forth the effort required, any dream can be obtained."

– Brandon Kohrs  
BA in Biology



"My time here has taught me to never sell myself short and to always believe in my abilities. My interaction with fellow students, faculty, staff and coaches has resulted in relationships that I will maintain the rest of my life."

– Danny McKeenan  
BA in Business  
Administration/Economics



"Thomas More College has taught me to live life to the fullest, without regrets. Decisions should be made, based not on fear of the unknown, but on the desire to strive for a full life."

– Anna Gamel  
BA in Biology  
AA in Spanish



"Make lists — lots of lists. Nothing is more stressful than acknowledging the terrifying, undefined orb of "stuff" that needs to be accomplished."

– Kimberly Hamman  
BA in Biology  
AA in Sociology

## DONNA MERTENS PH.D., '72: *Fighting Social Injustices Around the Globe*

**Donna M. Mertens knows a thing or two about helping others, a value she embraced wholeheartedly here at Thomas More College 38 years ago.**

Donna was just 16 when she enrolled as a freshman at Thomas More. While very bright for her age (she was able to skip a couple of grades in school), she admits that she lacked the confidence that many of her fellow classmates exhibited. "One of the biggest things Thomas More taught me was to have confidence in myself," she explained. Donna said that it was at that critical time in her life that she began believing that everyone

was put on Earth to use his/her individual skills for a particular purpose. Embracing her newfound confidence and following her instincts, she began preparing to make her own contribution to the world — one that has no doubt made an impact around the globe.

Today, Donna is a renowned advocate for social justice and an accomplished author and teacher. As a professor in the Department of Educational Foundations and Research at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., she teaches research methods and program evaluation to deaf and hearing students at the graduate level. Donna has written numerous books and articles, including her highly acclaimed *Transformative Research and Evaluation: Integrating Diversity with Quantitative, Qualitative, and Mixed Methods* (2nd ed., Sage 2005).

### **Making an Impact Miles Away**

Donna believes that the "field of evaluation can transform society through work that shares, or brings, the voices of those pushed to societal margins into the world of research." In addition to her work at Gallaudet, Donna conducts and consults on evaluations, as well as leads professional development activities on research and evaluation in many national and international venues. She has traveled extensively to enhance social justice around the world, including Brazil, South Africa, Canada, Great Britain, Israel, Egypt and New Zealand.

In Canada, she worked on a breast cancer screening project for indigenous peoples in Newfoundland. She also was involved with early intervention programs for deaf infants

and children in Israel for Jewish and Bedouin families. In Egypt, she offered evaluation of professional development for Egyptian educators in deafness, blindness and mental retardation.

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**"I had a full Catholic education experience, from grade school to college. The values of caring for others and making the world a better place were simply ingrained in my upbringing."**

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Her theory work is centered around the enhancement of social justice, with specific efforts to evaluate the accessibility of court systems for people with special needs and to better prepare teachers to help deaf students. One example she gave was the unfortunate story of a woman who had been sexually assaulted and went to the police to report the crime. They didn't have a sign language interpreter on staff. Eventually, her case was dismissed on the grounds that her reporting of the incident was flawed. The woman's story inspired Donna to work harder to bring that kind of situation to light in the court system and advocate for changes to prevent future social injustices.

She cited the book, *I Never Promised You a Rose Garden*, as an influence on her path toward clinical psychology. "After I had a chance to learn more and take some methodology classes, I fell in love with the research aspect of psychology and decided that I wanted to help people solve problems," she said.

While at TMC, Donna participated in the Villa Players, where she learned the value of speech as a form of motivation and persuasion. A recent trip back to Northern Kentucky allowed her to catch one of the Villa Player's productions with Diane Dean '72, a former college roommate here at TMC.

### **SNAPSHOT OF DONNA MERTENS '72**

Ph.D., University of Kentucky  
Educational Psychology 1977

M. S., University of Kentucky  
Educational Psychology, 1973

B.A., Thomas More College  
Psychology, 1972







Recently, Donna teamed up with the leadership of the United Nations UNIFEM initiative to address the Millennium Goals for women in South Africa. She describes her experiences in Africa as life changing. “You have to have the willingness to immerse yourself, be humble and acknowledge it’s their community, not yours. You have to value the way they live,” she explained.

## What Would Donna Advise Recent Graduates of Thomas More College?

Donna’s advice to graduating seniors at Thomas More is to use the position they are in for the betterment of others. “Focus on the privileges you possess. Graduating is like a key opening doors, but there’s no guarantee you’ll be let in. We each possess the strength and the consciousness of values that drive our behavior. And, we have the opportunity to make the choice to use those privileges for the betterment of others,” she elaborated.

She credits her lifelong Catholic education for where she is today. “I had a full Catholic education experience, from grade school to college. The values of caring for others and making the world a better place were simply ingrained in my upbringing. I embraced those values and decided this is how I wanted to live and that my principles could not be sacrificed,” she added.

After attending Thomas More, Donna went on to the University of Kentucky to further explore statistics and program evaluation studies. She took on a project working with people in the Appalachian region. “It was very enlightening to work with people who didn’t have the same advantages as I did growing up,” she said.

**“It’s important for me to find out the current issues and be creative in my contribution.”**

Early in her career, Donna explored issues relating to women in the workforce at Ohio State University. A nagging urge to get closer to her subjects became a reality when she pursued teaching research methods to others who could make a difference. After 27

years, she has become an expert in her field. Donna has been teaching at Gallaudet since 1983, where she first learned sign language by working with tutors and watching video tapes. “I’m a very intense student, but I still consider myself to be a learner of the language,” she explained.

Donna is regarded by many to be one of the nation’s leading program evaluation specialists. In fact, last November she was awarded the prestigious Paul F. Lazarsfeld Theory Award from the American Evaluation Association. The award is presented to an individual whose written work on evaluation theory has led to fruitful debates on the assumptions, goals and practices of evaluation.

As an accomplished author, she explains the inspiration for creating new information for others to learn. “You have to build on what you know and you have to always be alert and active. You can’t write a book if you’re static. It’s important for me to find out the current issues and be creative in my contribution,” she acknowledged.

Donna’s academic and career achievements are too many to list; however, she credits raising two sons as the most challenging and rewarding experience.

“There’s no book that can help you with that,” she said.

Throughout her career, Donna has fallen back on the examples of Eleanor Roosevelt and Nelson Mandela as role models for her life, with particular emphasis on their courage in fighting for the rights of others. “Eleanor Roosevelt took on unpopular causes related to poverty. She worked hard and never gave up. Nelson Mandela, who was tortured and imprisoned also never gave up and found the strength and willingness to forgive those who wronged him,” she said.

What began as a realization of purpose here at Thomas More, has grown into a life-long dedication to putting her talents to use. Donna’s contribution to the world is still in progress, with many aspirations for continuing to work on behalf of those who most need her skills. Reflecting back on her accomplishments thus far, Donna views those experiences as momentum moving her forward. Her youthful days here at Thomas More provided a launching pad for following her hopes and dreams — ambitions she wisely advises others to follow. †



## TMC Alumni who didn't look far to find their calling:



**Jim Nelson '76** is a professor in the Theatre Department here at Thomas More. After obtaining his BA in Theatre in 1976, he went on to pursue an MFA in Acting from the University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music. Jim credits the size of TMC for convincing him to study here, having heard about it from a friend who was a year ahead of him. (He is originally from Escanaba in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.)

One of the valuable lessons that Jim learned as a student at Thomas More was the importance of being around those you admire. "I learned that you need to surround yourself with good, strong people," he said. In addition, he noted that cooperation and collaboration were two fundamentals he experienced here as a student that he has expanded on throughout his career.

When asked why he chose Thomas More as his career home, he said it was the job he had wanted since he graduated. "I worked in theatre here locally as well as Los Angeles, and I toured with a show in North Dakota. I had been living and working in New York for about a year when a position opened up. Although I really liked what I was doing, I jumped at the chance to come to Thomas More," Back then, Jim said he expected to only be here three or four years. Now, almost 30 years later, he's still directing and designing shows and sharing his experience with students here at TMC. "My favorite part of my job is teaching, of course, and working with our students on productions for the college," he added.

Jim and his spouse, Alona, have four parrots and two black cats. In addition to theatre, he enjoys operating unique internet businesses, including one that markets juggling supplies (JuggleNow.com.) He has several other successful websites: ParrotsNow.com and unicyletoday.com and free-venison-recipes.com.







There's a lot to be said for a school that can keep its students engaged and intent on pursuing their hopes, dreams and educational aspirations. Even more impressive, is the school that can attract its alumni to work there. At Thomas More, nearly 40 alumni call their alma mater their workplace. This section of *Moreover* is the first in a series that highlights why Thomas More College is a great place to go to school **and** work.

For **Kelly Goyette '02**, registrar, attending Thomas More was an obvious choice. She holds a BA in History and an AA in Art History from TMC and an MA in History from the University of Cincinnati. "My mother came to work at Thomas More in the Business Office so my brother and I could attend here. We loved the small school atmosphere, and TMC has a great history department. I had attended Catholic schools my entire life, so it was an obvious choice to come to school here," she said. Kelly was a work-study student in the Registrar's Office during her time as a student. "When I was given the opportunity to become registrar after I completed my master's degree, I was thrilled. I love my job, all the faculty and staff here, and working with the students every day," she added.

Kelly said that the value of service and helping others is something she realized the importance of here as a student. "I participated in several service learning opportunities while enrolled at TMC and it deeply affected me, especially the children at the Boys and Girls Club and the Women's Crisis Center." Kelly said that it's not just about volunteering at these types of organizations, but it's also about the day-to-day interactions with people. "It's important that we go out of our way for others and help when we can, even with the little things. One of the reasons I enjoy working at Thomas More is because those values are so important here," she added.

As the registrar, Kelly is responsible for academic records and policies. Her favorite part of the job is graduation (of course)! "It is such a hopeful and joyous day. It's great to help students get to this day and watch them succeed," she explained.

Kelly is a native of Cincinnati. Her husband, Nick, an engineer at Proctor & Gamble, is currently enrolled in the MBA program at TMC. They are the proud parents of a "wonderful, sassy" five-year-old daughter named Abby. Kelly said she enjoys spending time with her grandmother learning to quilt and crochet.



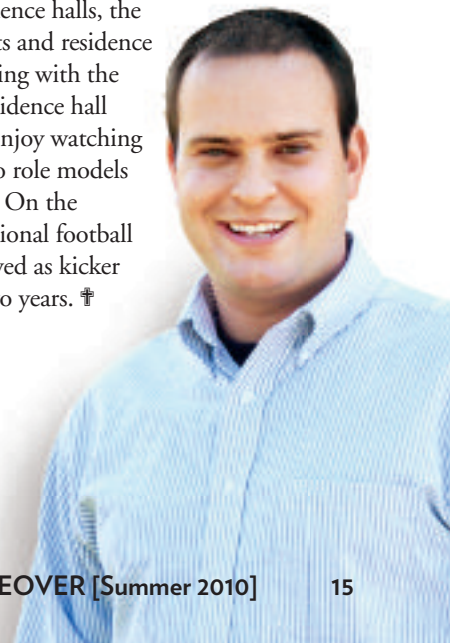
**Brian Sheeley '05** is the residence life coordinator at Thomas More. He earned a BS in Middle School Education with an emphasis in Social Studies and Math from TMC. He is currently working on his master's degree in Community Counseling and College Student Development.

Originally, Brian was drawn to Thomas More because of athletics. "I was recruited to play football and decided to come for a campus visit. After meeting with the football coaches and education professors, I felt as if I was at home. Everyone was incredibly welcoming and I really liked the campus. I was sold on Thomas More College right then and made the decision to attend on my ride back home," he said. (After seeing how much Brian enjoyed Thomas More, his younger brother made the decision to come here as well. He, too, was a football recruit.)

Brian was employed as a middle school teacher in Louisville for two years. Although he enjoyed it, when the opportunity to come back to Thomas More to work became available, he eagerly explored it. "I missed the college environment and felt that this would be a great opportunity for me to give back to the school," he explained.

As a TMC grad, Brian said he learned the important life lesson of not taking things for granted. "Don't take for granted what you have — or you may lose it. This advice helps me to remember to be thankful for the abilities, experiences and knowledge that I have gained. Also, it reminds me to appreciate the relationships I have and to take care of them," he added.

As residence life coordinator, Brian is responsible for the daily operations of the residence halls, the supervision of the resident assistants and residence hall programs. "I really enjoy working with the students, especially advising the residence hall government and honors society. I enjoy watching the residents learn and develop into role models and leaders on campus," he added. On the weekends, Brian plays semi-professional football for the Louisville Bulls. He has served as kicker and punter for the team the last two years. ‡



# SEILER COMMONS Gets a Fresh Look — and a Fresh Menu



If the walls in Seiler Commons could talk, they would no doubt speak of everything from wedding receptions, homecoming galas, weekly Masses to indoor skating. The area has long served many purposes for the college, including that of a cafeteria for its students. Last summer, however, the space took on a clearer definition as a dining room, with an extreme cafeteria makeover worthy of a “MOVE THAT BUS!” shout from Ty Pennington. Bull horns and television cameras aside, the redefining of Seiler Commons has been well received by the student audience as well as staff, faculty and alumni.



**A**ccording to Vice President for Student Services Matt Webster, the increasing number of resident students prompted the college to establish Seiler Commons as solely a dining area for students, as opposed to a multi-purpose facility. “When our resident student population was lower, it was easy to convert this space into many uses. As we have pushed to increase the number of resident students, however, it became more difficult to displace them during mealtime to host other activities,” he explained. According to Webster, the resident population has grown

from 125 in 1999 to 320. With this increase, the need for a permanent space for student dining became a major concern.

“We began speaking as an administration and student life staff about what we would like to see in the future. We were approached by Aramark about our dining vision and future plans. They offered to take a small group of us to Georgia to see some of their new dining concepts. We were really impressed by the incorporation of different seating styles and by the creative use of the serving facilities within the resident seating area,” he elaborated.

The result was a restaurant/coffee house style atmosphere that encourages students to enjoy their meals, socialize and even participate in musical performances and presentations. The variance in seating options offers different dining experiences within the same facility. Diners can enjoy booth-style seating as well as high top café tables located near the windows. Groups, large and small, find the Commons area to be a great dining environment. In addition, a commuter lounge was added to create a defined space where people can bring their own lunch and enjoy the ambiance of the space.

TMC Dean of Students Ebony Griggs-Griffin said that the addition of the commuter area really helped create a sense of unity among students. “We wanted the students who bring their lunch to enjoy the atmosphere and not feel separated from their friends who may be paying for lunch that day,” she explained. “Tunes at Noon has also been a big hit with students and we can look forward to hearing more performers during lunch time again this year,” she said.

“We are thrilled that we now have a first-class space that is completely dedicated to the students — an area they can own and use for meals and socializing. It has been a big boost to our campus and has been well-received by prospective students and families,” Webster added.



*A commuter lounge was added to create a defined space where people can bring their own lunch and enjoy the ambiance of the space.*



## What's Cookin'?

Along with the design makeover, the menu at Seiler Commons underwent some major changes. Aramark Higher Education's staff includes 28 people who help create and serve dishes. Menu items include made-to-order home cooked entrees, roast beef — carved right on the spot — deli sandwiches, paninis and wraps, specialty pizzas, an extensive salad and soup bar, gourmet desserts and vegan and vegetarian entrees.

Led by Chef Philippe Audax, the Aramark team at TMC focuses on fresh ingredients and made-to-order specials that keep their diners coming back for more. In addition, many of the meals have detailed nutritional information posted so students (and others) know what they're eating. In fact, there's an online menu found at "campus dining" through the "quick jump" section at [thomasmore.edu](http://thomasmore.edu) that details all the nutritional information.

Chef Philippe says the staff works with a food focus committee through TMC's Student Government Association to

determine how to accommodate student requests. "Our campus is small enough that you get to know people and you know what they like. We create our menus by listening to them," he said. With raised eyebrows and a thick French accent, Chef Philippe elaborated that students often have unique cravings. "The most unusual request we've gotten was for a chili macaroni pizza. I have to say, that's one I didn't sample myself," he admitted. He also added that the dessert bar is a big hit with everyone — students, staff, faculty and alumni alike.

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### >> Meet Chef Philippe

Trained at the Ecole Hotelier de Paris in Paris, France, Chef Philippe Audax certainly offers TMC a world view approach to preparing meals. Prior to coming here, he worked with Aramark at the University of Cincinnati as the campus executive chef for six years. Locally, he also worked at Five Seasons Country Club, Holiday Inn Eastgate and Riverview at Quality Inn. With numerous accolades under his chef hat, Philippe also has culinary experience at the Marriot's Bluefin Grille in Providence, R.I., the Princess Hotel in Bermuda, and Maxim's and Relais Louis XIII, both in Paris.





## Chef Philippe's tips for summertime dining

### Come Join Us!

#### Seiler Commons

Alumni are more than welcome to dine at Seiler Commons, located in the Administration Building in the heart of TMC's campus. It's a great way to get away from lunch and see what's new on campus, meet up with old friends and enjoy a healthy, delicious meal for a low price.

For the last couple of years, TMC alum **Tom Haley '64** has frequented Seiler Commons an average of twice a week to enjoy dinner and a weekend brunch. He lives nearby the college, so he considers a trip to Thomas More a convenient way to experience the synergy and enthusiasm of the students on campus. "They do a great job. It's more like a restaurant atmosphere than a cafeteria feel, and the food is really good. I would encourage anyone to stop by and have a meal there," he said. Among Tom's favorites are omelets and desserts.

You can check out the menu selections, get nutrition tips and find recipes online through [thomasmore.edu](http://thomasmore.edu) — just go to the "quick jump" section and click on "campus dining."

#### Open Fall & Spring Semesters:

Breakfast: 8 a.m.-10 a.m. | \$4.75

Brunch and Lunch: 11 a.m.-2 p.m. | \$6.00

Monday thru Thursday

Dinner: 5-7:30 p.m. | \$7.00

Friday, Saturday, Sunday

Dinner: 5-6:30 p.m. | \$7.00

#### Interlude Café

In addition to Seiler Commons, Aramark also operates the Interlude Café, located in the Holbrook Student Center. It provides a full line of delicious hot and cold drinks including teas, mochas, hand roasted coffees, smoothies and more. Gourmet sweets and pastries as well as hot sandwiches and grab & go selections are also on the menu.

#### Open Spring & Fall Semesters:

Monday thru Friday: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Monday thru Thursday & Sunday: 7-11 p.m. †

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**Q: How can you dress up summer vegetables?**

A: I like to make a mixture of raw vegetables, seasoned with salt and pepper and a drizzle of olive oil and grill on a char broiler. Then I toss in pappardelle pasta with a drizzle of Tuscan/Balsamic vinaigrette, fresh chopped basil and fresh shredded parmesan cheese.

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**Q: What's your favorite summer dessert with fruit?**

A: I place a mixture of fresh fruit in a blender with Kefir yogurt, a bit of honey and a sprig of mint to sweeten it. The result is a great, refreshing summer drink loaded with great flavor.

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**Q: What is your standby dish to serve family and friends on warm summer evenings?**

A: Definitely a rotisserie chicken on my grill with a veggie and pappardelle pasta salad -- and of course a bottle of Tavel rosé from the South of France. I top it off with peach clafoutis for dessert.

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See page 36 (Serve It Up This Summer!) for Chef Philippe's recipe for Grilled Pork Tenderloin with Hazelnut Romesco & Fresh Oregano Vinaigrette. You can also download it online and check out his recipe for Grilled Mahi Tacos with Red Cabbage Slaw, Tomato & Avocado Salsa-Pineapple Hot Sauce at [thomasmore.edu/MORE](http://thomasmore.edu/MORE).



Untitled — Emma Teller



# Faculty Notes

For more information and interesting faculty achievements, visit [thomasmore.edu/MORE](http://thomasmore.edu/MORE).

## AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

**Dr. Raymond G. Hebert** was recognized with a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Northern Kentucky Council of Partners in Education at the Eighth Annual Recognition Dinner (2009-2010) for Outstanding Leadership, Collaboration and Excellence in Education. Dr. Hebert is currently a Full Professor of History, Director of the James Graham Brown Honors Program and Dean Emeritus of the college and has just completed his 35th year at TMC.

**Adjunct Professor Margaret Hoffman** has been recognized as the 2010 Kentucky AdvancED Excellence in Education Award Winner for her "unparalleled leadership in promoting and advancing excellence in education." Prior to instructing here at TMC, she was a teacher for 19 years and a principal for 20 years in the Kenton County School District.

Outstanding Teacher Awards were recently presented to **Christopher Moyer, Ph.D.**, Business Administration (full-time faculty member) and **Margaret Hoffman, M.Ed '68** (part-time faculty member).

## PRESENTATIONS & PUBLISHED WORKS

**Dr. Rex B. Easley**, professor, English, had a poem, "Cotton," published in the fall 2009 issue of *Atlanta Review*. In addition, "Urban Planning" was published in the fall 2009 issue of *Kansas City Voices*. He also participated in a reading of original poetry at the Kentucky Philological Association conference in Richmond, Ky., in March.

**Dr. Erwin F. Erhardt III**, professor, History and Economics, was selected by The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to serve on the on-site accreditation team for Ave Maria University in Naples, Fla., and the University's branch campus in Managua, Nicaragua. In February, Dr. Erhardt presented his paper, "The Evacuation of British Children during World War II: Reasons, Methods, and Results of the Largest Child Evacuation Scheme in History," for TMC's Phi Alpha Theta chapter's annual initiation event. In March, he attended the Southern Association for the History of Medicine and Science and presented a paper addressing "The British Government's Response to the Health and Safety Concerns of Coalminers during the Second World War." He also presented "Remembrances of Children in World War II: Images of the impact of war upon the youth of Europe in American Television Culture" at the spring National Popular Culture and American Culture Associations Conference. In addition, Dr. Erhardt's review of the documentary film *Angels in the Dust* (2007) was published in the spring 2010 edition of the journal *Film and History*.

The research paper of **Dr. R. Steve Flynn**, professor and chairperson, Accountancy, titled "The Effects of Financial Experts' Professional Background and Nonaudit Fee Disclosures on Earnings Quality Assurance: An Empirical Investigation," was published in *International Journal of Business Research* in October. He presented the paper at the 2009 Annual Meeting of the International Academy of Business and Economics in Las Vegas, where he also chaired a session that included presentations by accountancy researchers from the U.S. and Thailand.

**Dr. Maria Garriga**, associate professor and chairperson, Foreign Languages, wrote a book review for *Generaciones: Composición y conversación en español*. 2nd ed., by George Greenia, which appeared in *The Modern Language Journal*, Volume 94, Number 1, of Spring 2010.

**The Rev. Ronald M. Ketteler**, associate professor and chairperson, Theology, presented a public lecture last fall entitled "Faith and Reason ... Darwin's On the Origin of Species at 150 Years." The event was held in collaboration with colleges and universities throughout Greater Cincinnati on the occasion the Darwin Bicentennial. In addition, Father Ketteler delivered the keynote address for the fall meeting of the Kentucky Philosophical Association at the University of Louisville. The theme of the address was, "The Right to Health Care." He also conducted a presentation on the same topic at a spring meeting of the Ethics Committee at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

The first Gerontology Symposium was held in February in the Science Lecture Hall at TMC. The topic, "Elder abuse and Neglect: Community Responses for Prevention and Intervention," was presented by **Dr. John Hageman**, professor, Biology, and **Dr. Jack Rudnick, Jr.**, assistant professor, Business Administration, coordinated and moderated the event for the community, students and faculty.

The April issue of *Review for Religious* featured an article by **Sr. M. Evelyn Reinke, SND**, associate professor, Education entitled "Evening Counsel." The piece is a reflection on aging gracefully. *Review for Religious* is a bi-monthly journal

focusing on the concerns of women and men living out the call of the Gospel.

**Dr. Jack Rudnick, Jr.** had an article, "Elder Abuse and Neglect: Staving Off a Social Tsunami" in the peer-reviewed journal of the Catholic Health Association, *Health Progress*. In addition, he was interviewed for nationally syndicated EWTN/Sacred Heart radio for the *Son Rise Morning Show* to discuss emerging social and health issues related to stakeholders of elder abuse; and pressures experienced by members of "the Sandwich Generation" — persons in a demographic category that care for older adults and children, often while maintaining employment. He also delivered a presentation on "Elder Abuse for Healthcare Providers" to a regional symposium last fall.

**Dr. Sherry Cook Stanforth**, professor, English, wrote a poem, "App, too," which was accepted in the 2010 *Anthology of Appalachian Writers*, Silas House Volume. In addition, her poems, "Deployed," "By Design" and "On Locust Hill" were accepted in the local peace and justice anthology, *For a Better World 2010*. She co-presented "Carter Family Music as a Primary Experience with Appalachia" with her parents, Nan and Jim Cook, and Mt. St. Joseph professor John Trokan and his wife, Nancy Trokan, at the 33rd Annual Conference of the Appalachian Studies Association in March in Dahlonega, Georgia. Congratulations to Dr. Stanforth, whose short story, "When the Springtime Comes Again," won first place in the annual spring writing contest sponsored by the Durr Branch Kenton County Library.

# TMC Professors Shine New Light on Chinese History

SUBMITTED BY ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR  
ERWIN F. ERHARDT, III

Recently, I found out the old adage is true: just when you think you've got it all down, new information emerges that was heretofore unknown!

Last summer, I received a phone call from one of my former professors at TMC, Marvin Grant.

(He had noticed from an edition of *Moreover* that I taught Modern China here at the college.) Having felt I was fairly versed in the 19th and 20th century history of China, I was surprised to hear Prof. Grant's first-hand account about an important era in

history — one that doesn't appear in any textbooks or resources I use to teach Modern China.

It is well known that the U.S. and China were allies during World War II, and that following the struggle, a civil war broke out in China — between the Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists and Mao Zedong's Communists. What fails to appear in the history books, and seems to have been brushed out of the standard historical accounts, is the fact that some 60,000 U.S. marines remained stationed in China during

the period of the Civil War — including Marvin Grant.

Young Mr. Marvin Grant was a member of George Company 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division. He was dispatched from San Diego in December 1945 and sent to North China where he remained thru August 1946 (the Marines would stay there until 1949).

The Marines' initial assignment was to accept the Japanese troops' surrender and to help send the

Japanese troops and civilians back to their homeland.

However, their primary mission during these years in China was to keep transportation routes open — these included primary roads, trails, and airports. They were also responsible for keeping the coal mines open — so the people of China would continue to have fuel to survive by. Overall, as Mr. Grant states, "they were to keep vital resources flowing in China." While the U.S. Marines were not always out of harm's way as they endured sniper fire and ambushes



from time to time, when they left in 1949, they had suffered fewer than one hundred casualties.

This information provided to me was surprising and informative, and led to the restructuring of my Chinese Civil War era notes.

I am grateful to Marvin Grant for

providing this little known information, along with supporting documents, to enhance my understanding of this period in history.

This fortunate encounter with

one of our retired Thomas More Faculty members should remind us all of another duty — to inquire and learn what we can from our American veterans while they are with us and convey the events of World War II and the post-war era as they knew and experienced them.

**What fails to appear in the history books, and seems to have been brushed out of the standard historical accounts, is the fact that some 60,000 U.S. marines remained stationed in China during the period of the Civil War — including Marvin Grant.**



## Whatever happened to Professor Grant?

For those of you who took classes in the Department of Accountancy during the 1960s and 1970s a familiar face in that department was certainly Professor Marvin

Grant, J.D., CPA. Prof. Grant came to Villa Madonna College when it was still in Covington in 1961. He migrated with the rest of the college to the new campus in 1968 where he continued to teach until 1981. Prof. Grant's fondest memory is the "relationship with students, and learning with students."

Over the years, Prof. Grant has tried to present the true meaning of a Catholic scholar, both in and out of the classroom. Although changing times led to his gravitation from teaching to accounting practice, he still remembers, with fondness, the names of so many of the students he taught back in those days.



*Today, Prof. Grant stands between his treasured keepsakes, renderings of Villa Madonna College and Thomas More College. He resides in Delhi and is a member of St. Dominic's Parish.*



## TEN MINUTES WITH MARIA MITCHELL

**Q: How long have you worked at TMC?**

A: I just completed my seventh year here. I am a “convert” from the business world — I am a CPA and spent the first years of my career working at one of the international accounting firms, then several years in the finance department of a global industrial products company.

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

A: I’d like to spend more time drawing, but I guess that will wait until I retire!

**Q: Where was your last vacation?**

A: We went backpacking in Isle Royale National Park, which is an island in Lake Superior. We took a three-hour ferry from the northern tip of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to get there. There are no cars on the island and no cell phone reception. We didn’t see any moose or wolves, but it was beautiful. The wildflowers were spectacular, and it was very peaceful to listen to the loons and see all of the stars at night.

**Q: Who is your role model?**

A: I guess that would be my dad. He was a teacher and coach in the Cincinnati public schools throughout his career. When I went to college, the last thing I thought I would end up doing is teaching. Unfortunately, he had died before I changed careers. I would love to be able to talk to him about it now.

**Q: What do you do when you’re not teaching at TMC?**

A: I go hiking whenever I have the chance. If I don’t have the opportunity, I walk around my neighborhood. I also enjoy cooking, reading and I am just now getting into vegetable gardening.

**Q: What song or artist do you listen to when you need to get motivated?**

A: It depends. I can’t really narrow it down to just one. I have a lot of music, but I guess I tend to favor music with a bit of a blues influence — there is a BB King/Eric Clapton CD, “Riding With the King” that I like. Also, I like Van Morrison’s “Down the Road” and John Hiatt.

**Q: What book is on your nightstand?**

A: I just finished *Kabul Beauty School* by Deborah Rodriguez. It’s a non-fiction book about a hair dresser from Michigan who started a beauty school in post 9/11 Afghanistan to help women have better lives. One of my favorite authors is Bill Bryson. I laugh out loud when reading some of his books.

**Q: What do you want students to take away from your class?**

A: I really try to convey the importance of having all-around business skills and a strong ethical foundation.

### Maria R. Mitchell, CPA

Assistant Professor of  
Accountancy/Coordinator  
Gemini Program

**Who’s New at TMC?**

Stephen Johnson, Campus Safety  
Gerald Morton, Campus Safety  
Dawna Neil, Admissions

Tim Rawe, Institutional Advancement  
Erin Reardon, Institutional Advancement  
Stacy Smith Rogers, Communications & PR  
Gregory Wolfer, Maintenance



# RESEARCH AT THE HEART OF BIOLOGY

## FIELD STATION UPDATE

BY OLIVIA LANTRY, FIELD STATION OUTREACH COORDINATOR

**T**HE BIOLOGY FIELD STATION AT THOMAS MORE COLLEGE IS A ONE-OF-A-KIND CENTER FOR APPLIED

**BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH.** Its reach is as wide and powerful as the Ohio River and all its tributaries. Located just 30 minutes from the main Thomas More campus, the Station is perched on the shore of the Ohio River, one of the original U.S. thoroughfares of commerce and transportation. Working closely with federal, state, and local authorities to monitor and improve water quality in the Ohio River, the staff and students at the Station are dedicated to improving water conditions, education and preserving the rich heritage this and other waterways have to offer.

Since its beginnings in 1967, the Field Station has formed partnerships with several local universities and agencies, and continues to expand its reach throughout the surrounding community. In 1998 the Center for Ohio River Research and Education was established at the Station, offering students, faculty and staff opportunities to enhance their knowledge of the natural world through research projects and outreach programs that focus on the ecology of the Ohio River. The Field Station has become a regional center for research, consulting, government, private industry, environmental education and community service.

### RESEARCH

Research is at the heart of the Field Station. The Ohio River and its surroundings provide a working laboratory that spans scientific categories. The Field Station has conducted a variety of field research studies for private and public corporations, institutions and agencies. Over the years, research projects have included work in the fields of microbiology, water chemistry, fish surveys, biological assessments and ecotoxicology. The Field Station has conducted studies for and collaborated with Duke Energy, the USEPA, ORSANCO, SD1, and the Hamilton County Park District, among dozens of other agencies.



### INTERNSHIPS

Over the years, hundreds of students have assisted college faculty members by serving as principal researchers on multiple studies at the Field Station. This summer, 50 undergraduate students from 15 schools across the country have applied for research internships to work with Dr. Chris Lorentz, Professor of Biology and Director of the Biology Field Station at Thomas More. Summer Research Internships are primarily in the field of aquatic biology and include projects in the areas of animal husbandry, aquatic toxicology, big river sampling, biomonitoring, DNA sequencing and environmental science.

### FIELD TRIPS

The Biology Field Station offers an interactive setting where students become involved in science. Throughout the fall, spring and summer months, our students develop and conduct hands-on science activities during field trips made by local schools. Through hands-on inquiry-based teaching methods, the faculty and students at the center educate students about the Ohio River ecosystem and surrounding watershed. This past year, the Station welcomed multiple groups from over 25 schools across the tri-state area.

### S.T.E.M. SUMMER INSTITUTE

**Science, Technology, Engineering & Math Camp**

This summer, 15 students from high schools across the area will participate in the 6th annual S.T.E.M. Institute. Students interested in exploring the S.T.E.M.

disciplines will participate in hands-on learning out in the field, on the Ohio River and in the laboratories at the Thomas More College Biology Field Station, Observatory and Science Departments. The Institute is a unique opportunity for students to interact with college faculty and undergrads, while spending the week learning science and conducting research. The up-close and personal interactions give participants a real sense of life as a college student and S.T.E.M. major.





## VISITORS

The Field Station welcomes students of all ages from grade schools to graduate schools and visitors from the general public. Through hands-on inquiry-based teaching methods, the faculty and students at the center educate and engage 2,500 visitors annually about the Ohio River ecosystem and surrounding watershed, teach the value of the watershed to those who live within it, and empower students to make a positive impact on the River and surrounding environment.

For more information,  
visit [thomasmore.edu/fieldstation](http://thomasmore.edu/fieldstation).



## Center for Regional Health Care Sciences and Management Addresses Local Impact of Health Care Bill

Thomas More College's Center for Regional Health Care Sciences and Management hosted a panel discussion in April on the Impact of the New Health Care Bill in Greater Cincinnati.

What jobs will be in demand, how accessible health care will be and how health care costs will be impacted were some of the questions that were addressed. Moderated by Pat Crowley, host of ICN-6 Northern Kentucky Magazine, panelists included: John Dubis, Chief Operating Officer of St. Elizabeth Healthcare; Gary Beatrice, President of Business Benefits and Chairman of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce; and Rebeca

Tacy, Assistant Professor of Nursing of Thomas More College. Questioners included Thomas More faculty: Catherine Sherron, Associate Professor of Philosophy, John D. Rudnick, Jr., Assistant Professor of Business Administration; and John R. Hageman, Associate Professor of Biology.

Thomas More College's Center for Regional Health Care Sciences and Management was created in 2009 to positively impact the regional capacity to produce graduates; increase the number of college graduates in the Commonwealth; create more skilled and qualified workers as a means of attracting more capital investment to the region resulting in a higher standard of living for all residents of Northern Kentucky and the region; serve as a stimulator for small business development; and provide programs of study that emphasize liberal arts within the context of ethical concern and social responsibility.



## TMC Alumni Calendar of Events

# Join the Crowd!

Alumni events are a great way to reconnect, network and socialize—and they're a lot of fun! TMC alumni attendance increased by 57.5 percent last year, with the Florence Freedom Night and Homecoming being the most popular of the outings. This year's events are planned with you, our alumni, in mind. So, drop us a line, tell us what you're interested in, or go ahead and get more details online at [thomasmore.edu/alumni](http://thomasmore.edu/alumni).

Grab your planners (or Blackberries and iPhones) and mark these important dates on your calendar!

## Alumni Events See Major Increases in Attendance

Alumni events for the 09-10 academic year **increased 57.5 percent** over 08-09 and **92.2 percent** over 07-08! That equates to an **increase of 932 people** last year and **1,225 people** more than the previous year.

Sept.

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## runMore TMC Campus



Sept.

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## "Bensman Golf Classic" Summit Hills Country Club



Sept.

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## TMC Regional Alumni Gathering: New England Pinecrest Inn, Gorham, Maine

Oct.

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## 2010 Homecoming



Oct.

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## Bishop Hughes Award Dinner, Drees Pavilion



Aug.

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## TMC Alumni Riverboat Cruise BB Riverboats, Newport



Oct.

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## TMC Alumni Day at Keeneland





## 2010 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction

Ten alumni of Villa Madonna College and Thomas More College were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame in February. The inductees were Kimberly (Byron) Custenborder '92 (basketball), Chris Wells '98 (football), Denny Kehoe '66 (baseball), Jim Nestheide '82 (basketball), Steve Butcher '89 (basketball), Robby Kramer '03 (baseball), Adam Freeman '03 (baseball), Stephanie (Cameron) Wright '03 (softball), Bridget New '02 (basketball), and Jeff Maren '89 (tennis) not present.



## Alumni Night at Turfway Park

Alumni from all eras enjoyed a night at Turfway Park in March. The seventh race was named after the group, and "Dirty Water Dog" won the race with jockey Orlando Mojica up.



## Alumni Wine Tasting

175 alumni gathered in April for the 2nd Annual Alumni Wine Tasting, which featured Pinot Grigio and Grenache wines from various regions around the world. Several local restaurants supplied gift certificates, which made for fabulous prize drawings throughout the evening.



## 50th Anniversary Reception – Class of 1960

Classmates from the Villa Madonna College Class of 1960 gathered for a wonderful spring evening at the home of Thomas More College President, Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer C.D.P., '68 in April.



## SHARING the WISDOM

There's something to be said for having "been there and done that." At Thomas More, students value the experience and wisdom shared by alumni. Giving back to the school where you honed your critical thinking and pursued your ambitions in both career and life sometimes means simply sharing that knowledge with the students who may be following in your footsteps. (Although donations are good too!)

Thanks to all the alumni who so generously give their time, talents and expertise to help continue the tradition of offering an educational experience that thrives on interactive learning and personal connections.



*Left to right: Latonio Chambers, Jenna Sketch, Spencer Medley, Lauren Helton, Robert French, Peter Shumate, Keynote Speaker Kyle Behymer, Courtney Rosser, Kristin Conder, Lauren Wallace, Emmy Kaiser, Rachel Johnson and Kara Koenig*

### Psi Chi New Members 2010 and Kyle Behymer

**Kyle J. Behymer '02** was the keynote speaker at the Psychology National Honor Society this spring. Kyle is a senior researcher at 361 Interactive LLC in Springboro, Ohio, where he develops human-computer interfaces and cross-cultural training tools for military and civilian personnel working in high stakes unfamiliar cultures.



### James Graham Brown Honors Banquet

The James Graham Brown Honors Society enjoyed a spring banquet that recognized 12 graduating seniors. Alumnus **Michael Selm '07 & '09** gave some encouraging remarks to help them on their post-graduate path.



### Psi Chi New Members 2009 and Jennifer Lipps Armstrong

**Jennifer Lipps Armstrong '96** spoke to the group last year. Jennifer is a project manager with the Innovations program at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and serves as a consultant for 4C for Children, the region's principal child care coordinating agency, serving 23 counties in Ohio and Kentucky.

*Left to right: Katrina Lenz, Brittney Knapp, Adam Millay, Stephanie Ostendorf, Lindsey Vater, April Sigler, Keynote Speaker Jennifer Lipps Armstrong, Tricia Partin, Sarah Denney, Stephanie Hughes, Alexandra Crouch and Kelly Nolley.*





## Nursing Department Graduates' Day 2010

**G**raduates' Day, hosted by TMC's Nursing Department, was held in March. Ten graduates spoke about their experiences. In addition, **Margaret (Lindsay) Rawlings '09**, Outstanding Senior, spoke about her experience as a staff nurse at Good Samaritan Hospital in the Cardiac Stepdown/Telemetry Unit. She emphasized the compassionate aspect of being a nurse in relating a story about comforting a patient's spouse who had elected to withhold lifesaving support.

**Jackie Hagan Wilson '06** spoke about finding her niche in teaching as the Immunization Action Program Coordinator and Chair of the Continuing Education Provider Committee for Public Health-Dayton & Montgomery County.



**Leigh Ann Pansch '97** also found her niche in teaching as the Associate Director of the Co-op Program for the University of Cincinnati College of Nursing/Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. Other speakers were **Cindy Ankenbauer '06** (former Outstanding Senior), **Rachel Fuller '06**, **Pam Harden '07**, **Theresa Heberling '08**, **Traci Hoskins '01**, **Denise Osborne '06** and **Jay Ward '89**. **Rebeca Tacy '85**, a TMC nursing faculty member, hosted the event.

Many of the graduates expressed gratitude for their Thomas More education, acknowledging they were well-prepared for their professional role and that employers highly value a nursing degree from Thomas More. If you are a nursing alumnus and would like to attend Graduates' Day 2012, e-mail Melissa Elliott, coordinator of Nursing Student Services at [melissa.elliott@thomasmore.edu](mailto:melissa.elliott@thomasmore.edu).

**To see more photos and a more detailed account of the event, visit [thomasmore.edu/MORE](http://thomasmore.edu/MORE).**

## Networking by the Numbers ...

**L**ast fall, members of the Accountancy Advisory Board held a panel discussion. TMC accountancy students posed career questions to board members **Casey Flick, CPA '02** (VonLehman & Company), **Stephanie Huhn, CPA '02** (Bramel & Ackley), **Kim Rollins, CPA '02** (The United States Playing Card Company) and Professor Maria Mitchell, CPA. The discussion was followed the next day by an alumni tailgating event, which allowed current students to establish important networking contacts with successful TMC accountancy alumni.

## Leadership Roundtables



**T**he Distinguished Alumnae League of the TMC Alumni Association held "Leadership Roundtables" during the fall 2009 and spring 2010

semesters. Students are typically recommended by a TMC faculty member. They enjoyed hearing a variety of topics of interest to them, plus the different experiences and wisdom each alumna had to offer.

## Psych Alumni Share Their Wisdom

**P**sychology alumni return to talk with students about making the most of their undergraduate education and preparing to enter today's job market. Included in the panel were: **Christopher J. Perrino '84**, Barnes, Dennig & Co.; **Melissa Wambaugh Adamchik '94**, NorthKey Community Care; and **David W. Long '05**, Hamilton County Board of Developmental Disabilities.



## 1940s

**Elizabeth (Helman) Chavez '48** was involved in a car accident in August 2009. Please keep her in your prayers.

## 1950s

**Wilbert L. Ziegler '53** was honored by the Northern Kentucky Bar Association as a "Distinguished Lawyer" in December 2009.



**Brother Donald Smith, S.M. '56** was featured in an art show, "Discovering Textures," at Gallery St. John located in Dayton, Ohio, on February 7, 2010. Several of his VMC 1956 classmates attended his gallery showing: **Dorothy (Tillman) Kennedy '56, Nancy (Black) Kuchle '56, Patricia (Rott) Lemmons '56, Patricia (Gallagher) O'Hara '56, and Tom Zumbiel '56.**

## 1960s



**Susan J. Court '66** joined the law firm of Hogan and Hartson in November 2009 as a partner in the energy practice group in the firm's Washington, D.C. office. Prior to that, she was Director of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's (FERC) Office of Enforcement. She will focus her practice on FERC's existing enforcement program and the rapidly growing area of North American Electric Reliability Corporation compliance.

## 1970s

**James L. Featherstone '72** is enjoying living and working in Napa Valley, California.

**Denis G. Hamilton '72** is currently enrolled in the Ph.D. program at Rutgers University in their Organization Management department with a focus in strategic management.



**Karen (Riedinger) George '74/'89** received a \$2,500 Artist Enrichment Grant from The Kentucky Foundation for Women to create a body of short stories centered around various women's issues.

## When the Saints Go Marching In!

Saturday, October 2, 2010 • 11 a.m.—5:30 p.m.  
**2010 Homecoming • TMC Alumni Tent**

**Robert C. Silicki '74** is a news editor for the Cheviot (Ohio) Police Association's monthly newsletter and enjoys singing in a choir.

**Robert J. Linz '75** holds a real estate license working for Huff Realty in Cincinnati, Ohio.

**Dr. Michael J. O'Brien '75** recently published a new book, *Quicksilver: A Revolutionary Way to Lead the Many and the Few — Beginning with You.*



**Thomas O'Brien '78** recently published a book through NSTA Press for grades 5-12 science teachers entitled, *Brain-Powered Science: Teaching and Learning with Discrepant Events*. This professional development book uses engaging, inquiry-oriented activities that simultaneously teach the teachers about standards-based, research-informed best practices and provide them with model activities to use with their own students.

## 1980s

**Patrick J. Belland '80** recently retired after 35 years with the federal government. He has since opened his own company, Government & Industrial Supply, Inc., and is a consultant for multiple U.S. government contractors. He credits TMC for providing him the tools to succeed and hopes other alumni have enjoyed similar levels of success.





Join fellow alumni and friends October 2 for Homecoming, cheer on the Saints and enjoy a day packed full of activities, including the alumni baseball game, outdoor lawn games, music, kids' crafts, food, drinks and more.

For more information or to register online, visit [thomasmore.edu/alumni](http://thomasmore.edu/alumni).



**Dr. Laura Dickman Koehl '80** was named Principal of Notre Dame Academy in Park Hills, Ky. Laura is the first lay principal in Notre Dame's 106-year history. "I am humbled and

deeply grateful to have this opportunity to carry on the tradition of academic excellence and community service that have been so well established by the Sisters of Notre Dame. It is truly an honor to follow in the footsteps of the many accomplished women who have led the Academy to excellence throughout its history," she said. Laura worked at TMC from 1984-1999 in a variety of roles, including vice president of enrollment management and planning. She holds a doctorate degree in Education from the University of Cincinnati.

**Matt E. Birkenhauer '81** completed his term in November 2009 as President of the Kentucky Association for Developmental Education. He continues his six-year stint as editor of the association's newsletter.

**Eric C. Deters '83** reminds everyone to eat at his Bulldogs Roadhouse restaurant and sports bar located in Independence, Ky.

**Kathy (Pincumbe) Merman '84** just published her first novel entitled, *Wooden Dice*, a romance story released in September 2009 through Eloquent Books.

## 1990s



**David W. Neuhaus '90** was named partner at Rudler & Associates, a certified public accounting firm located in Northern Kentucky.

**Wendy (Drews) Geiger '94** recently started an online retail business, Sacred Treasures — [sacredtreasures.net](http://sacredtreasures.net), which specializes in monogrammed handbags, Christian gifts, apparel and accessories.

**Curtis Gibson '95** and his wife, **Meichelle (Gaines) Gibson '93**, began their own company, Gibson Consulting and Entertainment, located in Murfreesboro, Tenn. They serve as motivational speakers, life coaches, career consultants and music producers.

**Rob Langenderfer '96** had several reviews published in *Library Journal*, including those of Romesh Ratnesar's *Tear Down This Wall: A City, A President and the Speech That Ended the Cold War*, Martin Sixsmith's *Putin's Oil: The Yukos Affair and the Struggle for Russia* and Ronald Asmus's *A Little War That Shook The World: Russia, Georgia and the Future of the West*. *The Encyclopedia of Northern Kentucky* also contains an entry that he wrote on St. Paul Catholic Church in Florence, Ky.

**Leigh Ann (McKinney) Pansch '97** completed her Master of Science in Nursing at the University of Cincinnati in March 2010 and became certified as a family nurse practitioner.



**Rob J. Bardua '99** and his wife, Lydia, welcomed their first child, Robert Charles Bardua, on October 6, 2009. The family resides in Miamisburg, Ohio.

**Martina H. Myers '99** earned her Ph.D. in Intercultural Communication from the University of New Mexico in December 2009. She is now teaching at New Mexico State University both in the classroom and online. She thanks the many instructors and professors at TMC for re-igniting her love of learning and encouraging her to continue in the pursuit of higher education.



**Dan Phirman '99 and Vickie (Chan) Phirman '99** announce the birth of their daughter, Eva Wailan Phirman, born February 9, 2010.

**Lee Turner '99**, principal at Latonia Elementary School in Latonia, Ky., is proud of the students at his school as they scored above the state average, as well as scoring above 100 in three of the five areas (reading, math and science) in recent state tests.

## 2000s

**Doug W. LaMey '01** is currently working for Allstate Insurance Company as a recruiter and consultant for the Allstate Exclusive Agency business owners.

**Gregory M. Lynch '02** was awarded a National Jefferson Award for volunteerism in 2009.



**Valerie R. Wainwright '02** married Chad White on July 25, 2009.

**Christine H. Sokol '05** appeared in the "Parishioner Profile" section of the St. Pius X Parish publication, *Carillon* (Edgewood, Ky.) for her work with the Faith Community Pharmacy.

**Paul S. Osborn '06** is working as a certified public accountant in Little Rock, Ark., in the areas of corporate and individual tax. He credits his liberal arts education at TMC as excellent preparation for his work as a CPA.

**Jessica M. Hawkins '07** is currently working as an associate enrollment counselor in Thomas More College's TAP office. She earned her MBA through TAP in May 2010 and will marry Craig Brockman on August 8, 2010.



**Johnna Reeder '07** married Kurt Kleymeyer on September 5, 2009. Earlier this year, she was appointed vice president, community relations and economic development for Duke

Energy. She has extensive experience in community relations, economic development and charitable foundations in her former roles with Citigroup and The Kroger Company before joining Duke Energy in 2008.

**Peter M. Rodish '07** has earned the Liberty Leaders award at Liberty Mutual for 2009. The award is based on auto, home and life insurance sales annually. He finished in the top 12 percent nationally. This marks Peter's 20th year with the company.

**Angela M. McNutt '08** was recently nominated for the Teacher of Excellence Award at Kaplan College where she teaches in the Allied Sciences department. She gives kudos to her Thomas More College professors who believed in her throughout her academic journey and is forever grateful. She has been with Kaplan College since 2008.

**Douglas A. Reed '09** will marry **Jennifer Hott '09** on September 18, 2010 at Holy Family Church in Cincinnati. Jen passed her Nursing boards in September 2009 and is employed with St. Elizabeth Healthcare in Edgewood, Ky.

### Send Us Your Photos!

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

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

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

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



## In Memoriam

**Sr. Juanita Anneken, O.S.B. '56** passed away February 22, 2010.

**Rita Huey '78** passed away February 5, 2010.

**Vernon Meister '50** passed away October 16, 2009. He was a retired engineer for General Electric Aircraft Engines.

**Rudy Morow** passed away November 12, 2009. He was a professor in Thomas More College's Business Administration department for 37 years.



**Marine Lance Corporal Adam Peak '06** died February 21, 2010, while serving in Afghanistan.

**Jeanne Pike**, a long-time employee of the college in charge of instructional media, recently passed away at the age of 79. After her retirement, she was frequently on campus taking art courses. A Celebration of Life was held at the Thomas More Art Gallery. Memorials: Jeanne Pike Fund, c/o Thomas More College Art Dept., 333 Thomas More Parkway, Crestview Hills, KY 41017.



**Nancy (West) Romer '91** passed away December 7, 2009, after a long, hard-fought battle with ovarian cancer. She co-founded and fiercely promoted

**CheckYourGenes.org**, which

stresses the importance of awareness and genetic testing for those with any family history of breast or ovarian cancer.

**Gerald Stautberg '71** passed away June 27, 2009.





# Alumni Update

## Update your records with the college!

In order to comply with the Identity Theft Prevention Policy, Thomas More College needs to ensure that the proper alumni record is being updated. Therefore, we are asking you to complete and sign this form for verification of your change of address and/or name before any database changes can be made to your record. Please note the required fields below, including signature. Thank you for your time and assistance.

### Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year (**required**): \_\_\_\_\_

Last 4 Digits of SSN (**required**): \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate (**required**): \_\_\_\_\_

New Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Name: \_\_\_\_\_

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Previous address: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Personal E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

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

### Employment Information

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

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Work E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send alumni events and announcements: ☐ Personal E-mail ☐ Work E-mail

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**MOREOVER [Summer 2010]**



The life of a student athlete at Thomas More is an active one. While striving for excellence on the courts and fields as well as the classroom, our student athletes demonstrate a commitment to being self-disciplined, hard-working and truly dedicated to becoming better players and critical thinkers. Saints teams have given fans plenty to cheer about recently, and this year offers much promise for continuation of those winning traditions.

# TMC Athletics Produce Best

SUBMITTED BY CORY BLACKSON, TMC SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

**TMC student athletes represented the college in seven NCAA championships in the 2009-2010 academic year. With seven out of 13 of our sponsored sports winning championship titles, this is one of the best ratios in the country.**

Combined with the regular season championships, that total increases to 10 Presidents Athletic Conference (PAC) championships, and makes this year the most successful in Thomas More College history.

TMC Director of Athletics Terry Connor expressed his enthusiasm for the coming season, "I want to thank everyone for their support and help as we experience this tremendous success this past season and look to build upon it."

## Student Athletes Scored Big in the Classroom

In addition to success in games and matches, our student athletes also excelled academically. One was named the Academic All-America Player of the Year (Daniel McKeehan), and another two were named Academic All-Americans (Chris Fishburn and Marty Kersting). The average GPA of student athletes at TMC is at the highest ever!

## McKeehan Named Academic All-America of the Year

Senior Daniel McKeehan was selected as the 2009-2010 College Division ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Men's Basketball Player of the Year by the College Sports Information Directors of



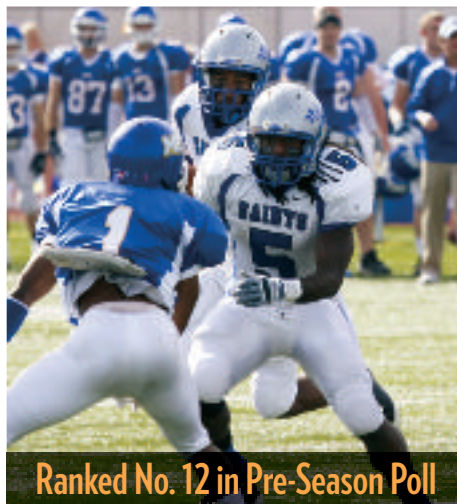
America (CoSIDA). The College Division is made up of 933 schools at the NCAA Division II, III and NAIA levels.

A double major in Economics and Business Finance,

McKeehan had a perfect 4.00 grade point average. As the first Saint in school history to win the award in any sport, McKeehan led Thomas More to a 21-7 record and a share of its second straight PAC regular season title.

### FOOTBALL

## Football Earns a Perfect 10-0 Regular Season



**Ranked No. 12 in Pre-Season Poll**

Led by Coach Jim Hilvert, the football team posted a perfect 10-0 regular season as it won its second straight PAC championship and finished the season with an 11-1 record.

The Saints hosted two rounds of the NCAA Playoffs at The Bank of Kentucky Field and finished with a No. 10 final ranking in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Top-25. Head Coach Hilvert was named the PAC Coach of the Year, while Brad Steinmetz was named Player of the Year and 20 Saints earned All-PAC honors. Steinmetz and Zach Autenrieb were both named All-Americans at the end of the season.

The Saints enter the 2010 season with an all-time winning percentage of .678, which ranks third best of any NCAA Division III school that has played football for at least 20 years.

### VOLLEYBALL

## Volleyball Advanced to School-Best Ninth NCAA Tournament Since 1991



The volleyball team posted a 28-11 record, winning both the PAC regular season and tournament titles. The team advanced to a school-best ninth NCAA Tournament since 1991. Emily Bohman was named PAC Player of the Year, while four Saints earned All-PAC honors. In addition, Brandi Corbello was named an All-American by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA).





# Year in School History



## ■ SOCCER

### Men's Soccer Achieves Program's First-Ever Bid to NCAA Tournament

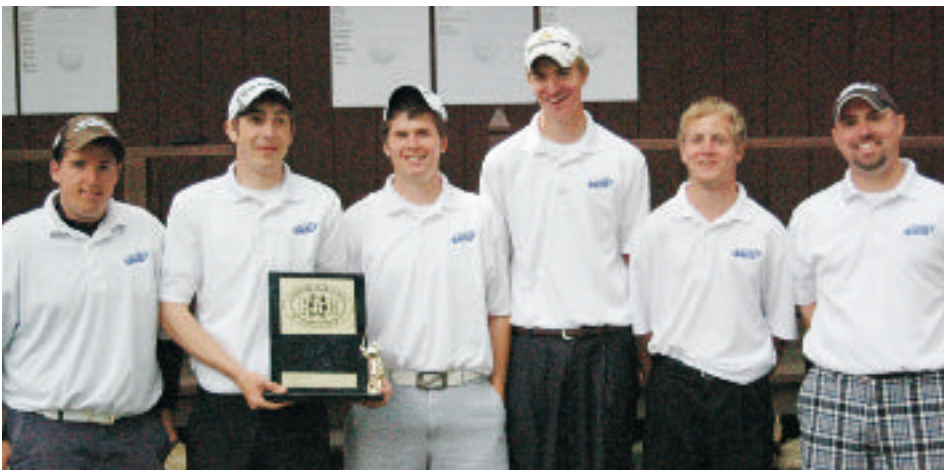
The men's soccer team finished the season with a 17-3-1 record and won the PAC regular season and tournament titles. With the win in the conference tournament, the team earned the program's first-ever bid to the NCAA Tournament. Head coach

Jeff Cummings earned PAC Coach of the Year honors, while Aaron Osborne was the PAC Player of the Year and eight Saints earned All-PAC honors for their play on the field.

### Women's Soccer Ranked in Top 25 – A First in School History



The women's soccer team finished the 2009 season 15-3-1 overall and 6-1 in the PAC and was ranked in the National Soccer Coaches Association of America's Top-25 for the first time in school history. Senior goalkeeper Jenna Kramer was named the College Soccer Player of the Year by the Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky Women's Sports Association and five Saints earned All-PAC honors.



## ■ GOLF

### Men's Golf Wins First-Ever PAC Championship

The men's golf team won its first-ever PAC Championship Tournament title as it posted a 72-hole total of 1,211 strokes at Oak Tree Country Club in West Middlesex, Pa. With the championship, the Saints earned the PAC's automatic bid to the 2010 NCAA Division III Championship. Four Saints earned All-PAC honors with their finish at the 36-hole event. Earning first team honors were sophomore Jarrett Gronauer, who finished fifth with a 149 (77-72), and senior Joe Ruzick, who finished ninth with a 153 (80-73). Sophomore Mike Pharo and junior Brandon Dulle earned second team honors as Pharo finished 11th with a 156 (80-76) and Dulle finished tied for 12th with a 157 (79-78). Head Coach Marc Barone was also named the PAC Coach of the Year.



### Saints Earn Highest Ever Finish in Learfield Sports Directors' Cup Standings

Thomas More College earned its highest ever finish in the Learfield Sports NCAA Division III Directors' Cup Standings as it finished 57th out of 410 eligible Division III schools in the 2009-2010 academic year. Points are awarded based on each institution's finish in up to 18 sports - nine women's and nine men's. However, the Saints finished in the top 14 percent in the nation with only 13 sponsored sports.

## BASKETBALL

### Women's Team Garners Fifth Straight 20-plus Win Season



The women's team went 26-4 overall for its fifth straight 20-win season in Head Coach Brian Neal's six years on the sidelines. The team earned its fourth straight NCAA Division III National Tournament appearance, advancing to the second round of the tournament. In the second round, the Saints battled tough, but fell to the eventual national champions Washington University, St. Louis.

During the season, the Saints went 16-1 in the PAC to win their fifth straight PAC regular season and fourth PAC Championship Tournament title. Neal, who is 141-27 at Thomas More, earned his third PAC Coach of the Year honor and four Saints were named All-PAC. Junior center Nicole Dickman and freshman guard Chelsea Tolliver were both named first team All-PAC and freshman guard Allison Long and sophomore guard Katie Tierney were both named honorable mention All-PAC.

Tolliver led the team in scoring with 13.2 points per game, while Dickman led the team on the boards with 7.1 rebounds per game and was second on the team in scoring with 12.5 ppg. Dickman was also named third team All-Great Lakes Region by the internet website, D3hoops.com, which marks the third time in as many years the website has named her all-region.

### Men's Basketball Wins Most Games in Program's Div. III History



The men's team, under the direction of first-year Head Coach Jeff Rogers, had its second straight winning season as it went 21-7, including a 9-3 record in the PAC, where they finished co-regular season champions and the championship tournament runner-up. The team's 85.8 points per game was sixth out of 404 NCAA Division III teams in scoring offense, and the team led the nation in steals per game as it averaged 14.0 steals per game.

After the season, four Saints were named All-PAC by the conference's head coaches as

senior power forward Daniel McKeehan was named to the first team, junior center Brian Muse was named to the second team and junior forward Aaron Miller and sophomore shooting guard Daniel Neeley received honorable mentions. McKeehan, who led the team in scoring with 15.6 points per game and had a team-high 60 assists and 63 steals, was named second team All-Great Lakes by D3hoops.com and was one of 10 finalists for the highly prestigious Jostens Trophy, which is a national award to honor the most outstanding men's Division III basketball player of the year.

The men's basketball team repeated as the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Men's Basketball Team Sportsmanship Award winner during the 2009-2010 season. This award is sponsored by the member of the PAC Student-Athlete Advisory Council in an effort to recognize and encourage positive sportsmanship among the Conference teams. Each PAC team was asked to vote for the Conference team that displayed the highest level of sportsmanship.

### Saints Earn Several National-Level Rankings

Thomas More's NCAA Division III teams regularly compete in post-season play and rank high in national standings. Since joining the NCAA in 1991, 29 teams have had NCAA Tournament berths. Since joining the PAC in 2005, Thomas More has earned 14 tournament titles, 20 regular season titles, 13 Players of the Year, 2 Freshmen of the Year, 11 Coaches of the Year, 255 All-Conference honors, and 226 athletes achieved the PAC Honor Roll. Since 2000, Thomas More has also earned 55 All-Region players and 17 All-Americans.

## TRACK AND FIELD

### Jeff Hill Named Track and Field Coach



Jeff Hill has been hired as the new head men's and women's track and field coach. Hill comes to Thomas More from across-the-river rival, the College of Mount St. Joseph, where he was an assistant coach for the past five seasons.

A native of Cincinnati, Hill was an All-State football and track and field athlete at Mt. Healthy High School. He then earned his bachelor's degree from Purdue University, where he played football for the Boilermakers before moving to the NFL where he played for the Cincinnati Bengals.

Check out **MORE** for more details on the numerous accolades earned by TMC student athletes during the 2009-2010 academic year at [thomasmore.edu/MORE](http://thomasmore.edu/MORE).



## Spring Sports Continue to Make Headlines



The Thomas More College baseball and softball teams both continued the Saints' 2009-2010 dominance with successful seasons. The baseball team tied the school record for wins in a season going 33-16, winning its first-ever PAC championship tournament title and making its third NCAA Division III Championship Tournament appearance.



The softball team went 22-20 to win a share of its second straight PAC regular season title, as well as its second straight PAC Championship Tournament title. The Saints also advanced to the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament for the fourth time in school history.

Complete spring sports recaps will appear in the fall edition of the *Moreover*. For up-to-date details, visit [thomasmore.edu/athletics](http://thomasmore.edu/athletics).

## Mark Your Calendar and Help Us Cheer on the Saints!

Alumni, family and friends are invited to share in the contagious enthusiasm surrounding these teams. Schedules for athletic events are found online at [thomasmore.edu/athletics](http://thomasmore.edu/athletics). Everyone is invited to come to campus and experience the pride in cheering the Saints on to more victories this fall.



## 2010 Thomas More Fall Home Athletic Events

### September 7

7 p.m. Volleyball vs. Bluffton

### September 11

1 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Ohio Wesleyan

3:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Denison

### September 12

1 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Olivet

### September 14

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

### September 16

7 p.m. Volleyball vs. Franklin

### September 18

2 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Ohio Northern

### September 22

3 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Centre

5 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Hanover

### September 25

1:30 p.m. Football vs. Washington & Jefferson \*

### September 26

1 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Capital

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

### September 29

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

### October 2

1:30 p.m. Football vs. Thiel \*

### October 9

11 a.m. Volleyball vs. Bethany \*

3 p.m. Volleyball vs. Westminster \*

12 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Bethany\*

2 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Bethany\*

### October 12

5 p.m. Volleyball vs. Washington & Jefferson \*

### October 13

2 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Westminster \*

4 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Westminster \*

### October 16

1:30 p.m. Football vs. Saint Vincent \*

### October 18

6 p.m. Volleyball vs. Saint Vincent \*

### October 20

4 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Chatham \*

### October 23

11 a.m. Volleyball vs. Geneva \*

3 p.m. Volleyball vs. Grove City \*

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

3:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Washington & Jefferson \*

### October 26

1:30 p.m. Men's Soccer vs. Saint Vincent \*

3:30 p.m. Women's Soccer vs. Saint Vincent \*

### October 30

1:30 p.m. Football vs. Westminster \*

### November 13

1 p.m. Football vs. Mount St. Joseph (Bridge Bowl XV)

\*Denotes Presidents' Athletic Conference contest



## EVA G. FARRIS ART GALLERY

### UPCOMING EXHIBITS

**June 25 – July 11**

Sr. Ernestine Ott / Artworks Stations of the Cross  
(Melbourne, Ky.)

**August 20 – August 25**

Student drawings Italy trip  
(Alison Shepard)

**August 27 – September 19**

Richard Fruth – Sculpture  
(Cincinnati, Ohio – professor at U.C.)

**October 1 – November 5**

Andrew Eckerle – portraits of Motswana  
Photography (Northern Ky.) teacher  
at Highlands High School



#### Summer Gallery Hours

Mon.-Thurs., 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.  
Fri., 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Closed Sat. & Sun.

#### Fall Gallery Hours

Mon.-Thurs., 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.  
Fri., 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Sat., 10 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Sun., Noon – 5 p.m.

## 10 Minute Spiritual Break ...



TMC Director of Campus Ministry Sr. Pat Dorobek, SND, suggests taking a 10-minute spiritual break. “Sometimes we get lost in the business of our day and forget to stop and just be still. Taking just 10 minutes to focus on a scripture and truly reflect on God’s message can be just what we need,” she said.

#### Sr. Pat invites you to take 10 minutes and consider the following:

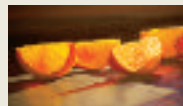
Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” – John 14:23

Ponder Jesus’ words here.  
How do they root themselves in you?  
“Water those roots” in your choices today.



For more guidance, Sr. Pat recommends visiting [sacredspace.ie](http://sacredspace.ie), a multi-lingual website that offers viewers reflections on daily readings and invitations to make a “sacred space” in each day.

## Serve It Up This Summer!



Summer meals are meant to be savored with friends and

family. Chef Philippe shares one of his special recipes that will have guests gathering on the patio to see what’s cooking. So, call up a few old college buddies, heat up the grill and let TMC’s resident chef help you create a meal that highlights fresh summer vegetables, fruits and flavorful spices.

### Grilled Pork Tenderloin with Hazelnut Romesco & Fresh Oregano Vinaigrette

2 (lb) pork tenderloin.

#### Romesco Sauce:

1/2 cup olive oil  
6 peeled garlic cloves  
1 red bell pepper, grilled, peeled and seeded  
2 ripe plum tomatoes  
2 ancho chilis soaked in water  
1 slice white bread, crust removed  
1/2 cup red wine  
1/4 cup shelled hazelnut  
1 tbs honey  
salt & pepper

Heat the olive oil, sauté the garlic, bell pepper, chilies and cubed bread until lightly brown. Remove the ingredients and deglaze the pan with red wine. Place all ingredients in food processor and blend until smooth. Add the hazelnuts, honey and season to taste.

#### Fresh Oregano Vinaigrette:

1/4 cup sherry vinegar  
1/2 shallot, small diced  
1 tbs Dijon mustard  
1 tsp chopped oregano  
1 tsp honey  
salt & pepper  
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil

Whisk together vinegar, shallot, mustard, honey and oregano. Season to taste. Slowly whisk in olive oil until emulsified. Rub the pork with oil and season. Place on the hot grill until brown and cooked. Serve with romesco sauce and drizzle with vinaigrette.

Go online and visit [thomasmore.edu/MORE](http://thomasmore.edu/MORE) to download Chef Philippe’s recipe for Grilled Mahi Tacos with Red Cabbage Slaw, Tomato & Avocado Salsa-Pineapple Hot Sauce.



*"If you talk to a man in a language  
he understands, that goes to his head.  
If you talk to him in his language,  
that goes to his heart."*  
– Nelson Mandela



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Saturday, August 28, 2010 • 5:30–9:30 p.m.

## TMC Alumni Riverboat Cruise

BB Riverboats, Newport

Monday, September 13, 2010 • 11 a.m.

## Bensman Golf Classic

Summit Hills Country Club



Saturday, October 2, 2010 • 11 a.m.–5:30 p.m.

## 2010 Homecoming

TMC Alumni Tent