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Dear Friends,

The spring semester concluded with the 84th annual commencement ceremony celebrated in May. Commencement is always one of my proudest moments in my role as president. Our students once again demonstrated the value of personal instruction, and the photo spread on pages 10-13 captures the day's excitement. It was my honor, along with Bishop Roger J. Foy, D.D., to congratulate our graduates on their hard work and achievements. Their joy and sense of accomplishment is a privilege to behold.

Our graduates were a diverse group, ranging in age from 20 to mid-60s, receiving degrees in 40 program areas. Their plans vary but no matter what the future holds for them, the diploma of each graduate signified that they were well prepared to embrace those possibilities. I am confident that a very bright future lies ahead for them, and based on their involvement here at TMC, I am equally certain they will share their talents and skills throughout their futures with their respective communities.

The Class of 2012, with its spirit of community service, will join our 13,000 alumni who continue to embrace new possibilities by working together in both business and community causes. The spring tornado that affected our area sparked several TMC alumni to join together for a common cause. While I'm not surprised, I do continue to be impressed with our students' and alumni's passion for taking risks in pursuit of their goals, and for oftentimes setting aside their own interests while thinking of others.

Even as we recall the excitement from commencement, the College prepares for the new academic year and anticipates the arrival of students in mid-August. Summer is a period of rejuvenation until once again the sounds of students reconnecting with each other in the residence halls and classrooms are heard. We anticipate welcoming over 400 new students, traditional age and adult men and women, for the 2012-2013 academic year. Faculty and staff look forward to the time when we greet returning students and welcome new students.

Please enjoy exploring this issue of *Moreover* and learning more about TMC, our staff, faculty and students. May this summer provide you times of recreation and rest.

Sincerely,

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

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



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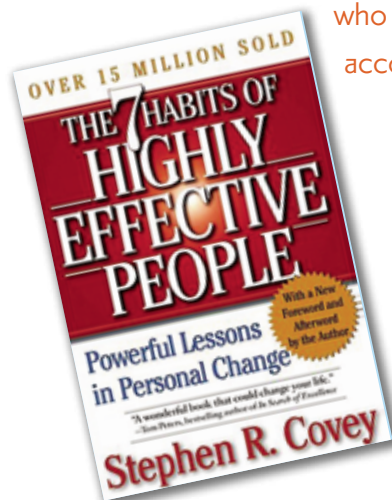
Children inspire many of us, including the students at TMC. Art student Tess Dansberry used that inspiration to create "Play Ball," which was displayed during the 2012 Senior Show in the Eva G. Farris Art Gallery.



# Moreover Readers Share How They Accomplish Their Goals

# GOAL SETTING

Congratulations to Pete Manczyk '82 who won a \$25 gift card to Joseph-Beth Booksellers and a copy of Steven R. Covey's *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* for his entry of how he sets a goal. Thanks to all readers who responded. Here's how Pete accomplishes his goal ....



To see how other alumni accomplish their goals, visit [thomasmore.edu/MORE](http://thomasmore.edu/MORE).

“Before one can have a GOAL, first, he or she must have a DREAM! A goal is a dream with a date on it. Dreams are written in stone, while goals are written in sand. As children, we were allowed to dream BIG! Somewhere along the line, many of us decided to “grow up” and stop dreaming. Very bad! The key is to surround ourselves with like-minded, positive people who encourage us to go after our dreams instead of tearing us down. Find mentors (not necessarily our best friends) who will walk with us, encourage us and correct us when necessary when we stray off the path to our dreams. Building relationships is everything in today's world. A lone wolf sometimes hits its goals, but, after all is said and done, the wolf is still lonely. Finally, to achieve goals, one must perform ACTION! Don't let fear or someone else's opinion stop action from occurring. Believe in what is possible, not what is likely. Success is shy...it will not knock on your front door! Go after it!”



Pete Manczyk '82

## Three easy steps

*I follow three steps when setting a goal:*

1. *I get into a proactive mind-set. It's not going to happen unless I go for it.*
2. *I try my very best.*
3. *When I've done all I can do, I push it out of my mind and focus on the next task.*

Michael Supe '09



## Olympic size effort

Emmy Kaiser '11, who was previously featured in the spring 2012 issue of *Moreover*, achieved her goal of making the U.S. Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Team and will compete for a medal in London this fall against 21 other female wheelchair tennis players. Way to go Emmy!

## Leverage that TMC degree!

*Because of Thomas More College and the Psychology Department in the late '60s early '70s, I began a path of uncertainty and became a confident and successful career graduate in public education ...”*

Read more about how 1972 alumnus Ivan S. Bennett's experience at Thomas More College propelled him to achieve ambitious goals at [thomasmore.edu/MORE](http://thomasmore.edu/MORE).

Also, read how Drs. John G. Richardson '65 and Marilyn (Meyer) Richardson '61 utilized their TMC degrees to accomplish goals.

## Dr. Jeanne-Marie Tapke '91, Leadership Expert, Role Model and TMC Board of Trustees Chairperson Shares Her Thoughts on Goal-Setting and Leadership with Psi Chi International Honor Society

Dr. Jeanne-Marie Tapke, chairperson of the Board of Trustees of Thomas More College, was the keynote speaker for the Psi Chi International Honor Society induction ceremony on April 1 in Steigerwald Hall. She spoke to approximately 70 parents, student inductees and faculty about key



Front Row, left to right: Emily Lanter, Elizabeth Hageman, Kelly Uetrecht, Daniel Merrill, Dr. Jeanne-Marie Tapke, John Geach, Timothy Taylor, Courtney Rosser and Jillisa Jones. Back row: Jessica Elliott, Kathryn Tolbert, Brenon Russell, Moriah Corey, Katie Kitchen, Kristin Smyth and John Notorgiacomo

# How Does Kathy Beechem '73 Establish Priorities?

Kathy Beechem '73, has quite a bit of experience setting goals. As an active community volunteer and retired executive vice president for US Bank, she has made a significant impact on the region, including co-founding the United Way of Greater Cincinnati's Women's Leadership Council and also creating, with her husband, Pete Nadherny, the YWCA's Rising Star Board Leadership program. Kathy was a 2010 honoree for *The Enquirer's* Women of the Year, and most recently was honored by the YWCA of Greater Cincinnati as a Career Woman of Achievement. In addition, she was among the featured speakers (alongside fellow TMC alumna D. Lynn Meyers '77) at TMC's Distinguished Alumnae League's Leadership Forum this spring.

Kathy's life, while full of accomplishments, isn't short on challenges either, the most significant of which was Pete's battle with brain cancer. After his death in 2008, she couldn't find a grief support group, so she started one at Crossroads Community Church in Oakley, Ohio. Subsequently, she wrote a book, *So Far So Good*, which describes her experience caring for a terminally ill loved one. She currently chairs the advisory board of the Brain Tumor Center at the University of Cincinnati Neuroscience Institute and serves as the director of the spiritual growth program at Crossroads Community Church.

Kathy referenced the third chapter of *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* written by Steven

R. Covey as an example of how she sets goals. "I've streamlined the process for my own use. Every Sunday night I plan my week. The key is to only plan what Covey calls 'Quadrant 2' – important, but not urgent things." Kathy emphasized that this is not a "to-do list." She referenced Covey's theory that the things that are urgent and important (which fall into Quadrant 1) you don't have to plan for – you will respond to naturally.

"Quadrant 3 is other people's urgent things – ones that aren't important to you. 'Important' is what flows from YOUR mission and roles. If you live in Quadrant 3, you will spend your life responding to other people's priorities, which can keep you very busy, but not moving forward toward things that are the most valuable to you in terms of your mission/roles," she explained.

Covey's principle that Kathy follows is that as Quadrant 2 gets larger in your life and you begin to invest more of your time in things that are important to you, all the other quadrants will decrease – that is, get less of your time. "This was very freeing for me. I only plan for what is important and not what is urgent. I do that by asking one question for each role each week, 'What is the one thing I can do in this role (parent, wife, etc...) that can have the greatest positive impact this week?' The list can consist of just one or two things in each role. That feels more doable, and you'll end up doing the things that are most important to you," she added.



Beechem

success factors in leadership, how one becomes a leader and the role of self-knowledge in the leadership experience. She emphasized that leaders in any setting need to seek input and build consensus in setting goals and how important this is to morale and motivation in a workplace. She shared some of her own experiences in leadership positions and the importance of maintaining a sense of humor and perspective in an

executive role.

Jeanne-Marie has been a vice president with primary responsibility for human resource management at a national management consulting firm and for a large healthcare organization that included five acute care hospitals, four long term hospitals and more than 8,000 employees. She is currently the founder and principal of Tapke Leadership Solutions, a private consulting

firm that works with businesses and organizations to develop and retain effective leaders, enhance performance and job satisfaction and manage change. In addition to the Board of Trustees at TMC, she has also held major leadership roles on the boards of several non-profit organizations including Catholic Social Services, the Women's Crisis Center and St. Elizabeth Healthcare Foundation.

## TMC Psychology Professor, Dr. Maria McLean, Offers Her Advice on Goal-Setting ...

"In the field of psychology, goal-setting is seen as a major motivational strategy. Having goals helps to energize us and to direct our energies. When we talk about goal-setting in my motivation course, we also give attention to what are called goal-congruent and goal-incongruent emotions and the effects they can have on our attainment of goals. Goal-congruent emotions include optimism, hope and anticipation of success, and those feelings predispose us to action so that we work toward achieving our goals. Goal-incongruent emotions include anxiety and ego-threat and ambivalence, and these feelings predispose us to vacillate about or avoid working to achieve goals.

I distinguish between immediate (short-term) and long-term goals. With immediate goals, I compartmentalize (home vs. office, courses vs. projects, etc.), prioritize in each compartment (what needs to be done NOW; what are the consequences of NOT completing this task) and assess (what resources do I need to achieve this goal). If I am not looking forward to working on some component of a goal, I tackle that first, in the morning, when I am at my best, and if possible after a really enjoyable breakfast. :-)"



McLean



# Campus/Student News

## Relay for Life

### TMC Raises More than \$10,000 for Relay for Life

Thomas More College hosted the American Cancer Society Relay for Life April 13-14, 2012 with teams raising more than \$10,000. This inspiring overnight event celebrated those who have had cancer, remembered loved ones lost and provided an opportunity to rally against the disease.

## STEM Academy Works Toward Goal of Engaging Area High School Students

SUBMITTED BY BIOLOGY FIELD STATION DIRECTOR AND PROFESSOR CHRIS LORENTZ, Ph.D.

Thomas More College recently completed the second annual STEM Academy for high school teachers. This week-long workshop provided teachers with a variety of hands-on lessons in the life and physical sciences, as well as sessions covering core content standards, pedagogy and instructional technology. Twenty teachers from Bellevue, Bishop Brossart, Dayton, Holy Cross, Lloyd Memorial, Ludlow, Newport and Newport Central Catholic participated in the program. The Academy is part of a comprehensive three-year program titled TSI (Thomas More STEM Initiatives), which is funded by the Toyota USA Foundation.



The primary goal of TSI is to improve STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) education at the high school level by: offering high-quality experiences for both teachers and

students, integrating more technology into their classrooms and engaging more high school students with the STEM and education majors in college. A particular emphasis is on the recruitment and retention of more women, minorities and those from lower socioeconomic backgrounds into the STEM disciplines. As part of the program, students from participating schools attend a week-long STEM camp in July.

## Habitat for Humanity

### Students Spend Spring Break Helping Others

TMC students from a variety of disciplines participated in the 2012 Habitat for Humanity spring break trip, during which they worked alongside Assistant Professor of Business Administration Richard Shuey '96, Associate Professor of Biology John Hageman '83 and Assistant Professor of Nursing Carolyn Kallmeyer. Shuey commented on the yearly tradition, "Thomas More College has been involved in the challenge of Habitat for Humanity since 1995. Since that time, approximately 425 students, faculty and staff have participated. The purpose of the trip is to provide service to our fellow man, develop a sense of camaraderie between all majors at TMC and learn from the experience."



Service, camaraderie and learning motivate those participating in Habitat for Humanity's spring-time event.

To learn more about student news, visit [thomasmore.edu/MORE](http://thomasmore.edu/MORE)



## Summer Youth Camps a Smashing Success

This summer, TMC invited area youth to enhance their skills in a variety of disciplines. Summer camp offerings included sports, theatre, literature, science and technology, and general health.

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It's all about the **FUN**damentals for these children, who participated in TMC sports camps.

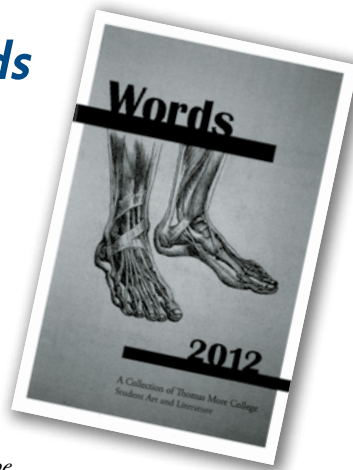
# An Excerpt from *Words*

"Exit Door" by Courtney Smalley Won  
the Kate Bilbo Aspiring Writer Award

*On the day that Emily turned fifteen, she and her parents flew to the U.S. Virgin Islands. In honor of her birthday (and because her father's legs were so long) her mother had purchased them seats in the exit row of the plane. Emily had always been fascinated by exit rows, probably because they held potential for grand heroics, but since safety laws state that you must be at least fifteen years of age to be entrusted with the sort of responsibility that an exit row entails, she had never gotten to sit in one. Today was a big day for her. ...*

*Suddenly Emily had a strange thought: What would happen if she opened the exit door right now? ...*

**For the rest of the story, please go to [thomasmore.edu/MORE](http://thomasmore.edu/MORE).**



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of *Words*, email  
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## Outdoor Student Sculpture Complements Sculpting Spaces

**Madonna's Meadow  
Showcases Student Artwork**

In May, Madonna's Meadow welcomed the installation of outdoor sculptures created by Adjunct Art Instructor Kirk Mayhew's students who designed pieces to complement the first phase of Sculpting Spaces, a project that offers students the opportunity to learn about both art and science within the landscapes of Thomas More College.

*These are a couple of the pieces installed in Madonna's Meadow.*



This photo, from *The Enquirer* archives, was taken of the Suspension Bridge on January 29, 1937. It will be part of the FOTOFOCUS exhibit, *The Good River*, at TMC.

## Fotofocus Coming in October to TMC

**The Good River: What Divides and Connects Us:  
A History of the Ohio River as Seen by  
Enquirer Photojournalists**

Monday, October 1 through Saturday, November 3, local photojournalists from *The Enquirer* will be exhibiting photographs from *The Enquirer's* archives at the Eva G. Farris Art Gallery at Thomas More College. On display will be historical Ohio River events, as well as scenes of life on the river from the last century. The Gallery will host several lectures by exhibiting photojournalists, as well as local storytellers and historians. An array of academic activities and projects is being designed in tandem with the river-based theme. English, art and biology departments will participate. Additional activities and events are in development to celebrate TMC's involvement in this historic inaugural FOTOFOCUS\* event.

Saturday, October 6, 3-4 p.m. Cliff Radcliff, *Enquirer* columnist and resident Ohio River historian, will speak on Cincinnati's love-hate relationship with the Ohio, the river that gave birth to the Queen City. The show's opening reception directly follows from 4-7 p.m.

### Eva G. Farris Art Gallery Hours:

Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.,  
Sat. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.-8 p.m.

The Eva G. Farris Art Gallery is located on the entrance level of the Thomas More College Library. For more information, call 859-344-3300 or email the gallery director at [Elizabeth.Neal@thomasmore.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.Neal@thomasmore.edu). Please visit [thomasmore.edu](http://thomasmore.edu) for up-to-date schedules and events, and visit [FotofocusCincinnati.org](http://FotofocusCincinnati.org) for a full calendar of local photography events.

*\*FOTOFOCUS is a nonprofit arts organization, which champions the ubiquity of photography and its important role in contemporary culture.*



# Giving Back

## Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel Construction Making Progress

Construction of the new Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel is underway in the heart of Thomas More College's campus. Completion is anticipated late this fall. There are still some remaining naming opportunities for the chapel, and additional donations are welcome to help maintain the building. Thanks to all who have made the project possible. A listing of those persons and corporations donating \$1,000 or more can be seen on page 16.

For more information, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 859-344-3344.

**Save the Date** Sept. 13

### President's Society Dinner

The President's Society Dinner will be held Thursday, September 13 at Summit Hills Country Club. The dinner honors those donors who gave a minimum gift of \$1,000 this past fiscal year, June 1, 2011-May 31, 2012, as well as those who have established legacy gifts.



For more information on becoming a President's Society member, contact Cathy Silvers at 859-344-3344 or [cathy.silvers@thomasmore.edu](mailto:cathy.silvers@thomasmore.edu).



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Planting the Seed for the Future



Save the Date Oct. 4

## Bishop Hughes Dinner

The 17th Annual Bishop William A. Hughes Awards Dinner will take place on Thursday, October 4 at the Drees Pavilion. Thomas More College will honor James A. Dressman III '74 and Julie Geisen Scheper '76. Jim and Julie are both heavily involved in volunteerism and fundraising efforts for Catholic institutions. Thomas More College is blessed to be one of the recipients of their efforts, as they support Catholic higher education in the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati region.



James A. Dressman III '74



Julie Geisen Scheper '76

For more information about attending or contributing as a sponsor, contact Cathy Silvers at 859-344-3344 or [cathy.silvers@thomasmore.edu](mailto:cathy.silvers@thomasmore.edu).

## Why I Give to TMC...



Daniel J. Hiltz '71, Ph.D.

I support Thomas More College as a way to thank those whose sacrifices, support and dedication made it possible for me to receive an outstanding Thomas More education over 40 years ago. We all stand on the shoulders of giants who built great institutions of higher learning before we were born. I could never hope to have the impact of the Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg, who founded the College, or Msgr. Murphy who provided outstanding leadership for so many years, but perhaps I can make a small impact on the life of deserving Thomas More students today and tomorrow."

— Dan Hiltz, Ph.D. '71

## 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. Since formalizing a planned giving program in June 2010, 44 individuals/couples have communicated their intent to include Thomas More College in their will or estate plan. Examples of planned gifts include:

**Bequest Through a Will • Life Insurance Beneficiary Designation • Retirement Plan Beneficiary Designation  
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All donors considering a planned gift to the College are encouraged to consult with their legal and tax advisors concerning their specific gift. To explore the opportunity of a planned gift or to notify the College of your intent, contact Tim Rawe at 859-344-3320 or [timothy.rawe@thomasmore.edu](mailto:timothy.rawe@thomasmore.edu).

*Please look for the updated Planned Giving website coming later this fall at [www.thomasmore.edu](http://www.thomasmore.edu).*

## Faces of The Fund

The recently launched "Faces of The Fund" campaign puts a face to the reason why The Fund for Thomas More College is so important. Faces of The Fund offers the students' perspectives of what The Fund does and how it has made a difference in the lives of others, and also gives alumni and friends of Thomas More College an example of how their contributions play an important role in the lives of students currently enrolled at TMC.

Faces of The Fund is an ongoing video project that includes several student perspectives, including that of Mike Burns, a senior majoring in biology. To learn more about Mike and other TMC students, visit [thomasmore.edu/thefund](http://thomasmore.edu/thefund) or with a smartphone scan the code to the left.



Learn more about Mike Burns at [thomasmore.edu/thefund](http://thomasmore.edu/thefund).

# When Adversity Equals Opportunity

## How Bob Linz '75 Rode Out the Recession and Embraced New Possibilities

BY STACY SMITH ROGERS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & PR

*When the going gets tough, the tough get going. For resilient folks like 1975 TMC alumnus Bob Linz (psychology) “going” evolved into a year-long cycling journey across the country. On Memorial Day, 2011, he set out on his bike with the goal of logging 50-60 miles a day until he came full circle one year later, with his goal accomplished and the experience of a lifetime fueling his passion for embracing whatever possibilities come his way.*

Bob's goal was born out of his willingness to see adversity as an opportunity. He is an experienced carpenter/general contractor and Realtor who, like many of his counterparts, was affected by the economic downturn and the toll it took on the housing market. Last year, Bob's resourcefulness led him to pursue generating additional revenue by leasing out rooms in his home to a couple who was in the process of moving to Cincinnati from Dayton. Shortly after moving in, they offered to rent his entire house for a year. Bob reflected on the possibility, took them up on their offer and decided to literally “ride out the recession.”

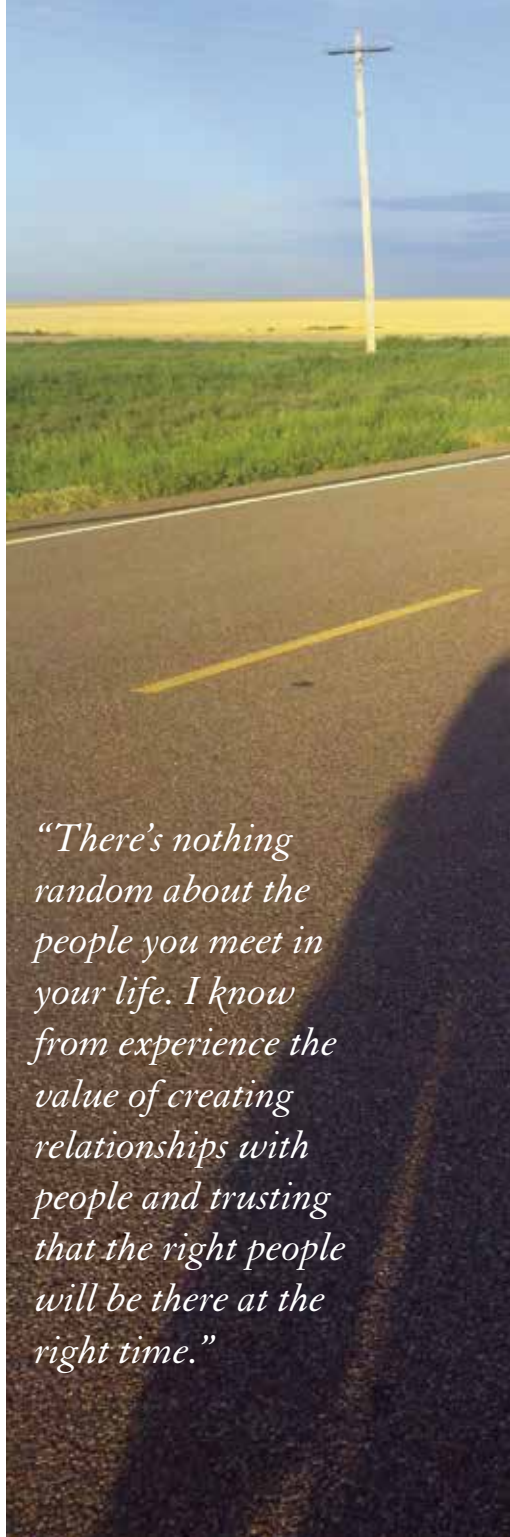
He purchased a bike, began researching the Adventure Cycling Association's cross-country routes and made plans for a year-long cycling trek across the United States. Bob began his journey with two of his daughters, Jess and Marissa, riding by his side for the first 16 miles, bidding him a safe journey on the bridge over the Little Miami River in Milford, Ohio. Midway through his trip, he met up with his other daughter, Christa, who attends the University of Oregon.

Bob's travels introduced him to many strangers-turned-friends. “It's not every day you encounter someone on a bicycle with a year-long mission to ride across the country and back. People were curious about me and my story,” he explained. Bob encountered

plenty of remote areas and interesting people from small towns all over the United States, many of whom welcomed him more like an old friend than a stranger. He was offered a spot to pitch his tent, and was served Gatorade and home grown fruit after a short conversation with a homeowner on his front lawn in Indiana. On the night of winter solstice, he was invited by a family from Alpine, Texas to stay a few days and join them for Christmas dinner at their home.

Bob said he was not surprised that he was welcomed to set up camp in numerous backyards across the United States, and he didn't miss his bed as much as he thought he would. “I really did well sleeping on the ground. You really have a chance to get in tune with Mother Nature, sunrises and sunsets, the stars and the moon.” He credits his upbringing for developing a respect for and a love of nature. “My mother, who died last year at the age of 90, gave me a gift for appreciating nature early on in my childhood. I think I drew from those early experiences during my journey. When cycling, you travel slowly thru the landscape. You see it more intimately, you feel it on your face, you can actually savor the smell and taste of it as you meander down its country roads. It's a multi-sensory experience.”

Fourteen years ago, Bob's marriage fell apart and he began to look at how he needed



*“There's nothing random about the people you meet in your life. I know from experience the value of creating relationships with people and trusting that the right people will be there at the right time.”*

to change. “I found myself turning to some of the things I learned as a student at Thomas More. Gradually, I began asking myself, ‘how can I serve others?’ I came to understand that leading a spiritual life and serving others are what's important.”

Bob's personal growth evolved into a deeper understanding of how valuable simply connecting with other people really is. “There's nothing random about the people you meet in your life. I know from experience the value of creating relationships with people and trusting that the right people will be there at the right time.”





Bob with daughters Jess and Marissa.



Photos courtesy Bob Linz

## How Did Bob Accomplish His Goal?

Bob knew he had approximately 260 cycling days to make his way around the country. He plotted his journey carefully, keeping in mind any potential complications with weather. He cycled approximately 50-60 miles each of those days to accomplish his goal, with plenty of spiritual reflection and help and guidance from people he met along his way.

His cross-country journey allowed Bob to connect with and listen to many people along the way, helping as he could during his trek. "There were times when I would get a flat tire or something would slow me down just long enough to be in the right place at the right time to meet people who I needed to meet. They would often be the ones who offered me a place to stay or pointed me in the right direction. And, sometimes, I would be the one to help them."

Bob installed a fence row for one woman in Wyoming and spent time with a homeless man in California who needed food and a

listening ear. "I tried to look at each person and each opportunity as a gift and realize that I had been given this person at this particular moment for a reason," Bob explained.

Bob ended his journey as he started it. Shortly after Memorial Day of this year, Jess and Marissa met up with him at the bridge over the Little Miami River and rode the final 16 miles home with him. "I intentionally left home on Memorial Day to honor all those who gave their lives, providing me with the freedom to actualize my journey around this country. They epitomized living lives in service to all."



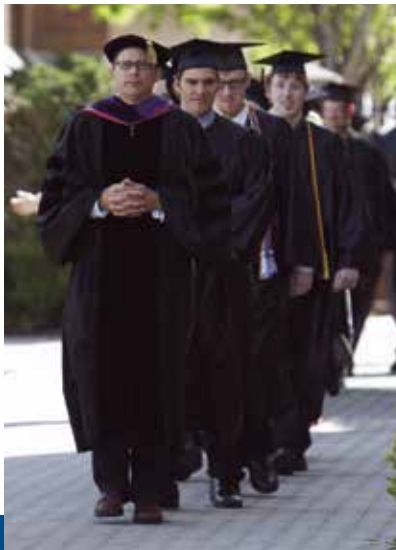
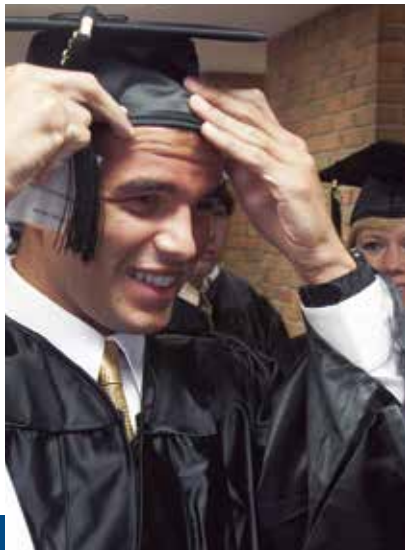
**To learn more about Bob's route, visit [thomasmore.edu/MORE](http://thomasmore.edu/MORE).**

### What's Bob doing now (besides resting his legs)?

In addition to getting settled back into his home, he recently helped his tenants find and purchase a home of their own. His plans are to work three days a week with his remodeling and real estate clients and to devote the other two work days to authoring two books about his experience. *Riding Out the Recession* will serve as a pictorial chronicle of his journey with commentary on events, experiences and the global economy. Fellow TMC classmate and soccer player Steve Oberjohn '75 (biology), is assisting Bob with putting that book together. The other book, *Godspeed: A Shared Perspective*, will address the spiritual nature of his trek around the country.

What began as a crisis in Bob's life evolved into a possibility for him to connect, not only with people from across the country, but also with visitors from all over the world. "It was interesting talking to people about the global economic crisis, healthcare and other issues that affect us all. If it hadn't been for the adversity I faced with the recession, I would have never had the opportunity to do this."

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84<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY † MAY 12, 2012

# GRADUATION 2012

## THOMAS MORE COLLEGE

The accomplishments of 362 graduates were honored by Thomas More College at the 84th Commencement Ceremony held May 12. The Class of 2012 shared the day with family and friends who applauded their hard work and accomplishments.

Prior to the ceremony, a Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington, Ky.

Kit Andrews, news anchor for Local 12 WKRC-TV in Cincinnati, delivered the commencement address. Andrews' 31-year career with Local 12 includes an extensive background in reporting valuable news and feature stories to audiences in Greater Cincinnati. She shared some of her experiences and advice with the graduates in the Connor Convocation Center.

"If you want to love your life, choose what you love to do. Use the tools at your disposal and don't be afraid to turn to people who can offer you a hand," Andrews advised graduates. She described her career and the path that led her to Cincinnati from Seattle and explained how faith has played a role in her

life. She and her husband, Mike, lost a son to a heart defect only five days after his birth. Andrews described the pain she experienced and how her role as a reporter allowed her to witness how other individuals coped with crisis. "Faith can see you through your challenges. I eventually decided that no matter what befalls me, that I have the ability to make the best of a challenging situation," she explained. She further encouraged graduates not to be afraid to embrace new opportunities. "Anyone who is truly productive has failed," she said.

An honorary doctorate degree was awarded to Manager of Community Relations of Toyota Motor Engineering and Manufacturing in North America Helen M. Carroll, who commented on the role that Thomas More College plays in the region and the recent impact that the Biology Field Station is making in the lives of high school students through its S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and math) initiatives.

Other individuals receiving special recognition included

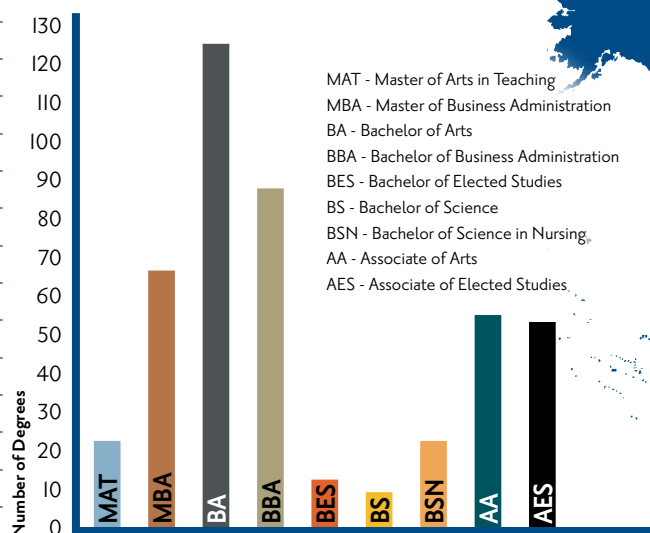
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## WHAT ARE OUR GRADUATES DOING NOW?





# Class of 2012 by the numbers

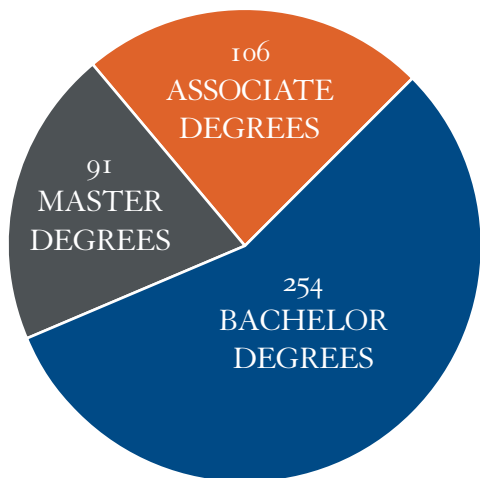


**4 countries and 5 states**  
were represented by graduating students.



## CHAMPIONSHIPS

won by TMC teams/individuals  
with graduating student athletes.



# 89

students  
achieved dual  
undergraduate  
degrees.

## REAL-WORLD EXPERIENCE

# 66

## INTERNSHIPS & CO-OPS

completed by 43 students

## GRADUATE HONORS

24  
Summa  
Cum Laude

31  
Magna  
Cum Laude

62  
Cum Laude



# Commencement Moments

With eyes to the future, the class of 2012 celebrates the moment



Courtney Rosser and  
President Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, CDP



Dr. Ray Hebert



David Lloyd



Helen M. Carroll



Kit Andrews

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Dr. Raymond G. Hebert who was presented the Outstanding Teacher Award and David Lloyd who was presented the Outstanding Part-Time Teacher Award. Graduating senior Courtney Rosser (psychology) was awarded the Presidential Service Award.

Thomas More College President Sr. Margaret A. Stallmeyer, C.D.P. and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College Dr. Bradley A. Bielski oversaw the commencement ceremony. Chancellor of Thomas More College and Bishop of the Diocese of Covington The Most Reverend

*"Use the tools at your disposal and don't be afraid to turn to people who can offer you a hand."*







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Roger J. Foys, D.D. offered the benediction. Chairperson of Thomas More College Board of Trustees Dr. Jeanne-Marie Tapke offered congratulatory remarks. The Villa Madonna College Class of 1962 was also honored in recognition of its 50th anniversary.

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# The TMC Connection - Alumni Working Together for a Common Cause

*Many TMC alumni maintain their connection to fellow alumni for many years after they graduate. In fact, some of them end up going into business together. Others get married, and some (as you will read below) are brought together to help others ...*

BY STACY SMITH ROGERS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & PR

## TMC Alumni Come Together to Aid Tornado Victims

On March 2, 2012, nine separate tornadoes swept through southeastern Indiana, Northern Kentucky and southwestern Ohio with winds raging up to 160 mph. Some of the hardest hit areas in Northern Kentucky were Crittenden and southern Kenton County. For Gary Holland '93 (accounting), the storms hit close to home. Gary owns several Skyline and LaRosa's restaurants in Northern Kentucky, including the Skyline in Dry Ridge, Ky., where an employee lost her entire home to the tornado. One of the drivers for his LaRosa's restaurant in Independence, Ky., was delivering pizzas during the storm and captured a photo of the funnel cloud on his cell phone and sent it to him. Gary immediately began organizing fundraisers to assist with relief efforts for the victims and affected communities.

The Red Cross set up a shelter at Piner Baptist Church in Morning View, Ky., where Gary delivered the money he raised for relief efforts. He met with officials there, who graciously accepted the monetary gift, but to his surprise, the main problem they were facing wasn't money, but how they were going to be able to wash all the donated clothes that kept coming in. Gary jokingly recalled his experience, "Here, I was thinking they would be overwhelmed with

the amount of money we raised to help with the relief efforts, and the next thing they asked me was if I knew anyone who could wash clothes."

Gary remembered that Deb Bolte Collins '94 (accounting), a fellow TMC graduate and friend, was part owner of a local hotel chain and possibly could help. "I called her up and said, 'Deb, I need a favor. I'm from Independence. The area affected is basically my home town, and I need to help these people.'"

Deb, who owns a local accounting firm in Crescent Springs, Ky., was in the height of tax season, but took Gary's request with enthusiasm. She then called Gayle (Schroth) Helmer '74 (elementary education) and Dennis Helmer '73 (accounting) who are co-owners of The Hampton Inn & Suites in Wilder, Ky., along with several other TMC alumni who are partners in Wilder Hospitality, LLC. Gayle serves as manager of the hotel, and immediately agreed to the request. "I knew right away that we were absolutely going to do it. There was no hesitation," Gayle recalled.

When the truck of clothes arrived, employees and volunteers began a "bucket brigade" to get the washing process started.

Quickly, The Hampton's meeting room was transformed into the "sorting clothes room," where staff sorted the cleaned clothes into categories. Although it was her day off, Gayle decided to stop by

the hotel to see how the process was going. "I ended up staying there to help until 2 a.m. the next morning. The trucks kept coming, and the washing, drying and sorting continued for three days straight," she described. Gayle said they contacted the Wilder Fire Department to ask for help in washing and drying the clothes. Eventually, the Campbell County Fire Department pitched in as well. Gayle noted that even a few guests who found out what was going on, came in and volunteered.



Cell phone picture taken by an employee of LaRosa's as a tornado touches down in Kenton County.



The connection of being TMC alumni provided Deb Bolte Collins, Dennis Helmer, Gary Holland, Bob Buten and Gayle Helmer with the opportunity to provide a different kind of aid to tornado victims in Northern Kentucky.



# TMC Alumni Partnership Built on Foundation of Serving Others

In 2010, TMC alumni Andrew J. “A.J.” Schaffer ’96 (history/economics) and Jeff Zalla ’85 (accounting/business administration) were independently looking for opportunities to buy a local company. In addition to their degrees from TMC, they shared a mutual friend in another TMC alumnus, Mark Neltner ’85 (accounting), who was aware of their individual interests and suggested they connect with each other. Mark served as a catalyst for what is now a thriving partnership between the two investors who are successful co-owners of Tufco Flooring LLC in Hebron, Ky.

They purchased the business in 2011 and have worked together to foster its impressive growth within the last year. Both credit their success to hard work, relationship building, recruitment of a talented work force and shared values and convictions that enable employees to be successful. “Jeff has an easy ability to build trusting relationships with loyal clients. He is very disciplined in his thought process and decision-making. Our company is well-served through his steady leadership and strategic insights,” A.J. said.

Both Jeff and A.J. have accomplished significant success prior to becoming partners, and each has served as active volunteers and contributors to the Northern Kentucky community. Jeff highlighted the talents that

A.J. brings to the table and the role those play in a successful partnership, “A.J. is incredibly bright. Together, we have a common, shared vision for our company – to work with integrity, honesty, hard work and a desire to make a difference.”

“In a business relationship of this nature, you have to have an absolute bond of trust. There are risks of division and failure. Whenever we’ve faced a difference of opinion, we’ve been able to objectively debate and reach a compromise,” A.J. explained.

One of the shared convictions each referenced was service to others. Jeff commented on how that has played a role throughout his career and now with Tufco. “Companies do best when they keep in mind what’s best for everyone – their shareholders, their clients, their employees and their community. They will be more successful if they are more aware of serving others.” Jeff’s previous experience as a senior vice president and chief financial officer at Chiquita overseeing social and environmental performance offered him valuable perspectives on corporate social responsibility.

Jeff and A.J. cited an example of how service to others has played a role at Tufco. Earlier this year, the company donated and installed a new floor at the Parish Kitchen in



Jeff Zalla and A.J. Schaffer co-own Tufco Flooring LLC.

Covington, Ky., where free meals are served to those in need. As the project progressed, they found out that two of their employees had benefitted from the Parish Kitchen at one point in their lives, and through their roles at Tufco, they were able to give back to an organization that once helped them.

Both partners noted that the foundation of their success, individually and as partners, was built using the advice they each received from fellow TMC alumni. “There is no end to the TMC markers in my life,” A.J. added.

When Gary, Dennis, Gayle and Deb gathered together to discuss their experience, they invited Bob Buten ’73 (biology), whom they referred to as “Bob the Builder,” to join in the conversation since he was an instrumental part of building the hotel. Dennis noted the long list of TMC partners who chose to go into business together because of their TMC connections. “We went to TMC at a unique time in history. A lot of our business partners have TMC contacts and many of them are graduates,” he said.

Each of them described their time at Thomas More College as instrumental to their success. Prior to becoming an entrepreneur, Gary worked for DBL Law, where fellow TMC alumni have built a successful business. “The connections I made at Thomas More have made all the difference in my career. I feel grateful for my experience at Thomas More and the connections I’ve made. I’ve talked to buddies who attended bigger schools and none of them seem to stay connected to their classmates like I have,” he said.

Deb also cited reasons how TMC ties have helped her career. “TMC is full of lots of good people, and many here in the community respect a Thomas More degree. There are four people whom I credit for

helping me launch my career and each one of them went to TMC.”

With just a few phone calls, hundreds of loads of clothes were washed and delivered to people who were in need during a critical life-changing circumstance. The power of the TMC connection continues to thrive well beyond graduation, making a true impact on alumni as they re-connect through business and service to others.

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*Mounds of donated clothing pile up as the “bucket brigade” gets to work washing, drying and sorting, before sending the clothes to tornado victims.*



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# Faculty Profile

## 15 MINUTES WITH DR. RAYMOND G. HEBERT

**Q: How many years have you been at Thomas More College?**

**A:** I have just completed my 37th year full-time, during which I have been department chairperson for a total of 13 years in two terms; vice president of academic affairs and dean of the College for 14 years and director of the James Graham Brown Honors Program for 10 years – all while teaching in the Department of History, International Studies and Political Science.

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

**A:** My hope is that students will appreciate the value of history as a linchpin field in the liberal arts, and that, as a discipline, it is much more than just dates and names, but rather is an opportunity to appreciate the importance of studying the past to better understand the present. I also want them to improve their skills of writing well, thinking critically and defending a position based on solid research.

**Q: Where are your degrees from?**

**A:** My B.A. is from St. Anselm College; my M.A. is from Duquesne University; and my Ph.D. is from the University of Maryland.

**Q: What have you always wanted to do but haven't had the chance to do yet?**

**A:** I have just been to my 50th state, so now I would like to visit the parts of Europe that I missed on previous trips, such as Southern France, Florence and Venice in Italy and the Scandinavian countries.

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

**A:** My wife Maureen and I spent two weeks in Hawaii (Kauai and Oahu) for a number of reasons, including the fact that it was our 40th wedding anniversary and an opportunity to visit my 50th state. Part of what made it possible was that I had been invited to serve as an evaluator for an elite Summer PUEO Program at Punahou School in Honolulu.

**Q: Is there something about you that people would be surprised to know?**

**A:** That I played college basketball at St. Anselm and minor league baseball in New England and have been named to the Sports Hall of Fame (2000) in my hometown of Rochester, N.H.

**Q: Who has been your role model and why?**

**A:** My role model during my academic career has been Dr. Henry Winkler, the former president of the University of Cincinnati and a much revered European historian.

**Q: What are your hobbies – what do you do when you are not teaching at TMC?**

**A:** Our greatest joy as a couple is spending time with our grandchildren, but I also enjoy playing golf and tennis and attending the Cincinnati area's fine theatre productions.

**Q: What has teaching at TMC taught you?**

**A:** I now believe more than ever that a Catholic liberal arts education can have a major impact on students' lives. TMC exemplifies the best aspects of that structure with its focus on caring about each individual student "within a context of ethical concern and social responsibility."

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

**A:** I enjoy listening to Irish music (like The Chieftains or Phil Coulter) and The Beatles to bring back old memories, but the song that motivates me is "*I Left My Heart in San Francisco*" by Tony Bennett because Maureen and I were engaged on a beach in the Bay area many years ago.

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

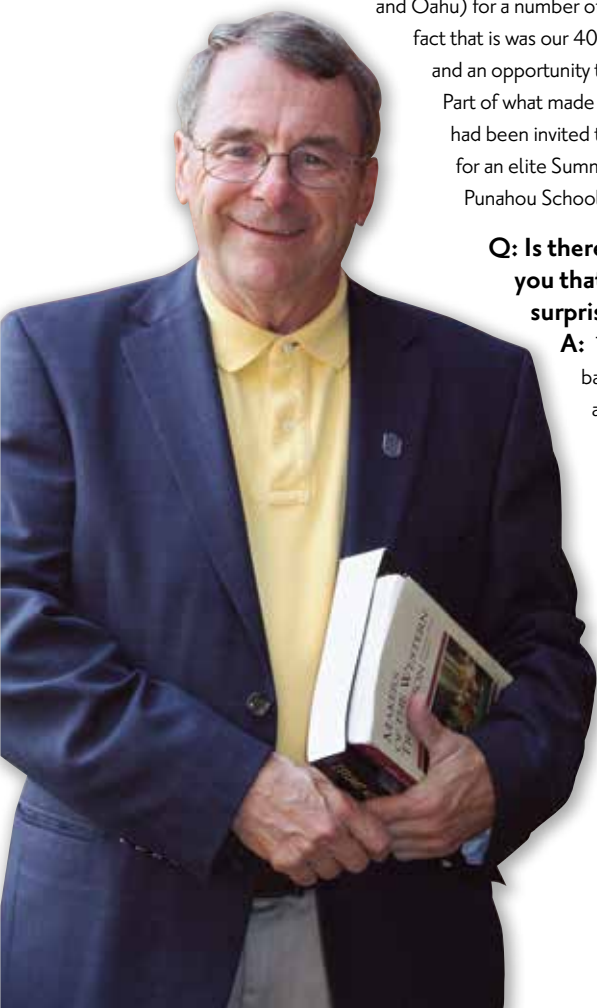
**A:** The book I just finished is *A Dublin Student Doctor* by Patrick Taylor, the latest in his trilogy about life in rural Ireland: This is all part of my fascination with Irish history and the Irish culture. On a broader basis, I have always enjoyed the narrative histories written by Barbara Tuchman, such as *A Distant Mirror: The Calamitous Fourteenth Century*.

**Q: As a child what did you want to do when you grew up?**

**A:** Sports (especially baseball and basketball), were a major part of my youth and I coached elementary school teams while in high school. So, my first aspiration was to teach high school Social Studies and coach both sports until I discovered my love of history and pursued an MA and PhD instead so I could teach at a college like the one I had attended. TMC has helped me to fulfill that dream.

**Q: What particular challenge in life have you learned from and can share?**

**A:** I have always believed that the greatest challenge in life is that of being a successful parent, of preparing a child or children for lives of their own. Today's youth have so many temptations and hurdles to face, and as parents we must be there to guide them. We need to know when to be firm, but also when to allow our children to learn from their own mistakes. We need to give them the values needed to succeed and then the wings that allow them to venture out on their own.



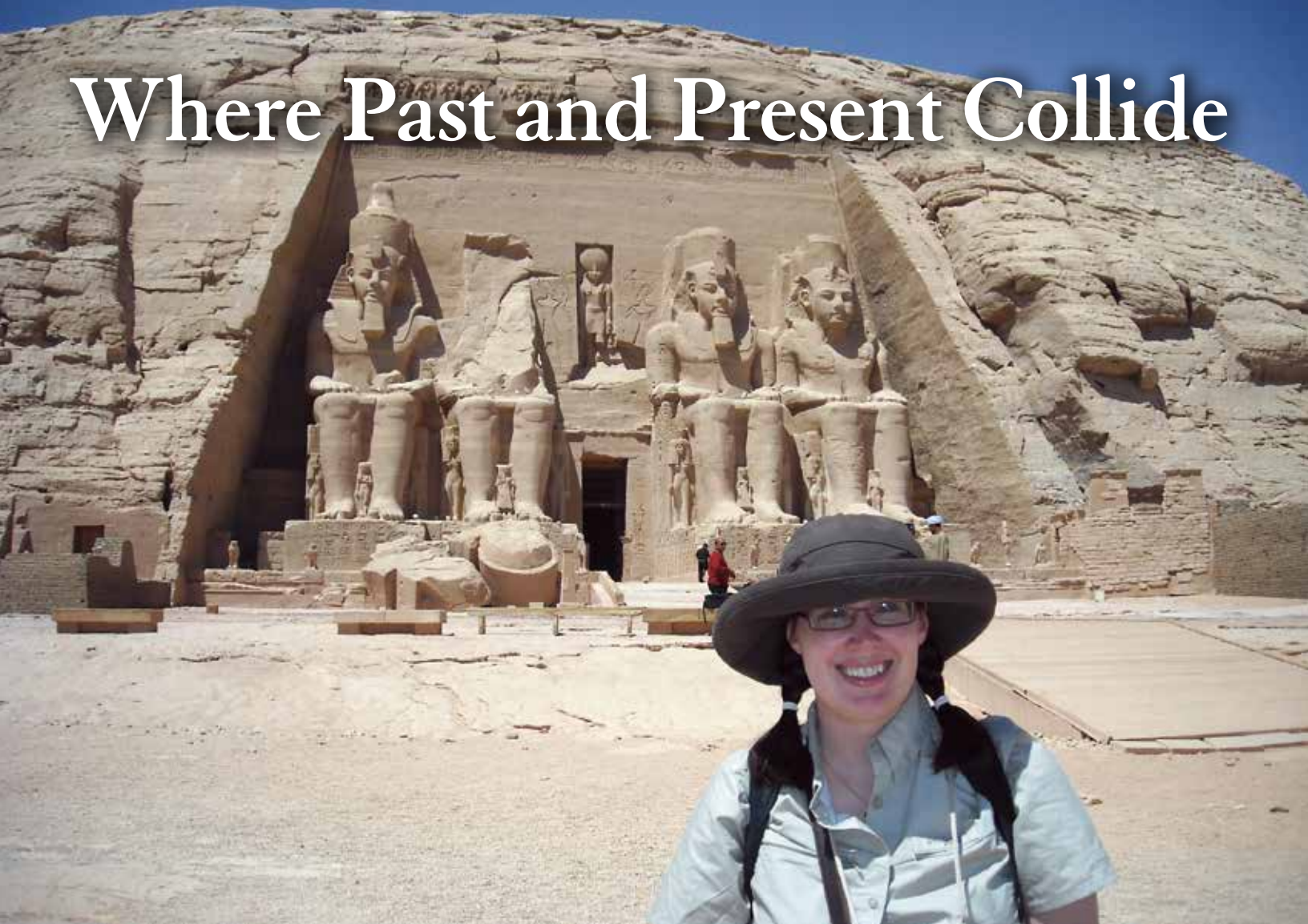
### Ray Hebert, Ph.D.

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# Where Past and Present Collide



Assistant Professor Dr. Jodie Mader poses in front of the Ramses II temple in Abu Simbel, built to intimidate the Nubians to the south. PHOTOS COURTESY DR. JODIE MADER.

## Traveling to Egypt in a Post Arab Spring World

SUBMITTED BY ASSISTANT PROFESSOR  
DR. JODIE N. MADER '98

The times I have lectured on Ancient Egypt? Innumerable. The times I have been to Egypt? Zero. So is the life of a world history professor; one can often know many aspects of world civilizations but have never truly experienced all of them firsthand. This predicament changed in March 2012 when I traveled with my father Dan Mader '71 and a tour group to Egypt for a week and a half. I traveled to four Egyptian cities: Cairo, Luxor, Aswan and Abu Simbel. I not only saw the sites, but learned new information on these areas from our invaluable tour guide, Mohamed Hamdy.

The first thing I learned upon landing in Cairo is the quick immersion into their culture; noticing the temperature (which

was quite cool for that time of year), feeling the sand, fending off the vendors, desiring some Egyptian food and resisting the constant demands for baksheesh (tips/donations). Second, one cannot quite help but see a country coming into a new political identity. Egypt is currently in a post-revolutionary period awaiting the election of a new president after the ousting of Hosni Mubarak. In Cairo, I was able to pick the mind of my tour guide, Hamdy, as well as the local people, to gather their views of the situation. Most Egyptians I spoke with believe the revolution of last year was a good thing, but hope true change will help the country progress economically and socially. The beacon of that change, many believe, will be in the election of a new leader.

Along with learning about the culture of Egypt, we visited major tourist attractions. Our group went to Giza, site of the famous, awe-inspiring Great Pyramid (Pyramid of Khufu). I was amazed at the height of the pyramid and the depth of it inside.

(I actually crawled down into it to see the burial chamber). Simply put, the Egyptians were engineering marvels, having built these tombs with such amazing precision, depth, and skill.

The most memorable temple for me was the Temple of Hathor at Dendara, where the only intact relief of Queen Cleopatra VII exists. (The only other visual images of her are on coins.) Cleopatra, of the Ptolemaic dynasty, was the last pharaoh to rule Egypt before the rise of the Romans. After her death, Emperor Augustus worked to quickly erase her memory and her political contributions. In the southern exterior wall at Dendara, I saw the only wall relief showing Cleopatra VII and her son Caesarion (son of Julius Caesar), making an offering to Hathor and other deities. What a find!

Flying further south past Aswan, we made our way to Abu Simbel. Pharaoh Ramses II built this temple into the side of a massive rock to face and intimidate his neighbors to the south, the Nubians. Four



colossal 20-meter statues of Ramses II face the south and the inside includes a relief commemorating the Battle of Kadesh between Egypt and the Hittites. Interestingly, the reliefs on the wall incorrectly retell the story of the battle, but such misinformation was no concern of the powerful pharaoh. Next to the temple was another that was built and dedicated to his favorite wife, Nefertari. This temple is unusual, as few pharaohs ever build a temple just for one wife.

What a remarkable trip! I have many memories that I will cherish, but I also have much new information to include in my courses. In my world civilizations courses, I will be adding new information regarding the engineering, artistry and social context of the ancient Egyptians. I also plan to enhance my work on gender in the ancient world, especially with Cleopatra.

This international trip, along with others I have made to Europe, enhances my work as a world history professor. I want to convey the message to my students that traveling and understanding foreign cultures is essential to being a citizen of this world. My goal is to inspire students to learn about the past, but also travel to it and experience it firsthand. I truly believe in the adage that one must explore who one is in order to realize how one fits into the world at large.

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Dr. Mader (left) and her father, Dr. Dan Mader '71, visited the Great Pyramid in Giza.

# Faculty Notes

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## ACCOLADES, PRESENTATIONS & PUBLISHED WORKS

**Dr. Florence Dwyer**, assistant professor, foreign languages, presented a paper entitled: "Oser l'impossible ou comment Dieu s'invite sur la scène théâtrale contemporaine. Etude de la dimension philosophique dans l'œuvre théâtrale d'Eric-Emmanuel Schmitt : Le Visiteur" at the The Louisville Conference on Literature & Culture since 1900.

**Dr. Raymond G. Hebert**, professor, history and dean of the college emeritus, has just completed his 37<sup>th</sup> year full time at Thomas More College. He was honored as the outstanding full-time faculty member of the year, for the second time, during the 2012 commencement ceremony. During June he served as consultant to conduct an evaluation of the Clarence T.C. Chung PUEO Program, and the role played by its lead administration at the Punahou School in Honolulu, Hawaii. The program is designed to put college within reach for selected public school students through this unique Punahou Partnership Program. The primary goal of the program is to identify and help students from neighboring public schools "with high academic potential and low economic opportunity."

**Dr. Lawrence E. Boehm**, professor and chair, psychology, presented research titled "Positive Emotion Mediates the Mindfulness-Life Satisfaction Relationship" at the 24th Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science in Chicago. He also moderated presentations at the 31st Annual Mid-America Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference.

**Dr. R. Steven Flynn**, professor and chair, accountancy, published his paper titled "Friend or Foe? Individual Donor Reaction to Form 990's New Governance Disclosures," in *The Journal of Academy of Business and Economics*, Vol. II (3), 2011.

**Dr. Sherry Cook Stanforth**, professor, English, as part of an educational outreach committee project, developed a TMC Adventure in the Humanities program that allowed local K-12 students to experience interactive sessions in humanities-based disciplines. The program engages students in creative contemplation about the content of literature, creative writing, history, political science, foreign language, art, music, theater, communications and philosophy. For the SP 2012 school year, Dr. Stanforth worked with Turkeyfoot Middle School teacher Miki Beier to bring in 33 accelerated language arts students to experience adventures in creative writing, French language/culture and acting. **Ms. Alana J. Ghent**, assistant professor, theatre, and **Dr. Florence Dwyer**,

assistant professor, foreign languages, joined Dr. Stanforth in this first Adventure in the Humanities program which took place on March 28, 2012 at TMC. Dr. Stanforth also submitted two poems, which were accepted for publication: "Crop Circle" published in *New South 5.1*, Spring 2012, and "This Time" published in *Pine Mountain Sand and Gravel—The Mountains Have Come Closer*, Volume 15. March, 2012.

**Dr. John V. Cimprich '71**, professor and chair, history, served as the national representative of Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society at the installation of a chapter at Bellarmine University at Louisville on March 15, 2012.

**Dr. Rex B. Easley**, professor, English, submitted two poems, "Laid Off" and "Construction Poem #3," which appeared in the most recent issue of *Blue Collar Review*, a national literary journal published in Norfolk, Va. Dr. Easley also gave a public reading of original fiction at the Kentucky Philological Association conference at Morehead State in March 2012.

**Alana J. Ghent**, assistant professor, theatre, took the stage at the Emery Theatre in May 2012, playing the role of Debra Selman in the premiere production of "Waddie Welcome." It was the first theatre performance on the restored stage in Over-the-Rhine. The piece was a collaboration with Starfire, a community group that "enables individuals with disabilities to become active and vital members of the community."

**Dr. Jack D. Rudnick Jr.**, associate professor, business administration/program manager, health care management, was selected to present two peer-reviewed posters at sessions for the Kentucky Innovators Conference, Hebron, Ky. (Now There's an App for That: Elder Abuse and Neglect—Research to iPractice) and the annual meeting of the Association of University Programs in Health Administration (AUPHA), Minneapolis, Minn. (Just Add Water to Vitalize Critical Thinking: A Formula Based on Fieldwork and Hinterland Research from an Overseas Healthcare Management Teaching Experience). He has also been appointed as a member of the AUPHA's Medical Group Practice Forum and Global Health Care Management Forum to further cultivate domestic and international research and teaching resources for member faculty. He was recently honored as the Greater Cincinnati/Campbell County YMCA Volunteer of the Year for coordination and founding efforts of a collaborative community health fair initiative and was named an Outstanding Educator for 2012 by *Cincy Magazine*.



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!

Sept.  
**13**

**President's Society Dinner**  
Summit Hills Country Club

Sept.  
**17**

**Bensman Golf Classic**  
Summit Hills Country Club



Oct.  
**4**

**Bishop Hughes Awards Dinner**  
Drees Pavilion



Oct.  
**6**

**Homecoming**  
Thomas More College Campus




Oct.  
**27**

**TMC Alumni Day**  
at Keeneland



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## Alumni Gatherings

The Class of 1962 celebrated its 50th anniversary during Commencement Weekend on May 11 and 12. A reception on campus the evening before was enjoyed with many alumni returning for the commencement luncheon, ceremony and reception the following day. More than 50 classmates and spouses attended the celebrations.



## Wine Tasting

More than 165 alumni, friends and family gathered to try out several domestic and international selections of Pinot Noir and Pinot Bianco, at the 4th Annual Wine Tasting held April 27, 2012. Hors d'oeuvres and a restaurant prize drawing rounded out the evening of sipping and mingling.



## Florence Freedom

Always a popular event, TMC night with the Florence Freedom drew over 500 attendees to the game on a cool, but dry, June 1st, as the home team chalked up a win.

*RIGHT: Dawna Neil '09 and Nora Heinz show off their trophy, after Heinz snagged a foul ball down the right field line in the 8th inning.*

*BELOW: The chill in the air couldn't keep TMC alumni, friends and family away from dinner and a ball game on a Friday night with the Freedom.*





## 1950s



**Nancy (Black) Kuchle '56** recently attended the graduation of her granddaughter, Madison, in Morton, Ill.

## 1960s

**Mary Evelyn Klingenberg '67** recently retired after 45 years of teaching math at Saint Henry District High School in Erlanger, Ky.

## 1980s



**Dr. Patrick J. Ginney '82** is currently serving as president of the Kentucky Podiatric Medical Association, appointed in March 2011.

**Christopher J. Perrino '84** was inducted into the Association for Accounting Marketing Hall of Fame on June 11, 2012 in recognition of his 14 years of career achievements with Barnes Dennig in Cincinnati.



**Adam M. Davey '97** was one of Cincinnati *Business Courier's* "Forty Under 40" winners in 2011.



**Deborah M. Locke '97** was selected as the new executive director for the Decatur County Community Foundation in Greensburg, Ind.



**Jeff Maren '89** was named the new head coach of the women's tennis team for Liberty University in Lynchburg, Va.

## 1990s

**Brady Sallee '93** is the new women's basketball head coach at Ball State University in Muncie, Ind. He also attended the Center for Coaching Excellence leadership program in May, which invited only 29 Division I head coaches to participate.



**Jeffrey Nicholas '93** released a book from the University of Notre Dame Press entitled *Reason, Tradition and the Good...* in June. He will speak at four conferences in England during summer 2012, after which he will resume his teaching career in philosophy at Providence College in Rhode Island.



**Carl Michael "Mike" Webster '97** was recently promoted to senior vice president, research solutions at Burke, Inc. in recognition of his contributions to

the development of Burke's online data and reporting capabilities.



**Norma Gerhardtstein '99** married Eric Walsh on May 26, 2012. The couple resides in West Chester, Ohio.



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## SURVEY SAYS:

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## 2000s

**Michelle L. “Shelly” Koch ’02** moved back to the Cincinnati area after three years in Cleveland working for the Department of Defense. She obtained her CPA license and is now employed by the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau as an excise tax auditor.

**Ken Strunk ’04** was promoted to vice president, data collection services at Burke, Inc. which values him as a highly regarded data expert both inside the company and in the research community.



**Allison (Byars) Pieczonka ’10** and **Nick Pieczonka ’05** welcomed their first son, Austin, on March 20 – the same day that classmate and Allison’s TMC women’s basketball teammate, **Carrie (Clift) Busby ’05**, and **Brandon Busby ’05** gave birth to their first son, Thomas Howard.

**Natalia Jones ’08** was recently hired as TriCommB2B’s client service executive. This position combines her experience in customer service, language communications and marketing.

## 2010s

**Emmy Kaiser ’11** achieved her long-time goal, being named to the 2012 U.S. Paralympic Wheelchair Tennis Team for the London games. She is the highest-ranked American women’s wheelchair tennis player in both singles and doubles, and one of two American women competing in both singles and doubles matches for the U.S. team in early September.



**Alyssa Lowry ’11** and **Richard Spoor ’11** were married on June 9, 2012.

**Cynthia Neumann ’11** was recently hired by Starrag in Hebron, Ky. and will be working in an accounting role before transitioning into a position in their human resources department.

**Samuel Brown ’12**

recently accepted the position of staff accountant at Rudler & Associates in Ft. Wright, Ky., where he previously interned as a student.



**Aaron Thompson ’12** recently became engaged to **Christy Nageleisen ’00**.



## In Memoriam

*“Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.”*

**Miriam Ruth Bolte ’73**, June 11, 2012

**Joseph G. Braun ’53**, June 4, 2012

**Jack B. Broxterman ’64**, April 15, 2012

**Barbara (Lamarre) Goff ’59**, June 18, 2012

**Thelma M. Hanneken ’48**, June 4, 2012

**Margaret Juengling ’68**, May 4, 2012

**Joseph Riedmatter ’63**, April 28, 2012

**Jo Ann Schneider ’56**, June 1, 2011

*The section of Ky. 842 (Weaver Road) between U.S. 42 and U.S. 25 will be “The Lance Cpl. Adam Peak Memorial Highway,” in honor of Adam Peak ’06, a native of Florence, Ky. who died in the line of duty on Feb. 21, 2010, in Helmand, Afghanistan. At the time of his death, Peak was serving with the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force.*



The Saints continued to embrace possibilities to succeed and demonstrate the high level of commitment that TMC's student athletes bring to the classroom and onto the courts and fields. To learn more about up-to-date announcements and achievements, visit [thomasmore.edu/athletics](http://thomasmore.edu/athletics).

## Spring Teams Embrace Success

SUBMITTED BY CORY BLACKSON, TMC SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

### ■ TRACK & FIELD

#### Inaugural Season Proves Successful

Head Coach Jeff Hill guided the Saints' track & field teams to a successful inaugural season in 2012. The women's team finished sixth and the men's team finished eighth at the 2012 Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championships.

The women's side had six All-PAC performances at the PAC Championships as senior **Alexa Hlebiczki** (Newport, Ky./Newport Central Catholic) was All-PAC in the long jump and triple jump, freshman **Kaylin Veeneman** (West Harrison, Ind./Franklin County) was All-PAC in the long jump and high jump, sophomore **Andrea Robben** (Harrison, Ohio/Harrison) was All-PAC in the pole vault and freshman **Felicity Britt** (Alexandria, Ky./Bishop Brossart) was All-PAC in the shot put. Hlebiczki was the PAC champion in the long jump with a mark of 16-8.0.

On the men's side, junior **Phil Feinberg**

(Tempe, Ariz./Corona Del Sol) was a two event All-PAC performer as he was the conference champion in the high jump with a mark of 6-6.0 and placed second in the long jump with a jump of 21-7.25. Feinberg just missed qualifying for the NCAA Division III Outdoor Championships as he lost a tie-breaker for the final spot in the high jump after his season-high jump of 6-8.75.

Hill returns a majority of the 2012 squads and looks to move up in the PAC standings in 2013.



Senior Alexa Hlebiczki achieved All-PAC in the long jump and triple jump.

### ■ MEN'S TENNIS

#### Freshman Leads Team to PAC Championship Fourth Place Finish

The men's tennis team tied its best finish at the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Championship as it finished fourth with 12 points.

Freshman **Eric Thompson** (Edgewood, Ky./Dixie Heights) earned first team All-PAC honors as he won the second singles flight. The Saints had two third place finishes as senior **Andrew Hetzer** (Cincinnati, Ohio/Elder) placed third at first singles and the No. 1 tandem of Hetzer and Thompson placed third.

For the season, Hetzer was 10-4 and Thompson was 11-1 in singles play, while they teamed to record an 8-5 record in doubles.

The Saints return four of their six players in 2013 as they look to move up in the PAC.

### ■ MEN'S GOLF

#### Six Top-10 Finishes Highlight Golf Season

The Thomas More men's golf team, under the direction of first-year head coach

**Marty Kamer**, placed in the Top-10 in six of its nine tournaments during the 2011-2012 season.

The Saints placed sixth at the Presidents' Athletic Conference

(PAC) Championship as the tournament was reduced to the two rounds played in the fall after the spring's two rounds were cancelled due to an April snow storm in western Pennsylvania. Senior **Mike Pharo** (Cincinnati, Ohio/Moeller) earned second team All-PAC honors as he placed 10th at the PAC Championship with a 152 (75-77).

Sophomore **Michael Marcagi** (Anderson, Ohio/Anderson) led the Saints in scoring with an 80.8 stroke average, while Pharo was second with an 80.9 stroke average.

Thomas More has four of its five players returning for the 2012-2013 season and hopes to return to the top of the PAC standings.



Senior Mike Pharo earned second team All-PAC honors.



Senior Andrew Hetzer placed third in both first singles and in tandem with Eric Thompson.





# as Fall Waits in the Wings

## MEN'S BASEBALL

### Boys of Summer Achieve Seventh Straight PAC Tournament Appearance

The Thomas More College baseball team went 25-16 overall, including a 13-11 record



in the PAC, to reach its seventh straight Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Tournament.

The Saints have reached the four-team PAC tournament every season since Thomas More joined the conference during the 2005-2006 academic year.

During the season, senior first baseman **Andrew Thole** (Cincinnati, Ohio/McNicholas) set the career runs batted-in record at 178 and tied the career games played record at 164.

The Saints had two players bat over .400

*Andrew Thole, Saints' senior first baseman, gets ready to add to his RBI total.*

as sophomore third baseman/designated hitter **Travis Miller** (Erlanger, Ky./St. Henry) batted .407 and

junior shortstop **David Kennett** (Grove City, Ohio/Grove City) batted .405. On the mound, the Saints were led by senior **Aaron Carmack** (Miamisburg, Ohio/Miamisburg) who had a 3.57 earned run average in 45.1 innings pitched with 24 strikeouts.

At the conclusion of the season, six Saints were named to the All-PAC teams, while Thole and Kennett were named to the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) All-Mideast Region Teams and Thole was named to the internet website D3baseball.com's All-Mideast Region Team.

The Saints will return seven starting position players and 11 pitchers in 2013 when they will look to return to the NCAA Championship Tournament.

### Hetzer Reaches 300th Win Plateau

Thomas More College Head Baseball Coach Jeff Hetzer, in his 12th year, earned his 300th career win (all at Thomas More) on April 24 when his Saints defeated Capital University, 11-3, in a non-conference game at Clowson Field in Columbus, Ohio.

Hetzer ended the season with a career record of 302-168-3 for a 64.2 percent winning percentage.

Hetzer, the winningest baseball coach in Thomas More history, took over the program in 2001 and guided the Saints to 12 consecutive winning seasons. He has also won 20 plus games in 11 of his 12 seasons. Since joining the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) during the 2005-2006 academic year, he has led the Saints to two PAC regular season titles and

two PAC tournament titles, while never missing the four-team PAC Championship Tournament. Hetzer has also guided the Saints to three NCAA Division III Championship Tournament berths where they finished as regional finalists in 2003 and regional semi-finalists in 2010 and 2011.

Hetzer has had 46 players named All-PAC, including 19 named first team, since joining the conference in 2006. He has had two PAC Players of the Year as well as one PAC Pitcher of the Year. During his tenure, Hetzer has had 24 Saints named all-region (ABCA), one Pitcher of the Year in the region (ABCA) and five All-Americans (ABCA and D3baseball.com). Hetzer has had two post-graduate scholarship recipients, 13 all-district academic players and six Capital One Academic All-Americans.

Hetzer expects excellence both in the classroom and on the field. His teams have had a grade point average of 3.0 or better in 22 of his 24 semesters. As for baseball, his goals each season for the team are to earn the No. 1 seed in the PAC Tournament, to win the PAC tournament and to be invited to the NCAA Tournament. To achieve these goals, Hetzer's teams are marked by aggressive play and excellent fundamentals. He insists that his players be in top condition and play disciplined baseball.



**Hetzer**

# Saints Sidelines

## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

### Softball Posts Fourth Straight Winning Season



Senior Brittany Wegman ends her TMC softball career as the all-time leader in runs scored, home runs and runs batted in.

The Saints' softball team achieved its fourth straight winning season during the 2012 campaign with a 23-17 overall record and a 10-8 mark in the Presidents' Athletic Conference.

Thomas More had two players bat over .300 as senior first baseman **Brittany Wegman** (West Harrison, Ind./East Central) batted .475 and sophomore catcher **Stefaney Turner** (Franklin, Ohio/Carlisle) batted .338. In the pitching circle, sophomore **Ronni Burns** (Dayton, Ohio/Carroll) had a 2.62 earned run average (ERA), while sophomore **Sara Young** (Okeana, Ohio/Mount Notre Dame) had a 3.11 ERA.

Wegman ended her Thomas More softball playing career as the all-time leader in runs scored (142), home runs (40) and runs batted-in (144).

The Saints look to recapture the PAC title next season as they return 10 letterwinners from the 2012 squad.

## Bramhall Wins Career No. 100 in April

Thomas More College Softball Coach Lindsay Bramhall earned her 100th career win with a game two win over Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) rival



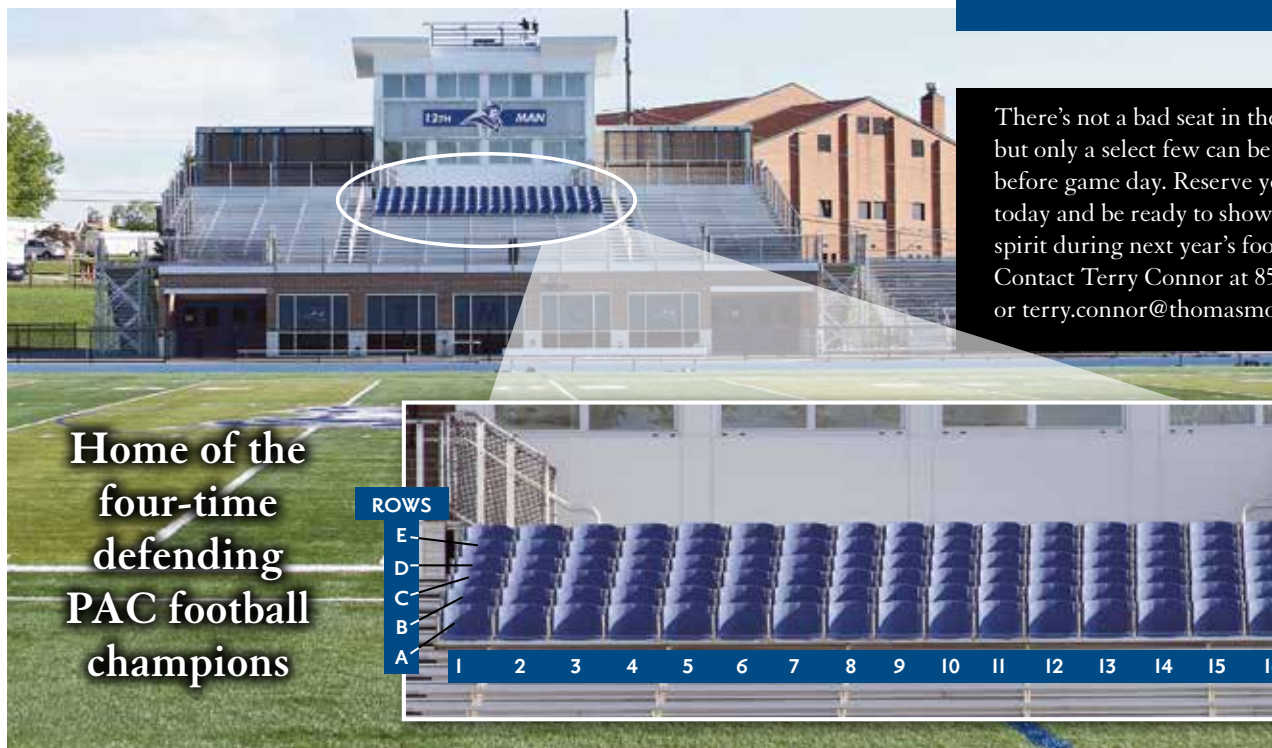
Washington & Jefferson College in a PAC doubleheader on April 7 at Thomas More Field.

Bramhall ended the season with a career record of 107-61 for a winning percentage of 63.7 percent.

In just four seasons in Crestview Hills, Bramhall has guided the Saints to at least a share of two Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) regular season titles and two PAC tournament titles, while advancing to the NCAA Division III Championship twice. She has had 18 student-athletes named All-PAC and two PAC Players of the Year, while being named PAC Coach of the Year twice. Bramhall has also had seven Saints named all-region (NFCA).



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# What's it Like to Enjoy 15 Minutes of Fame?

## *Just Ask TMC Student Caleb Lloyd: The Luckiest Baseball Fan Ever*

BY STACY SMITH ROGERS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & PR

For rising junior Caleb Lloyd, being at the right place at the right time means more than just luck. It means fame – at least 15 minutes of it. Prior to May 21, the TMC soccer student athlete and business/marketing major was enjoying a quiet summer, working at KFC and hanging out with friends. That Monday afternoon, he was playing video games when his friend and fellow soccer student athlete Matt Kees called to see if he wanted to go to a Reds game. The team was playing the Atlanta Braves, and, at the time, that seemed like a pretty fun thing to do. A few short hours later, Caleb was at the center of a media frenzy and soon after the game, he was deemed the “luckiest baseball fan ever.”

Sitting in left field at Great American Ball Park, Caleb caught Reds players Mike Leake and Zack Cozart’s back-to-back home run balls in the fourth inning. The first ball went directly to Caleb, and three pitches later, shortstop Zack Cozart hit another one to the same area. The ball bounced right to Caleb, who had one free hand to catch it.

According to news reports, no major league baseball fan has ever caught back-to-back home run balls. Caleb returned the ball to Leake because it was the starting pitcher’s first career homer, and he gave the Cozart ball to Matt because it was his connections that secured their seats.

Caleb was immediately invited to talk to Reds announcers about his unique luck. “It was pretty crazy, almost unreal I would say. It was the most shocking, painful and greatest experience in my life,” he described. Caleb said it was shocking because the idea of catching two balls was so unusual. It was painful because he caught them both barehanded. And, it was the greatest experience of his life because it was so much fun sharing his excitement and responding to how exciting everyone else thought it was.

Over the course of two weeks, Caleb’s story ran in nearly 600 media

outlets across the world, from Alaska to Hawaii, Canada and Australia. Every major sports media outlet covered it, including ESPN, MLB.com and *The Sporting News*. Caleb said his most enjoyable interviews were with ESPN’s “Mike and Mike in the Morning” and “The Dan Patrick Show.”

The day after the game, Caleb balanced his work at KFC with his newfound fame and requests to be interviewed. His cell phone wasn’t working, so Jeff Cummings, TMC’s head soccer coach, fielded phone calls for him, while Cory Blackson, TMC’s sports information director, coordinated interviews with numerous media outlets. Caleb described that day as fun, but a little overwhelming. “I’m a pretty talkative person, so it was great doing the interviews, but after a full day of them all the interviewing started to take a toll on me. I was exhausted.”

On Tuesday, Caleb was invited to be the honorary team captain for the Red’s game and was presented a bat inscribed, “Sorry I hurt your hand,” by Mike Leake, who gave it to him near the Reds dugout. Leake was thankful that Caleb gave his home run ball back and wanted to offer him something in return. Caleb described the experience on the field as exhilarating. “I had never been on the field before, let alone standing 10 feet away from Dusty Baker and all these well-known professional athletes. They were incredibly welcoming and made me feel like I was one of them. They came up and talked to me as if it was no big deal they were celebrities who made millions of dollars.”

Caleb said he learned a lot from his 15 minutes of fame, but he wouldn’t want to be a full-time celebrity. “I learned that in life, you’re always going to have surprises. When a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity like that comes your way, you have to take things in stride and make the most of it.”

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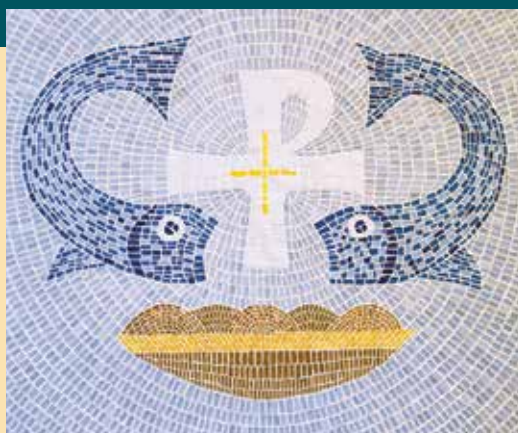
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INTERVIEWS ABOUT CALEB  
AND HIS EXPERIENCE, VISIT  
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During the May 22 show, Mike and Mike, on ESPN radio, discuss the incredible odds of catching two home run balls, let alone back-to-back in the same inning, in the same game.

Footage from the May 21 game illustrates the sting of catching a home run ball bare handed. The second home run ricochets up and drops right into Caleb’s outstretched hand.

Photos courtesy ESPN





## 10-Minute Spiritual Break...



Keep Sr. Pat Dorobek, S.N.D., in your prayers as she begins an Italian adventure in the newly created role of justice, peace and integrity of creation coordinator for the Congregation of the Sisters of Notre Dame in Rome this summer. As a previous contributor to *Moreover*'s "10-Minute Spiritual Break," she encourages readers to make time in their schedule every day for spiritual reflection.

*We pray to you, God of heaven and earth, in wonder and thanks that you reached out to us, dreaming and risking.  
We pray through your Son, Jesus, who, never satisfied with what is, endured hardships the mind could not anticipate.  
We pray in your Spirit, released in the world by your dream for us, who teaches us that nothing is beyond our collective reach.  
May your Spirit inspire us with the confidence not to bury our talents,  
but to give ourselves unreservedly to the dreams that will transform our lives.\**

\*Excerpt from Prayer for Parish Groups by Donal Harrington and Julie Kavannah  
Mosaic created by Professor Rudolph (Rudy) Alexander Morow who taught at TMC for 37 years.

## How well do you know TMC?

Put on your thinking cap and try your hand at this crossword of trivia which includes items taken from the TMC timeline, beginning to current day. Answers will be posted in the next *Moreover*. For a sneak peek, visit [thomasmore.edu/MORE](http://thomasmore.edu/MORE).

### ACROSS

1. Monte Casino Chapel was dubbed by Ripley's Believe It or Not "\_\_\_\_\_ church in the world."
6. Funds that help pay for tuition
7. First president of TMC (VMC)
8. Name of TMC yearbook
9. Student governing body
10. TMC is accredited by this association.
12. TMC student-athletes compete in this conference.
14. Former team name of the Saints
15. Program that allows veterans to attend TMC free (2 words)
16. Headgear for freshman in the '60s
17. Order of sisters that started this institution
21. Birth month of Saint Thomas More
24. "Together in pursuit of \_\_\_\_\_"
26. TMC relocated to Crestview Hills from \_\_\_\_\_.
28. Ohio satellite campus location (2 words)
29. TMC mascot (2 words)
30. TMC sports team name
31. Initials of Bridge Bowl rival
32. In 1964 this bishop announced TMC building plans.

### DOWN

2. Current TMC president
3. Original name for TMC (2 words)
4. This book was written by Thomas More and published in 1516.
5. The annual golf classic is named for this TMC president.
8. Working adults in this program achieve a business administration degree.
11. Famous MLB player who attended TMC.
13. TMC (VMC) was founded as a college for \_\_\_\_\_.
17. Current dean of College and vice president for academic affairs
18. TMC is the official college for the Diocese of \_\_\_\_\_.
19. TMC president with longest tenure
20. Four is MORE partners TMC with \_\_\_\_\_.
22. This vehicle participated in the 1960s Great Mason-Dixon Race, TMC was the starting line.
23. Which US president dedicated the new campus?
25. Program for students of exceptional academic ability
27. Grade point average

The fall issue's crossword will be based on athletic/sports trivia. Think you have a piece of TMC sport's trivia that's crossword worthy? Send it our way at [moreover@thomasmore.edu](mailto:moreover@thomasmore.edu).





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harder I work the more I have of it.*

– Thomas Jefferson



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see page 8 for story.*