

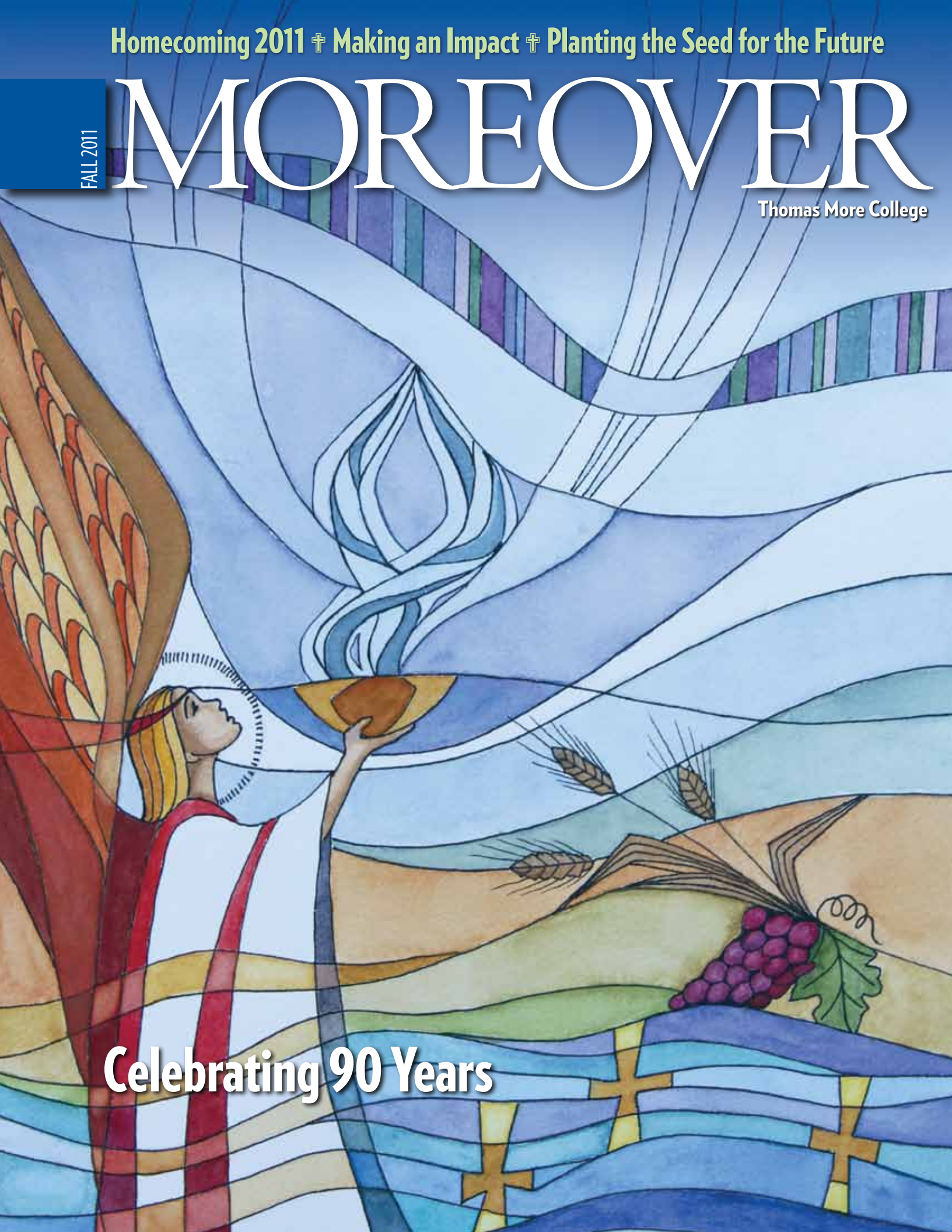
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Dear Friends,

Ninety years ago, on September 12, the vision for Thomas More College was realized as Villa Madonna College opened its doors in Covington, Ky., with seven students under the guidance of The Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery. Ninety years later, we are serving nearly 1,900 students. The tiny mustard seed of the Gospel that was planted by the Benedictine Sisters is flourishing.

Since 1921, Thomas More College has been committed to this community. The impact the College has and continues to make on our region is immeasurable. As you will read in this issue of *Moreover*, we are celebrating this anniversary with a special initiative we call "90 Days of Service," which was launched August 21 at opening convocation with our freshman class. Setting aside the first 90 days of this academic year to "simply do for others" is our way of honoring this anniversary by continuing a tradition so strongly identified with our institution.

Our students understand their responsibility to give back. They avail themselves of the numerous opportunities the College provides to participate in service learning. The sociology department alone logged 2,500 hours of service last year! In this issue, you'll read about the Jamaica Service Learning Program, which was recently honored by the Greater Cincinnati Celebration of Service Committee as an exemplary post-secondary service project. We're proud of all that our alumni, staff, faculty and students do to promote the spirit of service through their efforts at Thomas More College.

Our Homecoming this year was a true celebration of many events as you can see in the photo spread in the pages that follow. Our football team, which has achieved the highest national ranking in program history, offered an impressive display of athleticism on the field, while fans tailgated and cheered them on to yet another victory. Our alumni rekindled old friendships and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon together.

Anyone who attended Homecoming was certainly aware of the construction area near the alumni tent, which will be home to the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel this time next year. We certainly thank everyone who helped make the dream of a free-standing chapel come true. Along with the chapel, there are many things for which to be thankful for this holiday season. I hope you join me in celebrating a few of those blessings in this issue of *Moreover*.

Sincerely,

Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P.

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Sr. Emmanuel Pieper's inspiring watercolor featured on the cover will eventually be viewed through the sacramental window in the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel, which is currently under construction on TMC's campus. An angel offers incense of reverence for God and the sacraments. The wheat and grapes signify the Eucharist, while the three crosses in the water portray baptism.





Thomas More College Launches Three-Year Degree Program

TMC3 Saves Motivated Students Time and Money

Thomas More College has launched a new three-year degree program that enables motivated undergraduate students in pursuit of a bachelor's degree a traditional college experience and an extra year of earning power. TMC3 is a new and innovative program that allows qualified students to save both time and money by completing a traditional four-year bachelor's degree in just three years.

The three-year degree is completed during the course of eight semesters. Annual tuition and fees for the three-year program are \$15,000. While TMC3 compresses the time frame for degree attainment by an entire year, the classes themselves are not accelerated. The structure of TMC3 is year-round, with students taking 18 hours in the fall and spring semesters and 12 hours in two summer terms.

To be considered for the program, students must have a 3.0 G.P.A. in their high school coursework and a 26 ACT composite score or 1190 SAT score.

(Education and nursing majors are not eligible for the three-year degree due to the time constraints of clinicals and student teaching requirements.) The program is well-suited for students who have earned AP or dual credit. Although the credit will not reduce the required number of semesters, it can reduce a student's course load.

Thomas More College Vice President for Student Services Matthew Webster explained the new program, "Students will receive the same well-rounded education as all other Thomas More students, including the individual attention that accompanies the College's 16:1 student-to-faculty ratio. They will take courses pertaining to their major in the fall and spring semesters and complete general education (core curriculum) requirements during the summer term. There is no additional charge for the summer semester. It's included in the flat \$15,000 annual payment." Webster further explained that students who opt not to continue in the compressed track have the option of moving

to the normal four-year degree program at any time during the program.

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of Thomas More College Brad Bielski elaborated on TMC3, "We've developed this program to be sensitive to today's students' finances and time constraints, while preserving the academic integrity and rigor that has always been hallmark at TMC. The coursework still reflects a strong emphasis on liberal arts. It's an ideal program for students who want to gain entry into medical, graduate or law school a year earlier or for motivated students who want a head start in the workplace."

For more information about the three-year degree program, visit thomasmore.edu/tmc3 or contact the admissions office at admissions@thomasmore.edu or 859-344-3332.

SCAN TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT TMC3.





Biology Field Station Update

SUBMITTED BY BIOLOGY FIELD STATION OUTREACH COORDINATOR OLIVIA LANTRY



Thomas More STEM Initiative

THIS PAST SUMMER, THOMAS MORE COLLEGE OFFICIALLY LAUNCHED THE THOMAS MORE STEM INITIATIVE (TSI). This is a professional development program for high school teachers and students to increase and sustain the number, quality and diversity of STEM teachers and STEM majors in college. Known as TSI, this three-year program includes teacher workshops, summer camps for students, field trips and shared resources and is funded by the Toyota USA Foundation. Participating high schools include Bellevue, Bishop Brossart, Dayton, Holy Cross, Lloyd, Ludlow, Newport and Newport Central Catholic. TSI faculty from Thomas More include Drs. Christensen (physics and math), Smith (math), Ryle (physics), Wetzel (chemistry), Sharma (education) and Lorentz (biology and environmental science).

TSI Teacher Academy

THE FIRST STAGE OF TSI BEGAN THIS SUMMER WITH THE TEACHER ACADEMY HELD JUNE 20-24. Teachers from partner high schools began the week with introductions and an overview of the program. The Teacher Academy outlined the program as a whole, allowing teachers to understand goals and benefits, tour available facilities and identify how the partnership will work. The Teacher Academy included site visits to each high school. "All of the high schools are very different yet have the same challenges," noted one teacher. "The

discussion and touring allowed us to feel integrated instead of isolated in our own classrooms."

Teachers completed the week with knowledge of local resources and professionals that were available to assist them in the classroom. They overwhelmingly showed support for the program indicating, "The most useful part of the week for me was meeting the members of the team at Thomas More College and having the time to talk with them about issues that we have faced in the classroom and at our schools. It was nice to have a full week to get to know each other and establish, what will hopefully be, long lasting communications." Others agreed, "I was surprised and very glad to see how involved and interested the Thomas More professors were to the needs of the high school teachers. It shows how invested the school is and that they really want to see this work."

TSI STEM Institute

STUDENTS FROM PARTICIPATING SCHOOLS WILL TAKE PART IN THE STEM SUMMER INSTITUTE, A WEEKLONG CAMP FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE STEM DISCIPLINES. This past July, the 7th annual Institute was offered to 13 students from area high schools. It was a unique opportunity for students to interact with faculty and undergrads while spending the week doing science and conducting research. Maggie Lewis, a sophomore from Lloyd Memorial High School wrote, "I have

learned an enormous amount at this camp. I like that all our instructors were professors. They really helped us see what college is like. Each teacher also used hands-on aspects to hold our attention. It has shown me different aspects (of the STEM disciplines) that I didn't know I liked."

As part of the TSI program, teachers and Thomas More faculty will identify up to five students from each school to participate in this camp next summer. For one week, students will live on campus, working alongside college professors and participating in hands-on research projects. The up-close and personal interactions will give students a real sense of life as a college student and potential STEM major.

High school teachers and students will continue their collaborations with the College this fall. Classes will have opportunities to take field trips to TMC's science labs on campus, The Bank of Kentucky Observatory and the College's Biology Field Station. Field trips are free and will include funds for transportation and substitute teachers.

As the school year continues, students and teachers will benefit from classroom activities and visits made by college faculty, as well as ongoing communication and support. Additionally, teachers will have access to TMC faculty and colleague groups throughout the Northern Kentucky region, long-term tracking of the success of students and IT equipment and supplies for science and technology instruction for the classroom.

Sculpting Spaces

A PERSONAL REFLECTION SUBMITTED BY ADJUNCT PROFESSOR KIRK MAYHEW

You may have noticed the new addition to the campus over the summer. An eight-foot-tall cor-ten steel abstract sculpture of an eagle now graces the corner of Thomas More Parkway and Villa Madonna Drive. “Where Does Truth Lie?” by Warren Hall, originally built for the 1976 bicentennial, was expertly installed by Michels Construction in August. The natural patina is well complemented by the turning trees and the falling leaves.

The installation is the first in an effort described “Sculpting Spaces.” The birth of the Sculpting Spaces project has come from a desire to develop our willing outdoor spaces through careful landscape design, the inclusion of outdoor sculpture, sustainable gardens and meditative environments.

The Thomas More campus is abuzz with construction for the new Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel underway. Our usual pathways around campus have been interrupted by massive equipment, earth mounds and a safety fence. Instead of being bothered, however, I have found this break from the norm actually quite pleasant. The short detours have allowed me to conspicuously change my view of campus. I have realized how much of a direct path I had been taking to and from work without enjoying our abundant green spaces.

Questions arise during my alternative routes ... “What if this visual newness due to the construction could be an ongoing phenomenon? What if the grounds and overall educational environment would be as invigorating as the curriculum?”

Looking around TMC, there are green corners and meadows left untouched and open, but without clear purpose. Our campus is a blank canvas which welcomes a very unique opportunity. The aesthetics committee has been charged to look passionately at the TMC campus as a whole. We envision the creation of inviting campus areas that promote both quiet reflection and a sense of community. The sculptural spaces and ecological gardens will enhance the human experience and inspire learning outside of the classroom. A campus sprouting with aesthetically conceived spaces can evoke Thomas More’s intellectual traditions of a strong liberal arts education.

As an active participant in Sculpting Spaces, I want to see our campus become an artistic destination for the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati area. With ongoing projects, we look forward to attracting local and regional support at all levels.

Sculpting Spaces is an excellent opportunity to showcase TMC as an institution concerning itself with and directly

researching responsible and sustainable green construction, ergonomic outdoor classrooms, meditative gardens and remarkable sculpture.

To find out more about supporting Sculpting Spaces, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 859-344-3344.



Kirk Mayhew is an independent sculptor and teaches throughout greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky, including ceramics and sculpture classes here at TMC. He is a member of the sculptor group Thin Air Studio (TAS) and has built large outdoor sculptural environments/installations for the past nine years. Through TAS, he has been involved with projects at prominent art venues here regionally, as well as abroad.



Soccer Travels to Costa Rica

The men's and women's soccer teams raised money to travel to Costa Rica this summer to test their skills internationally. In addition to playing "football," they enjoyed learning about the culture and environment of the Costa Rican community. Coach Jeff Cummings explained the trip, "It was one-third soccer, one-third experience and one-third vacation. And, it was all about team building." Coach Cummings explained that teams have a chance to play outside the U.S. every three years and the players worked hard to raise enough money to cover expenses. He also said it was not only educational and fun, but it was a lesson in responsibility and being open to new cultures. "The players really grow up on this kind of trip, and they



realize that there's more to life than living near Cincinnati or going on vacation to Florida. We had a lot of fun, but we also had a lot of rules. It was a great experience for everyone and a good chance for pre-season conditioning," Cummings added.

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Read and see more of what's going on at Thomas More College at thomasmore.edu/MORE, the online companion to *Moreover*.



The Psych Lab Gets a Facelift

The Psychology Lab on the first floor of the Science Building underwent major renovations ... and students and faculty love the finished product! Featured in the makeover is a beautiful oil painting of the sun by psychology grad Emily Eismann '08.



Who's New at TMC?

Catherine Arnold, Assistant Professor, Sociology

Adam Blom, Security

Ken Hanrahan, Maintenance

Kelly Lane, Career Coordinator

Calvin Robinson, Student Activities Coordinator

UPCOMING EXHIBITS

Eva G. Farris Art Gallery

Bonita Williams Goldberg Paintings

Jan. 13 – Feb. 2, 2012

Opening Reception, Jan. 13, 5-7 p.m.

Apprenticeship Show

Feb. 18 – Feb. 26, 2012

Opening Reception, Feb. 15, 4-7 p.m.

TMC Juried Student Show

Mar. 19 – Apr. 4, 2012

Opening Reception, Mar. 23, 4-7 p.m.

Giving Back

Sr. Mary Laurence Budde, S.N.D. Outdoor Classroom and Nature Trail Celebrated



On Oct. 6, Thomas More College faculty, staff, alumni and friends celebrated the dedication of the Sr. Mary Laurence Budde, S.N.D. Outdoor Classroom and Nature Trail at the Biology Field Station along the Ohio River. Sr. Mary Laurence was a stalwart of the Biology Department for over 40 years, beginning in 1958 and ending in 2000 when she officially retired from the College. She was honored for her years of work and vision in helping establish the Biology Field Station and contributing to the impressive research and outreach facility it is today. Numerous supporters contributed funds to name the outdoor classroom and nature trail and attended the dedication to celebrate with Sr. Mary Laurence.



The Fund for Thomas More College — Planting the Seed for the Future

SUBMITTED BY DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL GIVING BETH MALEY



Have you heard? The Fund for Thomas More College is a fresh look on a long-standing initiative. With a new name and a new brand, The Fund for Thomas More College (formerly the Annual Fund) represents the significant impact fundraising has on the overall operations of the College. Today's students depend on annual gifts

from alumni and friends to foster their growth through scholarships, campus ministry, academic support services, classroom technology upgrades, athletic programs and more.

Supporters of The Fund for Thomas More College are helping build a stronger, more vibrant community. This message is being shared with the theme "planting the seed for the future."

Participation by alumni is critical for not only dollars, but also for the alumni giving percentage which is a factor when Thomas More College is nationally and locally ranked. There are many opportunities to participate in The Fund allowing flexibility and convenience from those just out of College all the way through those in their retirement years.

You can make your impact through direct mail by responding with the enclosed business reply envelope in this issue of *Moreover*. You can also log online at thomasmore.edu/thefund and make a secured credit card donation. New this year -- you can make regular automatic deductions from your credit card, checking or savings account by contacting The Office of Institutional Advancement at 859-344-3344. For more information, visit thomasmore.edu/thefund.

Why Christopher Fischer Gives to TMC



"I feel compelled to give back to Thomas More College because of the impact my TMC experience had on my life. My decision to

invest in my future with the Thomas More Accelerated Degree Program (TAP) was a choice that I have never regretted. The small classes, challenging group projects, experienced faculty and hands-on approach was exactly what I needed at that point in my career and my life. I continue to benefit from the whole experience."

Christopher A. Fischer '95

President / CEO, Systems Insight, Inc.



Thomas R. Dietz



Andrew J. VonLehman

16th Annual Bishop Hughes Awards

2011 Recipients: Thomas R. Dietz '69 and Andrew J. VonLehman '75

Thomas More College, along with presenting sponsor PNC Bank, honored Thomas R. Dietz and Andrew J. VonLehman at the 16th Annual Bishop Hughes Awards Dinner at Drees Pavilion on Thursday, September 29.

Both recipients are graduates of Thomas More College and were honored for their involvement in Catholic higher education. The award was named in honor of Bishop William A. Hughes, former chancellor of the College and retired bishop of the Diocese of Covington.

Thomas R. Dietz is the chairman and chief executive officer of Schiff, Kreidler-Shell, Inc. He is a former member of the Board of Trustees at Thomas More College and currently serves on the Major Gifts and Planned Giving Advisory Committees. Dietz is also involved

with Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, Taft Museum, People Working Cooperatively and many others.

Andrew J. VonLehman is an engagement shareholder and former president of VonLehman & Company. He currently serves on the Thomas More College Major Gifts and Planned Giving Advisory Committees and his firm has generously supported student scholarships. VonLehman has also served on several societies and institutes of certified public accountants as well as the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Finance Committee.

The College also honored the Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery with the Founders Award in celebration of the College's 90th anniversary, founded in 1921.



Giving Back

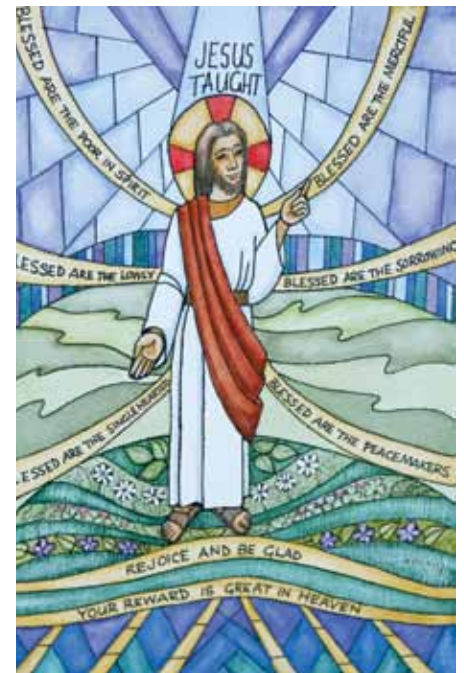
Groundbreaking for \$3.5 Million Chapel Project Held Aug. 2, 2011

College officials, donors and friends celebrated construction of Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel

Students, staff, faculty, friends and donors of Thomas More College gathered in August to break ground on the College's free-standing chapel project. The College met its goal of raising \$3.5 million to build the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel earlier this spring. Anticipated completion of the project is expected in early fall of 2012. The chapel is being designed by Northern Kentucky-based architects Robert Ehmet Hayes & Associates PLLC. Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel will serve as the physical

focal point and spiritual heart of the Thomas More College campus for current and future students, as well as the community.

There are still some remaining naming opportunities for the chapel, and additional donations are welcome to help maintain the building. To inquire about making a contribution, contact TMC Vice President for Institutional Advancement Cathy Silvers at 859-344-3344 or cathy.silvers@thomasmore.edu. More information can be found at thomasmore.edu/chapelfund.



The official "groundbreakers" included: Anthony Depenbrock - Past Board Chair, Sr. Patricia Dorobek, S.N.D. - Director of Campus Ministry, Dr. Jeanne-Marie Tapke - Board Chair, Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P. - President, Bishop Roger Foys - Chancellor, Paul Meier - Mayor of Crestview Hills, Fr. Gerald Twaddell - College Chaplain, Jacob Powers - Student Government President, Joseph Hayes - Architect, Robert Ehmet Hayes & Associates PLLC, Cathy Silvers - Vice President for Institutional Advancement





LEGACY SOCIETY

The Legacy Society of Thomas More College was established to recognize those individuals who provide for the sustainability and future growth of the College through their generous donation of a planned gift.

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Helen R. Ziegler



PRESIDENT'S SOCIETY DINNER

The 11th Annual President's Society Dinner was held October 20 at Summit Hills Country Club. The President's Society includes individuals who have given a gift of \$1,000 or more annually. Guests enjoyed comments from TMC Vice President for Institutional Advancement Cathy Silvers, President Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P., Director of



Planned Giving Timothy Rawe and Chair of the Board of Trustees Dr. Jeanne-Marie Tapke. In addition, the Legacy Society of Thomas More College charter members were recognized.



Designation as a charter member is still available through May 31, 2012. For more information, contact Tim Rawe at 859-344-3320 or timothy.rawe@thomasmore.edu.

Homecoming 2011

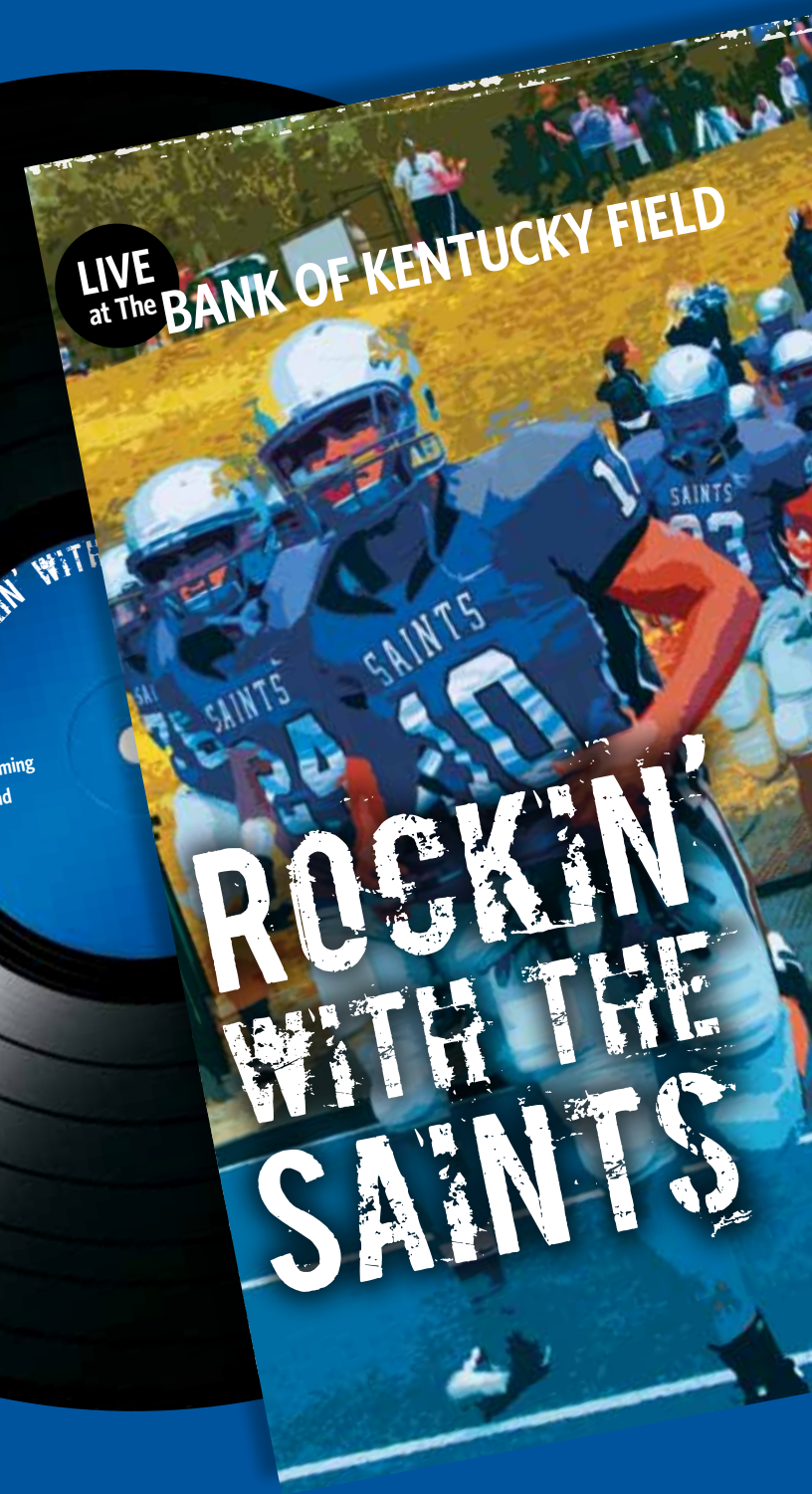


Members of the Saints football team joined hands by the statue of the Blessed Mother to pray before their team breakfast meal on Homecoming.



Homecoming 2011 welcomed approximately 500 alumni, family and friends on October 8. Attendees enjoyed beautiful weather and socializing in the alumni tent with great food and music throughout the day. The alumni baseball game offered a wonderful start to the festivities, with friendly competition and reunions between former TMC players. Enthusiastic fans (some painted from head to toe in blue) cheered the Saints football team to a 37-7 win against Grove City. Alumni had a chance to reconnect and experience the energetic atmosphere on TMC's campus throughout the day.







Homecoming 2011 offered many opportunities for alumni to reconnect. “Rockin’ with the Saints” was the theme, and everyone enjoyed hearing music from the last nine decades to commemorate the 90 years since the founding of the College. Modern day hip-hop was mixed with 50’s style twists and throw-back oldies that reminded alumni from the earlier days of TMC of the popular sounds of their College years.



Photos by Bruce Crippin





Sunday of Homecoming weekend marked the Alumni Association Awards, where the following individuals were honored:

Joyce (Hamel) Asfour '60

James Dressman III '74

George Euskirchen

Brent Messmer '94

Joy Nolan

Johnna Reeder '07

Nancy (West) Romer '91
(awarded posthumously)

Frank Sommerkamp, Jr.



College Sweethearts Share How They Met on Campus

In the last issue of *Moreover*, alumni were asked if they met their sweetheart on campus. Many of them responded. Here are a few stories of how couples met...

Bill and I met at the Freshman Orientation Dance in the fall of 1964. I remember being upset that my first college experience was an order: 'you must attend unless your obituary appears that day.' But of course we all went to the VFW Hall and were crowded in at long tables with other awkward freshmen trying to make conversation. Bill asked me to dance and it was love at first sight. We discovered that we had a French I class together and were inseparable after that. We shared our first kiss at the Halloween Dance and became engaged on the way home. During the next four years we studied together and dated. We were Big Sister and Big Brother to a sister and brother through Catholic Charities. We demonstrated together on the steps of Columbus Hall to keep Cuba out of the UN for MUNA. We attended the Mountain Laurel Festival together and finally, one week after we were in the last graduating class of Villa Madonna College in 1968, we were married and had the first wedding reception ever at the new campus.

All four of our children attended Thomas More College and one of them, Michael, met his wife Dara there. This past June, we revisited the TMC campus on our 43rd anniversary and found that Thomas More College is as romantic as ever!

**William A. Ehrman '68 and
E. Jane (Weidner) Ehrman '68**



My wife and I are true westsiders. She graduated from Mercy and I went to Elder. Yet, we met at Thomas More College (a Northern Kentucky place of all things). One night we both went to a student activity event at a roller rink. I cannot skate and it showed, but I had a friend who could skate and he was going around me in circles. While he was doing this, he said, 'Go and talk to the girls standing over there. Wait, and I will introduce you.' I was happy to comply, as falling down was starting to hurt. Well, I took his advice and started talking to the most beautiful woman I had ever seen. We started a relationship five days later, and married three and half years after that. Later, she became head of the Student Activities Board and I was president of Student Government.

The real funny part is before my freshman year at Thomas More College, I went to meet a former alumni about TMC. He said, 'If you go to Thomas More, you will get a good education and a future wife.' I did not believe him, but it all came true. I asked how he knew this and he said, 'It happened to me. I found my future wife at Thomas More.'

(Chuck Scheper '74 and Julie Geisen Scheper '76 were the alumni that gave Doug the advice.)

Doug Reed '09 and Jen (Hott) Reed '09

My husband and I had a whirlwind romance on Thomas More's campus. We were first introduced in 2006. He was a junior; I was a senior. I was vice president of finance; he had been a delegate. He was a commuter and I lived on campus. The thing we had in common was our TMC pride and my brother, who introduced us. We became really good friends and he was very close to my family as well. People often asked if we were dating and we always laughed them off. We never wanted to jeopardize our friendship. However, we started dating in the spring of 2007, and we were engaged that September and married the following July 2008. I'm happy to say we just celebrated our third anniversary with our two beautiful children, Olivia and Patrick. And we are still very involved in the Thomas More community and always come back for homecoming. Justin recently taught an Intro to Web Design class at TMC as an adjunct. Thanks to TMC, I met my best friend and the love of my life.

**Justin Egan '07 and
Katherine (Stange) Egan '06**



Bob and Marilyn Adick matriculated at Villa Madonna College in 1956 to get an education, but did not anticipate the bonus of finding a spouse “until death do us part.” They met in Sister Agnes Margaret’s literature class as freshmen and soon were “accidentally” stopping into the cafeteria for lunch at the same time. Double-dates with VMC friends, often at VMC basketball games, fostered a growing friendship. They even teamed up to write a scholastic disputation for Father Ramsey’s Apologetics class earning an “A.”

Bob and Marilyn realized they had much in common: their Catholic faith, solid family values, a love of learning and a German heritage. They soon knew it was love, and in the summer before senior year, Bob gave Marilyn his Sigma Alpha Lambda fraternity pin. At the VMC Art department, he made his graduation gift to Marilyn, a silver and ebony cruciform pendant. Agreeing that marriage was in their future, they enrolled in Father McGrath’s Christian Marriage class. Three other couples in that class – Barbara (Butler) and Marty Brown, Rita (O’Connor) and Jerry Hindman and Jackie (Shields) and Dave Kriege (deceased), all 1960 grads – were all married within a short time.

Graduation (Bob as an art major and Marilyn with degrees in secondary education and English) took them to the work world with Bob at Gibson Greeting Card Co. and Marilyn teaching at her alma mater, St. Thomas High School. After Bob was commissioned as an Air Force officer in fall 1961, they were married.

Proving her love and desire to keep Bob around, Marilyn saved Bob’s life with CPR when he had sudden cardiac arrest in 2000. Now with three daughters, six grandchildren and a wealth of rich life experiences together, they are promoters of VMC/TMC as a wonderful marriage bureau. They recommended that current TMC students skip those online dating services and look around campus for potential “soul mates.” Bob and Marilyn say the years have passed like lightning with a few zesty snaps and an abundance of joy along the way. They humbly thank God for their many blessings and for celebrating with friends and family their 50th anniversary date on 11-11-11.

**Bob Adick ’60 and
Marilyn (Kroger) Adick ’60**

So, when is it okay to tell a little “white lie?” When you are a matchmaker, of course! A mutual friend, Judy Crow, brought Teresa Thorburn and Pete Manczyk together at Thomas More College. In 1978-1979, Teresa was in her sophomore year as an education major working in the TMC library. Pete was a freshman in data processing and business administration who needed some fine arts credits. So he joined the Villa Players, took a couple acting classes, and found himself in the spring production of “The Madwoman of Chaillot.” Judy discovered an opportunity! She went to Pete and mentioned, “There’s this friend of mine who was in the audience for one of the shows who saw you on stage as the waiter, thought you were cute, and wants to meet you!” Judy saw Teresa and said, “There’s this friend of mine who plays the waiter in the show who saw you in the audience, thought you were pretty, and wants to meet you!” Neither statement was true! Teresa and Pete had never seen each other nor met. However, their first date was the night after the final show. Teresa and Pete dated through college and married in 1985. They live in Taylor Mill, Ky. and have two sons, Stephen and Mark. Teresa and Pete both work at Great American Insurance and love to tease (but ultimately, thank) their little matchmaker, Judy, whenever the opportunity presents itself!

**Pete Manczyk ’82 and
Teresa (Thorburn) Manczyk ’81**



During mid-September of my freshman year in 1981, I was working in the computer lab for work study when a group of four girls came in. I struck up a conversation with one of the girls – she said she was from Paris – in this nice southern accent. (Growing up in Cincinnati, I had no idea there was a Paris, Ky.) That conversation led to our first date on Friday, September 25, 1981. As it turns out, we were both accounting majors and in four classes together. We continued to date through our entire college experience and had many classes together. We got engaged in December of our senior year and were married after graduation on August 31, 1985 in the chapel at Thomas More College. The reception was in Seiler Commons. We now have three grown children, Christopher, Ashley and Erin. We just celebrated our 26th wedding anniversary. (Glenn cited 10 couples who also married their college sweethearts. To find out who they are, visit thomasmore.edu/MORE.)

**Glenn Bueker ’85 and
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"After visiting Thomas More, I realized that this was the place where I could grow, learn and flourish as a young adult. Without the help of financial aid, I would have never been able to stay on campus, much less attend TMC."—**Maura Gettler, Junior, International Studies**



An inspirational letter from Emma Teller, who graduated in 2011 magna cum laude, a St. Thomas More Scholar and art major

Dear Thomas More College Community,

Thomas More is a place of academic excellence, and for that alone I would be inspired to write to you, thanking you for the stimulating, joy-filled experiences I have had in each classroom I had the honor of sitting in. Thomas More is a place of great attention to detail, to the personal touches that make it stand out from among many other small, private schools – personal touches like a professor I had never met nor had a class with taking the time to help me when I was struggling over an assignment. The academics offered at this school are unparalleled, of this I am sure, but the most meaningful legacy of the institution is this: the examples of ethical leadership, Christian charity and the living out of virtues intrinsic to God Himself that it offers its students and all who enter the facility to experience.

I want to thank each and every one of you, for so many things...for the gift of a learning environment that made me love learning itself, for the "little" things, like knowing who I was as a person, having professors who remembered my name and for assisting me on the road to my deepest passion – art! But most of all, I want to thank you for the gift of your kindness. One of my favorite quotes of all comes from Mother Teresa, and goes: "How beautiful a day can be when kindness touches it!"

How much more beauty and joy can kindness beget when it touches a life for many days on end, in this case my own. The Thomas More community has touched me and my life with kindness. It has touched me with love. It has touched me with compassion, forgiveness and dignity, and for this I can never thank you enough.

Though I am no longer that child who spoke so naively in my freshman year, neither am I fully an adult. I am learning still, and hope to continue to learn, progressing in virtue, wisdom and technical ability in art each day of my life. As I continue to unfold into who I am meant to be, I will never forget the impact Thomas More has had on me, how it has enabled me to reach this point, and I hope and pray that someday I can touch even one soul as you have touched me.

Sincerely,
Emma Teller

"How beautiful a day
can be when kindness
touches it!"



Thomas More College Makes Impact with Jamaica Service Learning Program

2011 Recipient of the Exemplary College Service Learning Project

SUBMITTED BY ASHLEY TUCKER '12, PUBLIC RELATIONS INTERN



The Jamaica Service Learning Program was recently awarded the Exemplary College Service Learning Project by the Greater Cincinnati Celebration of Service Committee. The program was honored for its dedication to providing students with the opportunity to witness and participate in community service at an international level and integrating what they have learned in Jamaica with classes offered at Thomas More College.

"I believe in experiential learning," said TMC Professor Tom Gilday. In 2001, he put this belief into action by initiating the Jamaica Service Learning Program at the College. He stressed that through the program students are performing a valuable community service while also learning things that can't really be taught in a classroom.

This past summer, the College embarked on its ninth annual mission trip to northwestern Jamaica where the group visited Westhaven Children's Home, Ambassadors for Christ Church and Cops Seventh Day Evangelist Church, among others. While there, they created new friendships with the children and other members of each community.

Allison Stark, a nursing major and second-year veteran of the trip, described the relationships built as amazing. Stark explained that when she arrived at Westhaven this year, the children still remembered her.



"They instantly ran to me and pulled me with them down the hill. It was like I had never left," she recalled.

Monieka Steele, a TMC student and citizen of Jamaica, described how excited the community was for TMC students to return this year. "Every day someone asked when 'my school' would be here. They love when Thomas More comes," she said.

Based on the responses of the students who participated, the feelings are mutual. They described the trip as inspiring and eye-opening, making them more accepting of others. Gilday commented that he is blessed to be in a position that allows him to get to know students all semester and then, through one mission trip, watch their lives be changed.

During their visit to the Ambassadors for Christ Church, the group helped the local men construct a new bathroom for the community. Many of the children would come along and spend time at the church with the Thomas More College students while their fathers worked. One boy in particular touched the hearts of the TMC group. His name was Ashany, who was 14 and was born with an orthopedic problem that made his foot turn in sideways.

The first time Stark saw him Ashany was sitting with a group of younger kids around a big monster truck tire. Using a knife, he was cutting open almond shells so the others could eat them. Along with keeping the children entertained, he was helpful by doing what he could to assist those constructing the bathroom. Stark said she never would have known about the abnormality if she hadn't seen him walk. "He acted so normal, and never complained about it," she said.

One day, the students bought all the workers lunch. After they had distributed all the sandwiches, there was one left over. They decided to give it to Ashany. He instantly handed it to a younger sibling of his, who took a bite and then passed it on to the other kids. Once all the kids had some, Ashany ate what was left. "It was incredible to witness," Stark said.

Ashany's acceptance of his difference is an example of what Stark believes you learn during the Jamaica Service Learning Program. Being there "shows you what you're taking for granted," she said.

Julie Gieger, international studies and political science major at TMC, said that the most important part of the trip is "taking students from middle-class families of America to a third-world country [because it]



makes them more culturally aware and is a real eye-opener."

The group is already planning for the 2012 trip by fundraising toward the \$1,800 per student it takes to cover traveling costs. For more information about the Jamaica Service Learning Program, visit thomasmore.edu.



90 days of service Makes an Impact

BY STACY SMITH ROGERS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PR

Thomas More College has always instilled a sense of responsibility for helping others in its students. In fact, the mission statement of the College emphasizes challenging “students to examine the ultimate meaning of life, their place in the world and their responsibility to others.” So, when the College came upon the 90th anniversary of its founding, Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, president of Thomas More College, embraced the idea of offering service as a way to celebrate. The College launched its 90 Days of Service initiative August 21 at opening convocation to begin the 2011-12 academic year. In her address to incoming freshmen, President Stallmeyer said, “Since its founding, this College has been recognized for its contribution to the community. What better way to celebrate 90 years than by honoring this wonderful tradition through the 90 Days of Service initiative?”

90 Days of Service has inspired students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends to consider how

service plays a role in their daily lives. Some of us who thought we didn’t have time found an hour or two a week to put aside our normal routines and simply focus on helping other people. The experience for many was described as eye-opening, fulfilling and inspiring. For students here, it offered them windows to opportunities that could define their futures. What’s perhaps most prominent, however, is the shared feeling of making an impact — of somehow playing a role in positively affecting others.

90 Days of Service was born out of a desire to make a difference by giving what, for many, is most valuable — time. Since August 21, “doing for others” has evolved from an idea to a daily mission for the people whose lives were impacted by the three-month initiative. Participants in 90 Days of Service logged more than 6,500 hours. That’s impressive, but not surprising. Like its students, the Thomas More Community strives to excel.

During the 90 days, participants were asked to record their service hours at

I serve weekly at BeConcerned (BeCon) in Covington, where the poor can get free food and buy clothing, toys and household items at very low cost. My daughter and

and how we have been blessed. We made fleece and crocheted scarves for “Scarf-it-Up,” an organization that receives handmade scarves and gives them to inner-city youth, the homeless, as well as the elderly in our area. I mowed a

Stories Behind the Hours Logged In at thomasmore.edu/90days ...

neighbor’s yard while they were on vacation.

I served at a local food pantry. It is an amazing experience to help people in times of some of their greatest needs—especially hunger. The experience grounds those who serve and reminds us to be thankful for what

Several Students from the Education Department went to Campbell Lodge Boys Home on Thursdays for an hour and a half to work on homework and read with 20 residents. I delivered food to



College Ends Initiative by Providing over 90 Families Thanksgiving Dinner and Celebrating More Than 6,500 Hours of Service

thomasmore.edu/90days, which featured service opportunities, profiles of volunteers and a calculation of the service performed.



Two days after the launch, 330 Thomas More College students worked together to make pillows and blankets for a local homeless shelter and photo frames for residents at an assisted living facility. They also assembled donated school supplies for two local schools. In addition, they wrote letters to military servicemen. They also wrote to students in inner city schools, encouraging them to work hard so that they can someday go to college. The project included 270 freshmen who

were introduced to TMC's commitment to service before classes even began on August 24. Approximately 60 other students participated, serving as team leaders during the freshmen orientation.

Excitement surrounding 90 Days of Service was widespread as students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends joined in the effort. Many of the service hours have been performed at local churches, schools, fire departments, hospitals, jails, soup kitchens and organizations that help those in need. In addition, numerous efforts have been made to send U.S. troops letters and packages.

The College closed 90 Days of Service by collecting gift cards and non-perishable items so that more than 90 area families in need could have Thanksgiving meals. The More than a Meal initiative served as the perfect way to celebrate the spirit of the initiative. More than just a food drive, More than a Meal served as a way the College could share its blessings and make an impact on the community by joining together to simply "do for others."

90 Days of Service Volunteers – Who Were They?

The following are a few volunteers who participated in 90 Days. To read more about the profiled volunteers, visit thomasmore.edu/90days.

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Karlie Smith, sophomore education major in the James Graham Brown Honors

Program, has been involved with service work most of her life, participating in programs such as a year-long service challenge by the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Seminar, Haiti outreach mission trips, the national BETA club and more. "What you take away

individuals through St. Vincent de Paul. I participated in a bake sale for Haiti. The money will help families to reconstruct their homes that were destroyed after the earthquake. I volunteered at the Ronald McDonald house near Children's Hospital, cleaning common family gathering areas and preparing snacks for patient families who are there to be with their child. I signed up to babysit for the duration of a support group for parents of children with autism. It gave me a glimpse into their world while allowing

them time to connect with other parents who share the similar experiences. I volunteered at Cooperative for Education's Fall Fiesta fundraiser. The money raised during this annual event goes towards providing textbooks to poor schools in rural Guatemala. I took my little brother with Big Brothers Big Sisters out for his 17th birthday. I fundraised for and participated in the JDRF Walkathon for a cure for diabetes. I helped prepare the St. Mary parish float in the Alexandria parade. We volunteered

by removing invasive plants on a section of the Licking River Greenway & Trails. I brought Holy Communion to hospital patients. My daughter served as a teacher's assistant for a program geared toward teaching young children about God and Christianity. We donated blood at the Hoxworth mobile van. I am a Big Brothers Big Sisters volunteer and took my little brother to lunch and to the Cincinnati Bengals game.

from service is so much more than what you give,” Karlie said. For Karlie, serving is a way of sharing her faith and the love of Christ with others. As a contributor to Thomas More College’s 90 Days of Service, she believes the program was uniting for the school at large. “It encouraged students to be conscious of serving others and was an excellent display of the great things going on at Thomas More College,” she said.



George Henry, a 12-year employee in TMC’s Facilities Department performs jail ministry at the Campbell County Detention Center. George and the inmates there share stories and pray with one another during their meetings. His goal is to bring

hope to them through the power of Christ. “I listen to their stories in a quiet way and lead them in prayer back to God,” he said, acknowledging the challenge of bringing hope to people in an almost impossible situation. He said the rewards are well worth it. “It is a challenge to cherish, defend and share the faith in this situation. I have to come humble. This cannot be about me,” he said. George feels this opportunity is a tremendous blessing. He said, “The more I realize I’m a vessel, the more it works.”

90 days of service

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We have collected several items to send to soldiers. We started it as soon as we knew about the 90 days of service. It feels good to give back to those who give so much!

I participated in various bible studies, meetings, hang outs, etc. with high schools kids. TMC nursing students volunteered to take blood pressures, check height/weight and calculate BMI for the participants.



Danielle Waymeyer graduated from TMC with a BA in biology in 2009 and now attends the University of Kentucky as a pharmacy

student. While at TMC, she was in the James Graham Brown Honors Program and president of the Theta Phi Alpha sorority. Danielle said her educational experiences led her into service. She volunteers with the Generation Rx initiative, a group dedicated to preventing the misuse and abuse of prescription medications. “It is refreshing to combine my passion for pharmacy and field biology by deterring not only drug abuse, but also waste being unnecessarily disposed into our drinking water,” Danielle said. “It is of great importance to me to help out in preserving the environment and keeping people safe.”



Garry Rickels works within the Facilities Department and has been with TMC for six years. Every morning, Garry makes a trip to Busken’s Bakery to pick up an assortment of baked goods. He then takes these to Henry Hosea House, a soup kitchen in Newport. “I have seen so much waste in the food

business, and it bothers me to see people, especially children, go without a meal,” Garry said. Occasionally, he receives large bagel donations from Panera Bread which he uses to make a delicious bread pudding. Garry does not believe his actions are extraordinary in any way, but rather he is simply doing what Jesus has called him to do. “I feel that I am just a small part in the many people that volunteer to cook, serve, clean and donate their time and money. It hurts to pull up to unload food and see people standing in line no matter what the weather. I have been there when it’s pouring down rain and have seen people waiting for what is possibly the only meal they will eat that day.” He added, “God is great, and He provided me with the contacts and the right people to see to get these donations!”

(As a side note, Garry is in search of a large, commercial mixer to help create the bread pudding he makes from the bagels. Please contact the Facilities Department at 859-344-3321 if you can help.)



TMC’s computer center staff and students, including: Bill Swisher; Jon Mueller; Hunter

Bridewell; Holly Ferguson; Shelly Kelley; Mike Buemi; Lauren Volker; Kyle Muhlenkamp; Tyler Mairose; Ian Ward; and Craig Everman contributed a combined total of 90 service hours for a project at Sts. Peter & Paul School in California, Ky. In addition to site visits to determine what the needs of the school were, the group repaired 40 PCs and installed three new printers and a new wireless access point, among other things. Director of Information Technology Bill Swisher asked IT Help Desk Supervisor Shelly Kelley to spearhead the group effort. “Our goal here in the Computer Center is to assist faculty, staff and students every day. It was great to be able to share our time and talents with others who really needed the help,” she said. “Knowing that the students would be able to use their equipment again was a sure sense of accomplishment. The kids, teachers and principal were all very appreciative. It makes you feel good knowing that you were a part of something special,” she added.

The next issue of *Moreover* will feature feedback from volunteers about their service and how it plays a role in their lives.

I trained volunteers at St. Elizabeth Hospice. I helped with the “Buddy Walk,” benefiting children with Down’s Syndrome. We launched a book drive to collect books for the infants and toddlers at Gardens at Greenup daycare center. In addition to providing dozens of gently used board books, we also spent time with the children, reading to them to inspire a love of learning.

See Saints Sidelines to learn how student athletes contributed to 90 Days of Service.

Katie Eckell '02 Shares Her Experience with 90 Days of Service



Katie Eckell (left) stands with TMC students Jennie Kessler and Haleigh Clements. Little Joe shares a big smile.

a teacher recently led her to re-connect with the College, and while she was unaware of the 90 Days of Service, she found herself (again, almost by default) right in the middle of one of the most touching examples of volunteerism associated with the initiative.

A little boy named Joe was placed in her class at the beginning of the school year. Joe was from Mexico and could not speak English. His warm smile offered Katie an invitation to engage with him, but the language barrier was challenging considering the second language specialists in her school district were already stretched thin. She contacted several high schools and colleges in the area for any help they could offer, including Monica Ginney, alumni relations director at TMC. Monica connected her with Foreign Languages Chair Dr. Cari Garriga, who informed her students of the situation.



TMC Spanish students Haleigh Clements, Lydia Duvall, Jennie Kessler and Courtney Smalley each responded to the opportunity to help Joe and Katie in the classroom on an on-going basis. The result, Katie said, has been impressive. "The girls have gone above and beyond what I expected and Joe's progress has been amazing. He lights up every time one of them comes. I can't thank Dr. Garriga enough for connecting us with the students. Having the language barrier removed for Joe, for even just a small portion of his day, has been wonderful and has made a big difference in his progress," she said.

The students have coordinated their schedules with Katie to make sure one of them is in the classroom with him for an hour every day. Each of them has volunteered her time since August to tutor Joe, and each are focusing on different skills and subjects in addition to teaching him English. "He's doing very well in math, and that's largely because he's learning more English," Katie explained.

Jennie, who is majoring in Spanish, said that because of her experience with Joe and Katie, she has decided to pursue becoming an English as a second language specialist. She recently coordinated a Day of the Dead celebration in the classroom at Ft. Wright Elementary to help Joe share a little bit of his culture with the class. Jennie translated a few questions to Joe about what he enjoyed most about school. Much like his American classmates, Joe's response was, "Almuerzo (lunch)."

Katie commented on each of the students and how their work ethic reminded her of what it was like to be a student at TMC. "I always knew that my professors had very high expectations and that I had to work hard to live up to them. I've tried to instill that in my students as well. That's something that's hard to teach unless it's been modeled for you."

Katie's role as teacher also extends to leading yoga classes for adults. She and her husband, Mark, live in Independence, Ky.

Katie (Hellman) Eckell is a 2002 elementary education graduate of Thomas More College who found her calling as a teacher almost by default. While it took her a while to discover which major was right for her, it's obvious that she found the perfect fit. She has taught for 10 years and is currently a second grade teacher at Ft. Wright Elementary. Katie recalled her time at TMC with affection, "I really enjoyed the close-knit feeling and community feel at Thomas More. As a student, I didn't feel like just a number in a big crowd. The professors really cared about our success." She referenced Dr. Barbara Zahler, Sr. Evelyn Reinke, Fr. Ronald Ketteler and Dr. John Ferner among the professors who made an impact on her life and career. Her role as

Numerous organizations benefited from 90 Days of Service, including:

- BeConcerned
- Bethany House Services
- Big Brothers & Big Sisters
- Border Studies Program
- Brighton Center
- Campbell County Detention Center
- Campbell Lodge Boys Home
- Catholic Charities
- Chatham Nursing Home
- Children Inc.
- Cincinnati Museum Center
- Congregation of Divine Providence
- Cooperative Center for Study Abroad
- Cooperative for Education
- Covington Rotary Club
- Diocesan Catholic Children's Home
- Facing Our Risk of Cancer Empowered (FORCE)
- Fairview Christian Church
- Ft. Wright Elementary
- Habitat for Humanity
- Hebron Lutheran Church
- Henry Hosea House
- Holmes High School
- Hospice of the Bluegrass
- Housing Opportunities for Northern Kentucky (HONK)
- Hoxworth Blood Center
- Jamaica Service Learning Program
- John G. Carlisle Elementary School
- Kenton County Public Library
- Kentucky National Guard
- Marvin Lewis Community Fund
- Newport Aquarium
- North Pointe Elementary School
- Northern Kentucky Education Council
- Northern Kentucky Foster Care Review Board
- Race for the Cure 5K Walk/Run
- RunMORE
- Ryle High School
- Sacred Heart Church
- Special Olympics
- St. Charles Care Center
- St. Elizabeth Healthcare
- St. Henry Schools
- St. Mary Parish
- St. Vincent de Paul
- St. Xavier Church
- Sts. Peter and Paul Elementary School
- UNICEF
- Villa Madonna Academy
- Wallace Woods Neighborhood Association
- Women's Crisis Center

More Than 90 Days

Near the end of the three-month initiative, a new employee benefit was approved that allows up to one work day annually for staff to volunteer in the community. Employees can now carry forward the spirit of the 90 Days of Service effort throughout their career with the College.

The College also created a President's Service Corps Committee to continue the tracking of service hours and connecting worthy causes with the TMC community. Continued emphasis on service and service learning projects will ensure that the enthusiasm ignited by the 90 Days of Service will live on.

Through 90 Days of Service, the responsibility to serve others has evolved into a celebration, not only of the 90 years since the College's founding, but the spirit that makes Thomas More College such a special place.

For more information, visit thomasmore.edu/90days.

Faculty Notes

For more information and interesting faculty achievements, visit thomasmore.edu/MORE.



The Eva G. Farris Art Gallery at TMC recently hosted an art show of current art faculty's work, including Rebecca Aman, Rebecca Bilbo, Kirk Mayhew, Elizabeth Neal and Alison Shephard.

ACCOLADES, PRESENTATIONS & PUBLISHED WORKS

Dr. James N. Camp, associate professor, sociology, and **Ellie Megerle**, assistant professor and chair, sociology, participated in the Jamaica Service Learning Program in July, with **Thomas J. Gilday**, associate professor, accountancy, and several students. Students and faculty spent time at Westhaven (a home for physically and mentally challenged individuals) and AFC (an elementary school).

Dr. Erwin F. Erhardt, III, professor, history and economics, presented a paper titled "A Tale of Two Sisters: From France to England to Singapore and Back" at the Fourth International War-Child Conference: 'Lost Childhoods of War' at the University of Reading, U.K., September 7-9, 2011. In October, Dr. Erhardt presented "Bridging the Great Divide: Queen Elizabeth II's historic visit to the Republic of Ireland"

at the European Studies Conference and "Peru Turns Left: Election 2011, President Humala, and the Future of the Nation's Economy" at the Global Studies Conference, both held concurrently at the University of Nebraska—Omaha. Dr. Erhardt traveled to the Mid-West Popular Culture Conference/American Culture Conference held in Milwaukee in October and presented "Scenes from the Front: *Warwork News* inspires the workers of Britain to 'press on' for final victory during World War II."

Dr. Daniel T. Esterline, associate professor, chemistry, had a research article published in the spring 2011 edition of the *Journal of Undergraduate Chemical Research* (published by the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington, Va.). Dr. Esterline worked with TMC biology major Anthony Lam who is continuing his research with Dr. Esterline for a third consecutive year. The article is entitled "Investigations into the Aerobic Synthesis of Triazoles Via Copper Catalyst."

Dr. John W. Ferner, professor, biology, attended three meetings in Tucson, Ariz., this past summer: Biology of the Rattlesnakes, Current Research on the Herpetofauna (amphibians and reptiles) of the Sonoran Desert, and the Partners for Amphibian and Reptile Conservation (PARC). Professor Ferner is a member of the working group for the "Year of the Lizard (2012)" in PARC. (A highlight of these experiences for Dr. Ferner was finding himself monitoring rattlesnakes in a canyon that was in the midst of a massive Border Patrol operation which resulted in the capture of drug traffickers.)

Fr. Ronald M. Ketteler, associate professor and chair, theology, is currently serving on two planning committees of the Catholic Conference of Kentucky: the CCK Health Care Assembly and the annual Catholics @ the Capitol Event.

Dr. Christopher N. Lorentz, professor, biology, was recently named Big Brother of the Year by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Cincinnati. Dr. Lorentz has served as a volunteer mentor and a "Big Brother" to a total of four "Little Brothers." He's been a Big Brother to Brian for 10 years now and they can often be found boating, fishing and attending events at TMC.

Dr. Jodie N. Mader, assistant professor, history, traveled to London, England this summer for research. In London, she met again with one of the most noted historians on the South African War, Professor Denis Judd, whom she plans to collaborate with in future works. She is also developing papers based on some of her research conducted this summer for a conference in November and beyond.

Dr. James E. McNutt, professor, history, international studies and political science, wrote an article, "A Very Damning Truth: Walter Grundmann, Adolf Schlatter, and Susannah Heschel's The Aryan Jesus" that has been accepted for publication in the *Harvard Theological Review*. His paper, "The Bitter Legacy and Unlearned Lesson of Adolf Schlatter," delivered at the International Lessons and Legacies conference last year, has been selected for inclusion in a forthcoming collection to be published by Northwestern University Press. This past summer Dr. McNutt was selected to participate in an international seminar dealing with the antisemitic charge of deicide held at the United States Memorial Holocaust Museum in Washington, D.C.

Sr. M. Evelyn Reinke, S.N.D., associate professor, education, has been reappointed to the Leadership Team of the Covington Province of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Her first term was from 2005-2011; the current term expires in 2014.

Dr. John D. Rudnick, Jr., assistant professor, business administration, was elected chair, Board Development Committee and appointed to the Executive Committee for the Board of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Covington.

Dr. Catherine Sherron, associate professor, philosophy, held an Ethics for Emergency Medical Services workshop presented with Michael Sherron at Indiana Emergency Responders Conference in Indianapolis in August.

Dr. John T. Spence, assistant professor, history, international studies and political science, chaired the Housing Authority of Covington's (HAC) Jacob Price Redevelopment Design Committee. The finalized design, which underwent an extensive public review, was adopted by the Housing Authority of Covington in August. The HAC received \$17 million to redevelop the Jacob Price housing development as one of six HOPE VI awards made nationally by the Department of Housing & Urban Development in 2010. The new development will include market-rate housing, homeownership and federally subsidized housing. Dr. Spence is the vice-chairman of the HAC Board of Commissioners.

Dr. Sherry Cook Stanforth, professor, English, submitted two works that have been accepted for publication. The first, a poem titled "Great Grandma's Crow Lament" will be published by MotesBooks. "Papaw Pim," a short story, has been published in *Pine Mountain Sand and Gravel—America Anthology Edition*.

Faculty Profile

15 MINUTES WITH DR. JIM MCNUTT

Q: How long have you worked at TMC?

A: I started teaching History 101 and 102 as an adjunct in 1995. I was a mid-semester replacement for the late Nancy Bruns, who was unable to continue for health reasons. I was uncomfortable about gaining my teaching opportunity at her misfortune, so I stopped by her office one day to talk it over. I recall her smiling and sharing some very kind and grace-filled words. She was a wonderful person and I am honored to follow in her steps. I became full-time in 1999.

Q: Where did you obtain your degree/degrees?

A: I received a Bachelor of Arts in Religion and Philosophy from Roberts Wesleyan College in Rochester, N.Y.; a Master of Arts in Theology from Colgate Rochester Divinity School in Rochester; a Master of Divinity from United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio; and my Ph.D. in Early Modern European History from The Ohio State University.

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

A: On a professional level, it would be that history is interwoven into our human condition. We all have pasts; as individuals, groups, societies and nations, and coming to terms with those pasts is imperative for a well-rounded life. On a personal level, I want students to realize the opportunity they have been given for an education at Thomas More and answer some simple questions: Why not excel? Why not dream big and pursue their goals with passion? Most importantly, I would like students to view their education not merely as requirements for a “job,” but building blocks for a life that seeks to always learn more and contribute to a better human community.

Q: Are there any special awards or accolades that you want to mention?

A: Receiving two teaching awards from Thomas More students was both rewarding and humbling. It is nice to be recognized, but I know I am surpassed by several of my colleagues. Though not an “award,” I have found it gratifying to have my academic research recognized on an international level. It is rewarding that scholars far superior to me have found my work helpful in the continued battle against antisemitism and other forms of prejudice.

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

A: I am not sure they would be surprised, but I was born in Canada, and only became an American citizen when I was in college. I was raised with a strong Canadian identity and spent a great deal of time with my grandparents in Ontario. My first sports experience was my uncle taking me to hockey games, and that sport has never left my blood. My father was “old school” in that he instilled in me the fact that the United States did not have to admit us; thus to be thankful for what I had received and be welcoming to others who seek the same.

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

A: Travel to Europe with my wife, with visits to Wittenberg and Rome. I also want to attend a home series between

the Buffalo Sabres and Toronto Maple Leafs. That would be hockey heaven!

Q: Where was your last vacation — and why did you choose that destination?

A: Chicago. We spent our time there because it is home to my wife’s very loving Italian family. Got lots of hugs and we laughed till we hurt.

Q: Who has been (or is) your role model? And why?

A: I have had several. A theology professor named Charles Nielsen taught me that the classroom need not be boring and should never lack of laughter. He also taught me not to take myself as seriously as my subject. A Jewish professor named Eric Friedland opened my eyes to the profound character of Judaism and planted the seeds for my research on Christian antisemitism in Germany in the years prior to the Holocaust. Finally, my children, Michael and Katie, reinforced in me that hard work and perseverance in the face of naysayers and roadblocks brings fulfillment of dreams; each in their own way embodied the spirit of Psalm 144:1.

Q: What has teaching at TMC taught you?

A: God-created individuals trump human ideologies. Getting schooled in real life through the Jamaican Learning Service Program — a few days in Westhaven with the children left me with the realization that they are God’s true teachers.

Q: Has there been a particular challenge in your life that you’ve learned from that you would like to share with others?

A: In 1983 I had a poor college record and absolutely no academic connections. All I had was a dream to be a professor. I was told by some to set more realistic goals. Colgate Rochester Divinity School gave me a one semester probationary opportunity. I seized upon it and never looked back. Twelve years later, after two masters degrees, I earned my Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. I learned that if you dream big, trust in a power beyond yourself, and never quit or surrender, dreams become real life.



Jim McNutt, Ph.D.

Professor of History



TMC Alumni Calendar of Events

Join the Crowds!

Alumni events are a great way to reconnect, network and socialize, so mark your calendars to join us at these events this year!

Feb.

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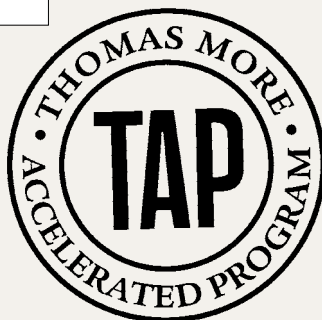
Athletic Hall of Fame Awards
5:00-8:00 p.m.,
Steigerwald Hall



March

15

TAP MBA Reunion & Networking
6:30-8:30 p.m.,
Steigerwald Hall



March

22

Regional Alumni Gathering
6:00-8:00 p.m.,
Washington D.C.



April

27

4th Annual Alumni Wine Tasting
6:00-8:00 p.m.,
Steigerwald Hall



Alumni Gatherings

**Stay Connected
with TMC –
Update Your
Records!**



Keeneland Trip:

Ninety alumni boarded two buses and enjoyed a beautiful day at Keeneland Race Track in Lexington, Ky., on October 29.

2012 Nursing Graduates' Day Set for March 1

Nursing alumni are invited to come speak to new graduates about their experiences as students and professionals. If you would like to speak at the event—or simply attend, contact Melissa Elliott at melissa.elliott@thomasmore.edu or 859-344-3508.



Has your contact information changed? Did you get married? Do you have a new job? Have you moved? To ensure you keep receiving important information from TMC, please update your contact records with the College by going online at thomasmore.edu/alumni and complete the alumni update form. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 859-344-3346 or email alumni@thomasmore.edu.



Accounting Alumni Guest Speakers:

On September 9, 2011, several accounting alumni spoke to current accounting majors regarding various careers in the field. Alumni included Casey Flick '02 (VonLehman & Co.), Alex Weidner '10 (Rudler and Associates), Sarah Kubala '05 (Ossege, Combs, and Mann, Ltd.) and Cassie Steuber '05 (Chiquita Brands International).

ADG Picnic:

Fraternity alumni of the Rho chapter of Alpha Delta Gamma gathered for their annual summer picnic on August 27, 2011 at President's Park in Edgewood, Ky.



MBA-08 Reunion:

Several TAP MBA-08 alumni recently gathered to catch up with one another, a quarterly tradition of theirs since graduating in 1999.

Accounting Alumni Tailgate Party:

The 3rd annual Accounting Alumni Tailgate Party took place on September 10, 2011 and was sponsored by VonLehman & Co. and Rudler and Associates, courtesy of alumni employees.



DAL Roundtable:

Students met with members of TMC's Distinguished Alumnae League in a roundtable setting on November 3. The Annual Leadership Roundtables offers leadership guidance for students as they learn how to use current volunteer work and student activities to showcase their own leadership skills on resumes and in interview processes.

Class Notes



Show Your Saints Pride!

Are you driven to show your support for TMC? If so, you can purchase the Thomas More College license plate through your local County Clerk's Office (in Kentucky). The license plate costs \$44 upon issue – \$10 of which will be donated to TMC scholarships. For more information contact your local county clerk.



An updated alumni heritage display in TMC's library offered a step back in time for many alumni who stopped by to admire it during Homecoming.

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 email message with your class note to alumni@thomasmore.edu.

1950s



John Murphy '52 received an award in May 2011 from the Cincinnati Basketball Hall of Fame for special services rendered.



Nancy Black Kuchle '56 recently vacationed with her family on Maui. On August 4, 2011, they enjoyed a snorkeling cruise.



Brother Donald Smith '56 was featured in an art gallery showing in Dayton, Ohio on November 13. Several of his 1956 classmates attended his "Leaves in Clay and Pencil" show including Dottie (Tillman) Kennedy, Patricia (Gallagher) O'Hara, Nancy (Black) Kuchle and Joanne (Saulino) Niehaus.

Karl Lietzenmayer '59, editor of *Northern Kentucky Heritage*, is currently working toward a Master's Degree in Public History at Northern Kentucky University and is eligible for a "Donovan Scholar" tuition grant.

1960s

Wm. T. Robinson III '67 was inducted into the Irish Legal 100 of 2011 in October. The Irish Legal 100 is comprised of the most accomplished and distinguished lawyers of Irish descent from all across America. Robinson holds dual citizenship with Ireland.

Alumni Art Exhibit:

Homecoming-goers took time out on Oct. 8 to venture indoors and admire artwork painted by fellow alumni who graduated in the 70's. "Seventies: Then & Now" was showcased in the Eva G. Farris Art Gallery and organized by Jennifer (Bucalo) Baldwin '76 and Michael Burkart '75. Other participating alumni included: Paul Popovich '73; Barb Airhart '76; Rick Gronefeld '77; Heidi (Rotsching) Toelke '75, Greg Sack '74; Bernie Schmidt '70 and Roger Schwartz '73.

The exhibit included artwork they made when they attended TMC and work they are producing now, in addition to work by the late Dr. Darrell Brothers, who taught during the 70's.



Edward Schneider '68 was inducted into the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame on November 12, 2011. He is the youngest graduate of the U.S. Navy Test Pilot School at age 24 and proceeded to enjoy a career of testing aircraft and making aviation history.

1970s

Vickie Cimprich '72 is a writer currently focusing on Shakers of African descent. *Her Pretty Mother's Home - A Shakeress Daybook* (Broadstone Books, 2007) was reviewed in the spring 2010 Seminary Ridge Review.



Mary McClanahan Ryan '72 recently retired after various long-term careers with Beloit Corporation and

United Way, among others. Mary and several siblings including **Sharon McClanahan Meade '73** grew up in Maysville, Ky., where their mother still resides. Mary and her husband, Tom, reside in the Berkshires of western Massachusetts.

Dale S. Recinella '74 received the Law and Spirituality Award at the Red Mass of the Bishop of St. Augustine, Fla., in October 2011. He is currently in his 20th year as a volunteer prison chaplain.

Charles R. "Chuck" Scheper '74 was recently appointed mayor of the City of Covington, Ky.

1990s

Amy Hopper Sullivan '96 is the new library coordinator at West Kentucky Community and Technical College in Paducah.

2000s



Kevin Schuler '01 and his wife Christy welcomed their daughter, Caroline Marie Schuler, on January 18, 2011.

Kasey Dorman Ashcraft '05 was promoted to talent director, finance & accounting division at Kforce Professional Staffing.



Sarah Pompilio Atkins '03 and **Matthew Atkins '05** welcomed their second child, Caleb Joseph Atkins, on February 15, 2011. He joins his big sister, Isabelle. Sarah has also been promoted to human resources manager at IKON Office Solutions, while Matthew has been promoted to assistant principal at Newport Middle School.



Blake Burcham '05 and his wife, Julie, welcomed their first son, Brody Andrew Burcham, on July 17, 2011.

Betsy (Schroth) Medaugh '06 and her husband, Jeremy, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Hayden Richard Medaugh, in October 2010.



Jonathan Mueller '08 and his wife, Michelle, welcomed their first child, Matthew Donald Mueller, on April 28, 2011.

Patricia Turner Martin '09 married Bryon Martin on August 6, 2011.



In Memoriam

"May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

Sr. Mary Wilfrid Orth, S.N.D. '49, April 1, 2011

Wallace F. "Fred" Humphreys '49, July 19, 2011

Thomas Zimmer '53, September 17, 2011

Bernard J. Moorman '60, June 19, 2011

Carole S. Linnemann '79, October 26, 2011

Theresa E. Stulz Smith '90, June 7, 2011

Timothy J. Fleek '93, August 19, 2011



With impressive seasons and national rankings making headlines, the Thomas More College Saints have made quite an impact this fall. Local radio, TV and newspapers have taken notice with many feature stories of our winning programs, and within the TMC community, the success of the teams continues to create excitement.

Saints Continue Making

SUBMITTED BY CORY BLACKSON, TMC SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

Fall Sports Highlights:

CROSS COUNTRY

The Thomas More College men's and women's cross country teams made good strides in 2011 under first-year head coach Derrick Jackson. Three runners competed in the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional meet hosted by DeSales University.

FOOTBALL

The NCAA released its 2011 Division III Football Record Book in August with Thomas More College noted as the second all-time winningest team by win percentage. The Saints opened the season ranked No. 11 by the internet website, D3football.com and *Lindy's* and No. 14 by *The Sporting News*. During the season, the team achieved a No. 6 national ranking by the American Football

Coaches Association (AFCA), the highest in TMC's history for the program, which was held for five straight weeks. The Saints' football team entered the NCAA Division III Championship Playoffs ranked No. 18 after posting a 9-1 regular season record. The Saints won their fourth PAC title, achieving a 7-1 record in the conference and earning their fourth straight and sixth overall appearance in the NCAA Playoffs.



MEN'S SOCCER

The Thomas More men's soccer team enjoyed one of the most successful seasons in program history as it went 16-2-1 overall and posted a perfect 8-0 record in the PAC. The team posted a school record 10-match winning streak and earned its highest-ever national ranking when it was ranked No. 18 in the internet website D3soccer.com's final regular season Top-25. The Saints won their second PAC regular season title and third straight PAC tournament title. They earned their fourth straight bid to the NCAA Division III tournament, where they were selected to play Hope College in a back and forth battle that closed out the year with a 2-1 loss.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

The women's soccer team posted a 12-5-1 overall record and a 7-1-1 record in 2011 on its way to its second-ever PAC Tournament title and appearance in the NCAA Division III Tournament. In the NCAA tournament the Saints were chosen to play 12th-ranked Washington University-St. Louis in the first round in St. Louis, Missouri. The Saints battled the Bears and the windy weather conditions before falling, 2-0.

WOMEN'S TENNIS

The women's tennis team finished the regular season 7-7 overall and 5-4 in the PAC. The Saints then finished tied for fifth at the PAC Championship and competed in third place matches in two flights. The Saints had a season-high four game match winning streak when they defeated Waynesburg University, Thiel College, Berea College and Bethany College.



TMC Finishes 78th in Directors' Cup Standings

Thomas More College finished 78th out of 410 eligible Division III schools in the Learfield Sports NCAA Division III Directors' Cup Standings for the 2010-2011 academic year.



an Impact



■ VOLLEYBALL

The Saints' volleyball team had another successful season on the court as it posted an overall record of 19-11 and a 13-5 mark in the PAC. The team finished third in the conference during the regular season and advanced to the semifinals of the PAC tournament for the sixth straight season. Thomas More had a season-high six match winning streak during the season.

Student Athletes Embraced 90 Days of Service

Student athletes embraced 90 Days of Service in a variety of ways, logging in hundreds of hours in support of the three-month service initiative. *(See page 20 for more on the project.)* Athletes helped freshmen move into residence halls, rallied to support FORCE, a cancer awareness and prevention organization, assisted Special Olympics kids with soccer skills, participated in 5K charity races held on campus and more. The Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) partnered with Special Olympics during 90 Days of Service by bowling with its members on Monday nights and assisting with a day-long tournament to conclude their bowling season. Student athletes represented TMC with pride and demonstrated a true team spirit for helping others.



Thomas More Names New Head Coaches in Men's Golf and Cross Country

Derrick Jackson has been named the new head men's and women's cross country coach. Jackson came to Thomas More from Oak Hills High School in Cincinnati where he was the assistant cross country coach for three seasons. He ran cross country and track and field at Wilmington College where he was recognized in All-Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) and All-Great Lakes Region. He also served in the Ohio Army National Guard and was deployed to Iraq twice, bringing home numerous military awards. Jackson and his wife, Jenny, reside in Cincinnati with their two sons, Dominic and Noah.

Marty Kamer was named the new head men's golf coach. Kamer, who has an 8.8 United States Golf Association (USGA) handicap index, earned his undergraduate degree from Bellarmine University and his MBA from the University of Louisville. He worked 27 years for the Kroger Company and is the founder, owner and president of Kamco Marketing Associates, Inc. For the past two years, he has worked in various positions at Lassing Pointe Golf Course in Union, Ky. Kamer and his wife, Sissy, have three grown children, Marty, Mike and Matt.



The Second Annual March with the Lady Saints was held Oct. 8 to help raise money for women's athletic programs at TMC.

TMC Villa Players
Present:

AGNES OF GOD

BY JOHN PIELMEIER

February 17, 18, 24, 25 | 8 P.M.

February 19, 26 | 2 P.M.

Individual Prices:

General Admission: \$10

TMC Faculty/Staff: \$8

TMC Students: \$7

Email tickets@thomasmore.edu or
call (859) 341-5800 to order tickets
for an individual show.

10-Minute Spiritual Break...



This fall, TMC Director of Campus Ministry Sr. Pat Dorobek, S.N.D., suggests taking a 10-minute spiritual break every day. She recommends the following...

Advent reflection:

In 1963 Thomas Merton wrote an essay titled, "Advent: Hope or Delusion?" I find Merton's words from 48 years ago particularly relevant today:

On the question of John the Baptist, "Are you the One we've been expecting, or are we still

waiting?" Merton reflected:

In our time, what is lacking is not so much the courage to ask this question as the courage to expect an answer.... The fact remains that our task is

to seek and find Christ in our world as it is, and not as it might be. The fact that the world is other than it might be does not alter the truth that Christ is present in it and that His plan has been neither frustrated nor changed: indeed, all will be done according to His will. Our Advent is the celebration of this hope.

What is uncertain is not the "coming" of Christ but our own reception of Him, our own response to Him, our own readiness and capacity to "go forth to meet Him."

—Thomas Merton, "Advent:

Hope or Delusion?" *Seasons of Celebration*. (New York: Farrar, Strauss and Giroux, 1950, 1965), 89-91.

The opening prayer for the First Sunday of Advent has these wonderful first words:

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ.

ADVENT PRAYER

— By Henri Nouwen

Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day.

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

—Catholic Family Prayer Book, (Our Sunday Visitor, 2001).

Serve It Up This Fall!

TMC Chef Philippe Audax

For more recipes, including TMC Chef Philippe Audax's Sliced Steak Stroganoff in French Bread and Dill Relish Dressed Salad and Ratatouille with Red Snapper, visit thomasmore.edu/MORE.

Apple Clafouti

Serves 6

INGREDIENTS

Apples:

1/4 vanilla bean, split lengthwise

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

Pinch salt

1 1/2 cups peeled and diced Granny Smith apple (about 1 large apple)

2 tablespoons sugar

1 teaspoon Calvados

Confectioners' sugar, for dusting

1/3 cup creme fraiche

Batter:

1/2 cup unbleached all-purpose flour

1/3 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar

1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon

Pinch salt

3 eggs plus 1 egg yolk

1 cup whole milk

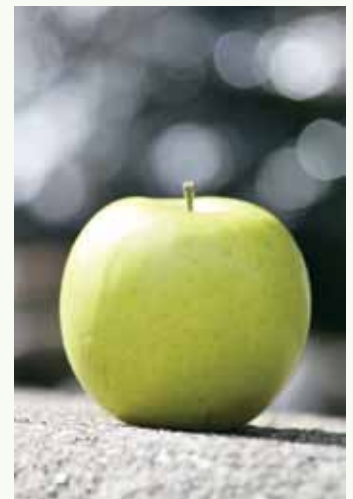
Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F.

Make the batter: Sift the flour, sugar, cinnamon and salt into a bowl. In a separate bowl, whisk the eggs, egg yolk, and milk until well blended. Add about 1/3 of the egg mixture to the flour mixture and whisk until smooth, then gradually incorporate the remaining egg mixture. Whisk until well blended. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate while you prepare the apples.

Cook the apples: With the tip of a knife, scrape the vanilla bean seeds from the pod into an ovenproof 10-inch cast iron or stainless steel skillet. Add the pod and the butter and cook over moderately high heat until the butter turns nut brown. Add a pinch of salt. Add the apples and cook, stirring often, until slightly softened, about 2 minutes. Remove the vanilla bean pod and discard. Sprinkle the apples with the sugar, reduce the heat to moderately low, and cook until the apples are almost cooked through and the sugar has melted and is coating the apples in a light syrup. Add the Calvados off the fire while pouring, place back on the fire, wait for flame to die down, then swirl the pan briefly. Spread the fruit evenly in the skillet.

Working quickly, pour batter evenly over the fruit. Bake until the edges of the clafouti are puffed and browned and the center is set, about 15 minutes.

Put some confectioners' sugar in a sieve and generously dust the surface of the clafouti. Serve warm directly from the pan with a dollop of creme fraiche.



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