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Dear Friends,

As I write this letter (my final one for *Moreover*), I'm faced with the decision to either reflect back on my time here as president or look forward to its new beginning. As with most decisions I tackle, I'll choose to look forward.

While it's important to learn from past successes and challenges, I believe it's even more important to have a vision of what could be. Thomas More College is uniquely positioned to offer current and prospective students the skills they'll need to succeed in the future, and I truly believe that the College has what it takes to find its niche in the highly competitive and changing field of higher education.

Today's prospective students (and their families) are more discerning than ever about the choices they make. Recent economic challenges have shone a bright light on the costs associated with achieving a degree and how that degree enables graduates to earn a living in the future. While those two criteria are significant in making a college decision, higher education at Thomas More College is structured to do much more. As our mission states, our program of study is intended to enhance lifelong learning, foster personal growth and develop leadership skills. Making college accessible to any student who desires this quality of education has been a top priority for me. As I look forward to the students who will come to the College, I'm proud and so very thankful that the Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer President's Access Grant will help many of them. This endowed scholarship, currently at more than \$583,000, will generate support to enable a Catholic, liberal arts education for generations to come.

The future looks bright for the College, and I'm pleased to hand over the reins to David A. Armstrong, whose experience in fund raising and enrollment, along with a dynamic personality, will enable him to successfully lead the College as its 14th president. I will be forever grateful for this opportunity to serve as president for the last nine years, and I will treasure the friendships and memories forever.

God bless,

Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P.

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



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This photo was taken by Associate Professor of Art Rebecca Bilbo on a recent trip to Paris, France with students from Thomas More College. (See story, **page 5**). The group explored many artistic treasures including the Musée d'Orsay, which was a former railway station built between 1898 and 1900. The museum features the largest collection of Impressionist and Postimpressionist masterpieces in the world.



FOR YOUR WHOLE LIFE



Moreover Readers Share Words of Wisdom

ADVICE TO GRADUATES

In the last issue of *Moreover*, readers were asked,
“Do you have advice for our newest graduates?”
Here’s a sample of what we received ...

Trust yourself, trust God

“- If you have a tough decision to make, gather as much information as possible, listen to those you trust, take it to prayer, then go with what your instincts tell you is the right path.

- Don’t underestimate yourself.

- Perseverance goes a long way – never give up (even after you have sent in 100 resumes and have gone through 16 interviews)!

- Pray as though everything depends on God; work as though everything depends on you.

- Remember you are really working for God – so give it your best at all times!

- God gave you your own unique and special gifts – use them!

- Nurture your spiritual, social and physical life as well as your intellectual one.

- Network. Network. Network.”

Cynthia Grome Becknell '74

Love what you do

“Follow the advice of Sir Winston Churchill ... ‘Failure isn’t fatal...success isn’t final.’ Follow your bliss...do what you love and love what you do...”

Raymond Smith '63

Career satisfaction founded in relationships

“My advice to graduates is to get involved in the professional associations related to your field of work. It is best to start while a student (memberships are cheaper!) then continue your involvement in both the local and national levels. The networking opportunities are unlimited! The people you encounter will have the same interests as you, yet perhaps have very diverse backgrounds. My advice may be biased because I work for a professional association; however, I also am a career counselor – I offer this advice to everyone seeking career satisfaction.”

Melanie (Lucas) Reinersman '87

Find your dream and act on it

“Do not procrastinate! As a Chinese proverb says, ‘Dig the well before you are thirsty.’ Somewhere inside of you is a dream. Find it. It might be in a job, in service to others or in your own business. Whatever it is, go for it now!”

Pete Manczyk '82



Photo by Bruce Crippen

An Excerpt from Words

"The Truth About Hunger"
by Tony Otten, winner of
the Sandra L. Cuni Award

...Everett popped the microphone away from his nephew's opening mouth. "They was females found the tomb, first off," he said, his Adam's apple wagging like a walnut on a hemp string. "And B, when you stare at something special, something bright—a light bulb, if you're a mind—you come away with a different color of dots in your eyes than somebody else. That's how this was—Mary Magdalene and the Apostles looked into the same light bulb, and it shocked them so bad they come away with the picture burned in their minds just a mite different. But the point is, something happened. Something that wrung the unbelief out of them."

Searles dipped his head in acknowledgment, a smile finally splitting through his nerves. "I'm afraid I'm not an avid light bulb-looker myself, Mr. Todd. I stick to looking at what the darn lamp shows."

The audience tittered, the only noise from them in those ninety minutes of wool-lined silence. I could see the blood fleeing from Reverend Todd's face down the taut blue staircase of arteries in his neck. "Pipe down," Everett told the faceless onlookers in the pews, and the Reverend snatched the microphone from his hand.

The old man's light bulb had kept us rapt for a time, but after our pastor seized his chance to speak, the filament in the bulb dimmed and soon the argument was all cool glass. Words from the dustiest tomb passageways of the dictionary were resurrected, golems from a college basement: epistemology, ontology, teleology. Like toads from the Nile they swarmed from the younger Todd's mouth, and though the good Iowan doctor parried them with his own conjurations from the trenches of language, he sank under the attack with slow and conscious certainty. He began to stutter; he backtracked on half finished sentences that collapsed like neglected archways. By the debate's end at eight-thirty, Todd's face still rosy with defiance and Everett's nose nearly touching the pillowy leather cover of his Bible, Searles had closed his notepad and was merely nodding, already eager for the hushing of lights and the migration of bodies out the door.

Out in the nave, the pews whimpered like rich ladies in a lifeboat. If not for the Reverend's presence persisting onstage, you'd have listened to that abyssal lack of conversation and figured the trumpet call had sounded, and the good folks of Rejoice had been swapped out for an audience of hell's politest inmates.

Your mother met me the moment I stepped off the bench and my toe touched the dust-green carpet. I was watching Dr. Searles, who seemed reluctant to leave the garish white sprawl of the spotlight's beam even though he was the last man up there—as if he was calculating his odds of making it to his Packard's door before the Salem instinct grabbed hold of us.



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Drone String

by Dr. Sherry Cook Stanforth,
Professor of English and
Creative Writing Vision Program Director



We all have our "I am from" poems ready
to pull out of the case, mine smelling
of red dirt flecked with mica, tasting iron
wet from the current of Brasstown Bald creek
hear the drone strumming that same note over
and over again telling about the old folks
who left the Isles, scrabbling up dinner hollering
for the Whipporwill, the Blackest Crow,
Coo Coo crooning over Pretty Saro gone
forever from that place now grounded
in the mountain's shadow, I rise from the dark
creek water they drank, rise up baptized
by their wailing harmonies they cut my ears
so I will not forget to come from this dulcimer
my mother's strumming out noises from the grove
from the grave shaped like an hour glass her dulcimer
tells the time gone by so easy to play people say
but they don't hear it like I do blowing
in the way of a leaving train bound North
that boy a mother left behind learned to cut
white pine and know its sound hitting
the Tennessee ground, the shape of melody
plucked robin's egg blue, the color
of four generations of Wades steered straight
by aunts and grandmothers who set their jaw
lines sharper than Cherokee ridges behind them
made to climb the low valley of the shadow
no rest between the notes strummed slowly
my mother's worn down callused fingers hold
the strings, sounding this good old song I sing

Your mom and I were expecting you at the time, of course, and the soft but unexpected thud of her belly at my side nearly unbalanced me. She glanced at the professor and said, in that way she has of shooting a whisper up to my ear without anybody hearing, "At least at a potluck the reason you can't move is you're full. Better that than having to listen to two mummies argue over a coffin."

And this coming from Ms. Sunday School who writes verses on her dollar bills if she spends more than fifteen bucks at a stop. In fact, that's what I said to her. ...

Focus on Nicaragua's Healthcare System Subject of Study Abroad



TMC senior medical student describes trip experience as “eye opening”

SUBMITTED BY ANDREW LINKUGEL '13

In March of 2013, I had the privilege of participating in a medical study abroad trip in Nicaragua. The program was designed as a nine-day crash course in Nicaraguan culture and geography, with a focus on its healthcare system. I, like the other TMC student participants, was matched with an individual host family to facilitate the immersion experience. In addition to the amazing scenery (including three different types of volcanoes!), the trip gave us an eye-opening window into the state of medicine in a Central American country.

Nicaragua is a relatively poor country with a government-funded healthcare system. According to World Health Organization statistics, roughly 70 percent of the population depends on these services, with the remainder paying private providers. The contrasts between these two groups are stark. The private system functions much like the US healthcare system, where physicians treat “First World” diseases like type 2 diabetes with expensive, branded medications. It was in the trenches of the public system that we saw a different type of healthcare experience. As students, we assisted the doctors (both Nicaraguan and from the United States) by organizing and distributing medicine and documenting the visits. In both urban and rural settings, infectious disease is endemic. At a public women and children's hospital in Granada, a doctor told us that her team lacked the equipment and resources to accurately diagnose microbial infections. These culture tools are simple – TMC labs for nursing and pre-health students are filled with them – but simply inaccessible for many Nicaraguans. In a country without universal

“The trip was a great way to introduce students to and immerse them in Nicaraguan culture. They got to see firsthand medical care in a third world country. They came away touched by what they saw and did in Nicaragua, and with a greater appreciation for life as we know it in Northern Kentucky.”

Julie Luebbers
Associate Professor, Spanish

“The trip to Nicaragua was an enriching and humbling experience. My eyes, ears and heart were opened to the people, culture, language and beauty of the land. I will treasure the memories and relationships and hopefully ‘volver’ (return).”

Lynnette Guzzino, Esq.
Associate Professor,
Business Administration



Andrew Linkugel (left) with fellow travelers Lydia Duvall and Austin Corsmeie take a moment to pose with one of the patients they encountered while working in Nicaragua's public healthcare system.

access to clean water, parasitic infections are problematic. For both men and women, a lifestyle of hard labor has led to hands and ankles crippled with osteoarthritis. In a poor, rural community, where our makeshift clinic was located in a front yard, we saw an untreated stroke case that was so deplorable that we are unlikely to ever see anything like it during a U.S.-based career. For many students, this first encounter with abject poverty was an emotional experience that prompted discussion and reflection.

Certainly, this week-long immersion provided a glimpse of the challenges in health delivery that we will face around the globe in my lifetime. In poor areas in Nicaragua, we were forced to accept that what we saw was much closer to a typical economic lifestyle around the world. Inequities in access and the resulting health outcomes become much more real when seen first-hand. However, the most lasting conclusion I will take from the trip as I enter medical school this fall is an increased appreciation for the universality of the healthcare field. In either an ivory tower or tin shack, the face-to-face interaction between patient and provider forms the foundation of the healing process. Access to sympathetic care is an inviolable part of human dignity and allows us to protect the precious gift of our society's health and well-being. I am very fortunate to be able to carry these lessons into my future profession.

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An American in Paris



Travelogue by senior theater major details charm of studying art in the city of light and surrounding area

SUBMITTED BY TYLER THOMAS/PHOTOS BY REBECCA BILBO

Paris . . . one of the glittering jewels of Europe—I couldn't have asked for a better place to spend a week learning about French culture and art. There is something to be said for firsthand experience. Nowhere is this truer than Paris, a singularly important cradle of Western culture and art. From the towers of Notre Dame to the crypts and tombs of St. Denis, the past is alive and well in Paris. Of course one can learn about history from books, one can see photographs of the masterpieces of art history, but when you are there, when you are standing where the course of humanity has been redefined time and time again you begin to feel a sense of gravity that cannot be communicated through any secondhand media. As an American, I find it incredible to come face-to-face with history, real history. I run across the Sorbonne campus and realize that this university has been in operation for 1,000 years, many times longer than my still young home nation has been around. It puts the world in perspective and makes me realize that I am not nearly as significant as I thought I was. It is a humbling and eye-opening experience to say the least.

Let me start at the beginning . . .

We landed at Charles De Gaulle Airport on an overcast Parisian Monday and grabbed a shuttle van to the Convent of the Sisters of Anne-Marie Javouhey, our new home for the next week. It is an unfortunate necessity that CDG Airport is in a newer section of Paris, but as the shuttle drove on the new began to give way to the old. We found the convent a quiet haven among the hustle and bustle of busy Paris. The trip was organized so that we would start at the oldest sites in Paris and, as the week progressed, we would move chronologically to increasingly newer sites of historical interest.

Our first day included the obligatory visit to the top of the Eiffel tower, and then a night of restful sleep. We awoke the next day and headed off to the Notre Dame Cathedral and the Place des Vosges, the medieval and early Renaissance portion of the trip. I am always amazed at the ingenuity of our ancestors. I do not understand how a building as large and heavy as Notre Dame can stand up, much less stand for nearly 800 years, all while being constructed of little more than well-cut stone. It serves as a powerful reminder of the human spirit's ability to overcome nearly insurmountable obstacles in a world with limited technology.

The following day, a visit to the Louvre Museum was planned to see the masters of the High Renaissance and to bring our study of art

into the romantic era. In my free time I was able to sneak off to the Basilica of Saint Denis, a hidden gem of Paris, being both the birthplace of Gothic architecture and the burial place of French royalty for the last 1,000 years.

The next day, our study of French art was brought into the late nineteenth century, the era of Impressionism and Postimpressionism with a visit to the Musée d'Orsay. Even the museum building is a work of art, being originally constructed as a train station for the 1900 World's Fair. The skies had been threatening all week, but they withheld their watery gifts just long enough for us to take a train ride out to Giverny. This quaint village has the honor of containing the home of Claude Monet and his incomparable gardens. The beauty of this place was matched only by the taste of the French picnic, our own "*Le déjeuner sur l'herbe*," in a field outside of this little village. The next day found us on a stroll in Montmartre, a haven for artists since the mid-19th century. We made a petit pilgrimage to the timeless Basilica of the Sacré Cœur and called it a night. The next morning we set out for the Rodin Museum. Rodin was simply a master. From his "*Gates of Hell*" to the "*Burghers of Calais*," his sculpture has a certain quality that captures a story like few others I have seen. A quick jaunt to the Latin Quarter landed some of us in the middle of the Sorbonne, the oldest university in Paris, and with a bit more walking I found myself at the Théâtre Odéon, one of the two principle theatres in Paris. By then we felt we could negotiate the Paris metro and the streets of the city ourselves so our professors allowed us to explore the city on our own. I hopped on the RER and headed east. My mission was to do some "intense research" on the masters of animation at Disneyland Paris, and oh what a day it was!

As we completed our whirlwind tour of the city of light our senses were filled with the sounds of the French language, the taste of French cuisine, a clearer understanding of French art and architecture, and a new sense of our own place in the world.



Top: These gardens in Giverny inspired Claude Monet's Impressionist "Water Lilies" series.

Above: Tyler Thomas and fellow traveler Michael Stevens enjoy a beverage in a French bistro.

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More Than \$.5 Million Raised in Honor of Outgoing President Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer

In June, the College announced that more than \$583,000 had been raised in honor of outgoing President Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P. through the Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer President's Access Grant, which is permanently endowed and will fund future scholarships for deserving students. At her Farewell Gala, Stallmeyer

explained the importance and value of this grant. "Having a named endowed scholarship is such an honor but, more importantly, it is a gift that will make a difference in the lives of young men and women for many years to come. I offer a heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped make this possible."

Anyone interested in contributing to the Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer President's Access Grant is encouraged to call the Office of Institutional Advancement at Thomas More College at 859-344-3344.

Save the Date Sept. 5

The President's Society Recognition Dinner

The President's Society Recognition Dinner will be held Thursday, Sept. 5 at Summit Hills Country Club. The dinner honors those donors who gave a minimum gift of \$1,000 this past fiscal year, June 1, 2012-May 31, 2013, as well as those who have established legacy gifts.



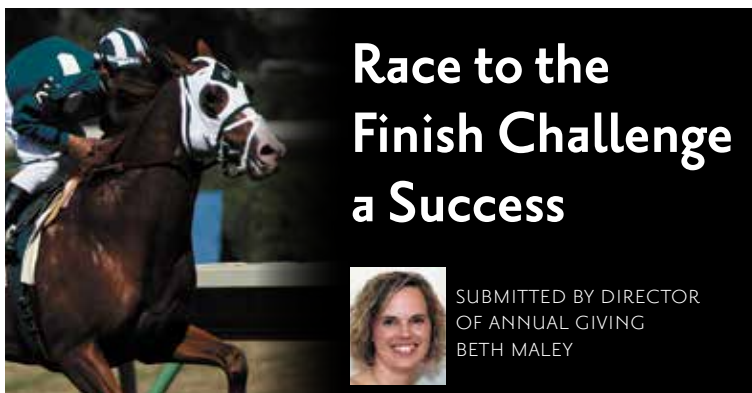
For more information on becoming a President's Society member, contact Cathy Silvers at 859-344-3344 or CATHY.SILVERS@THOMASMORE.EDU.

Endowed Scholarships: a Legacy for the Future

The Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer President's Access Grant joins the following permanently endowed scholarships at Thomas More College:

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Race to the Finish Challenge a Success



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BETH MALEY

Thank you for joining us at the Finish Line on May 31 for the Race to the Finish Challenge, which raised \$32,000. A total of 124 gifts and pledges were received for over \$16,000 that were matched 100 percent ...resulting in \$32,000 in alumni giving to The Fund for Thomas More College! We thank the alumni who participated and the alumnus challenger who committed to match all alumni gifts made to The Fund that were pledged or received between April 1 and May 31, 2013.

After posting the results of the Race to the Finish Challenge, alumni gifts through the annual alumni appeals for fiscal year June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013 increased 90 percent over the previous year! In addition to the Race to the Finish, The Fund for Thomas More College benefited from two other successful alumni giving challenges.

Your annual gifts through The Fund for Thomas More College support a variety

of initiatives that fulfill the mission of the College and allow the flexibility to meet the College's current greatest needs. Thomas More College will recognize all donors from our last fiscal year (June 1, 2012 – May 31, 2013) with the publishing of the Honor Roll of Donors later this fall.

Thank you for such a wonderful giving year. We look forward to hearing from you as we progress through this new fiscal year. Giving is easy! You can make your 2013-2014 gift now through the convenient business reply envelope enclosed in this issue of *Moreover*, or go online to THOMASMORE.EDU/GIVING to make a credit card gift. If you would like to make

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December 17, 2012

This is in gratitude for the excellent education I received at Villa Madonna College, from 1947 to 1951.

Times and things were very different: tuition was \$60.00 a semester, with no additional fees for semester hours. One could take as many courses as one could handle.

This is also in gratitude for the wonderful guidance Sister Margaret Stallmeyer has given to Thomas More for these last years. Sorry to see her retire, but I'm sure she deserves a change of pace. God bless her for all that she has done for our College.



Rev. Leo C. Schmidt
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Save the Date Oct. 3

Bishop Hughes Dinner

Thomas More College will be honoring Covington couples Bill and Sue Butler, and Oakley and Eva Farris at the 18th Annual Bishop William A. Hughes Awards Dinner on Thursday, Oct. 3 at the Drees Pavilion. Established in 1996, the Bishop Hughes Awards honor those who have made significant contributions to Catholic higher education in the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati region. For information on tickets and sponsorship for the evening event, contact Beth Maley at **859-344-3614**.



85th Commencement Ceremony † May 11, 2013 †

GRADUATION 2013 THOMAS MORE COLLEGE



Richard Leroy Shuey



Christopher Bryson



Kyle Lyons



Ernest B. Hillenmeyer Jr.



Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer delivers the commencement address.

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Thomas More College's 85th Commencement combined historic traditions with new ones in-the-making. Graduates processed under the new bell tower to Connor Convocation Center, where, after they were conferred, the long-awaited alma mater was sung in front of nearly 2,000 attendees. Prior to the ceremony, a Baccalaureate Mass took place in the newly completed Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. Chancellor of Thomas More College and Bishop of the Diocese of Covington The Most Rev. Roger J. Foys, D.D. presided over the Mass and commencement ceremony.

Thomas More College President Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P., offered the commencement address and spoke of both traditions and new beginnings. (See an excerpt of her address on [page 10](#).) She was also awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa. Kyle Lyons received the Presidential Service Award, which is conferred upon a graduating senior who has made service to school and the community a priority in his or her life and who places commitment to others at the height of

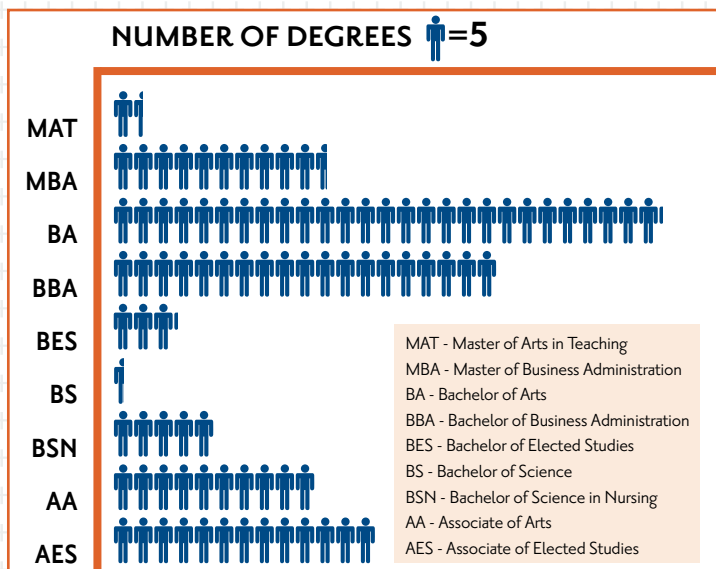
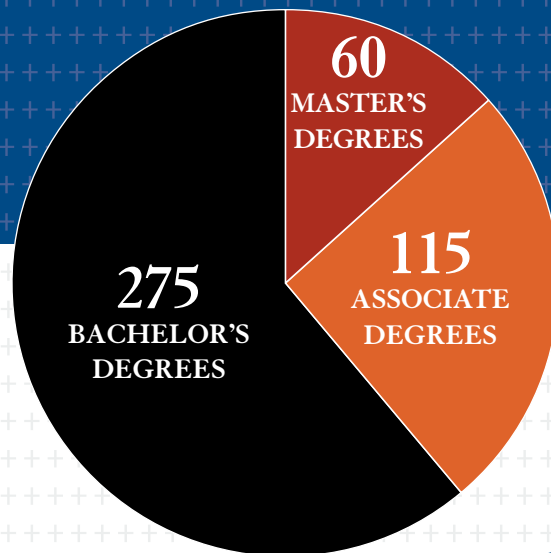
academic and personal pursuits. He double-majored in accountancy and business administration and led the Business Society's annual Habitat for Humanity Alternative Spring Break trip this year. Following graduation, Kyle began a full-time position with VonLehman & Company.

Assistant Professor of Business Administration Richard Shuey was honored with the Outstanding Full-Time Teacher Award, and Christopher Bryson received the Outstanding Part-Time Teacher Award. The College also awarded Ernest B. Hillenmeyer Jr., of Maysville, Ky., a Doctor of Humane Letters honoris causa. He has been a friend of the College since 1956. Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College Dr. Bradley A. Bielski highlighted faculty and student honors, and Chair of Thomas More College Board of Trustees John F. Hodge III offered congratulatory remarks.

While the day marked an end to the students' journeys here at Thomas More, it also signified a new beginning full of promise and hope.

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CLASS OF 2013 BY THE NUMBERS



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GRADUATES
earned
450 DEGREES



GRADUATE
HONORS

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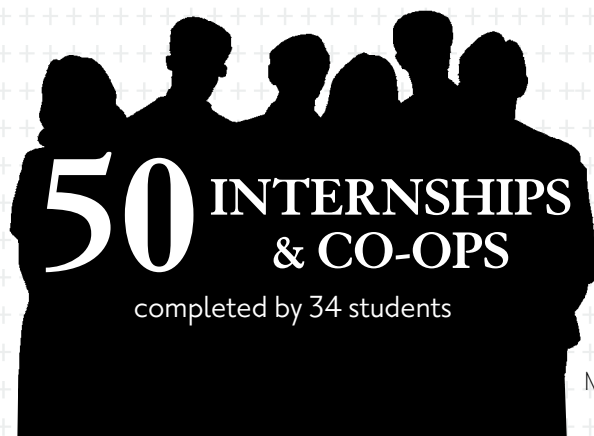
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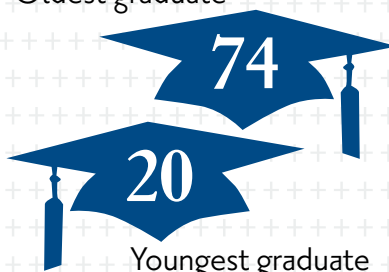
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Youngest graduate

Excerpt from President Stallmeyer's Commencement Address

Your education at TMC has armed you with knowledge and skills, developed you into critical thinkers and prepared you to be ethical leaders. So today is a celebration of all that has been but also a celebration of all that will be.

All that will be – who would even attempt to tell you what that means? Certainly you sit in front of me ready to claim your place as business leaders, teachers, artists, writers, nurses, scientists, philosophers, entrepreneurs, lawyers and physicians... You are prepared to give yourself as loving spouses, caring parents, committed members of your churches, community members who are involved... you have so much to offer. Now is your time. Don't waste it; take action; be willing to risk and most importantly have the courage to follow your heart. Our world is waiting for you; our world needs you.

Our faith tells us that we are co-creators with God. When we co-create with God, we have to be open to experience what comes to us and believe that God in us can use everything for a higher good. So before you map out your entire life, (and no matter our age, we are all tempted to do that) but before you do, I suggest you invite God in. Sit down with the God within your own soul and ask for clarity of direction. Invite that Higher Power that's within you to direct your thoughts and desires; to use them to guide you to what is best for you. Then watch what life brings you. Pay close attention to what feels right. You may be surprised. Do your best in every way you can and then wait for things to come to focus within your life. Step by step you'll find your direction, feeling your way through the truth in each moment. From experience I can tell you that circumstances will lead you in directions that you may never have thought of, but often these are the best experiences. If you are willing to work hand and hand with God, to be that co-creator, I can tell you with confidence that you will be blessed indeed.

And that is my wish for each one of you:

That throughout your life you will be happy, you will be blessed. Happiness is a difficult word to define. We know happiness cannot be traveled to, owned, earned or consumed. It is not a destination.

Martin Seligman, author of "Authentic Happiness," describes happiness as having three parts: pleasure, engagement and meaning. Pleasure is the "feel good" part of happiness. Engagement refers to living an "involved life" of work, family, friends and hobbies. Meaning refers to using our strengths to contribute to a larger purpose. Seligman says that all three are important, but that of the three, engagement and meaning make the most difference to living a happy life.

Let me share with you three ways I think will help you live an engaged and meaningful life.

LIVE IN THE PRESENT MOMENT

The past is gone, the future isn't here. The present moment is all that we ever have. If we are living in that moment, we will be in control, we will not set ourselves up for predestined unhappiness. Living in the present moment, we will be able to enjoy the journey; we'll take time to smell the roses. We need to be careful not to spend our lives waiting for some "big" happiness. If we do we will not enjoy the everyday "small" happy moments.

BE GRATEFUL

Psychologists tell us that it is not true that we think the way we feel. On the contrary, we feel the way we think. And that is very good news because we can control and even change our thoughts. Giving thanks – thanks to God, thanks to parents, friends and co-workers is good for us psychologically. In a 2003 study, it was found that people who practiced gratitude felt 25 percent happier than those who did not. The grateful people were more optimistic about the future, felt better about their lives and were more energetic. The study actually found that grateful people exercised more.

This spirit of gratitude needs to permeate our whole being. By that I mean it needs to be part of our everyday, ordinary life. We spend so much time wanting things or hoping a situation will be better; that we often fail to recognize all the good around us and do not appreciate our own gifts. I encourage you to realize that God's gifts are within you and all around you; remember that joy is an attitude of mind; and cultivate awareness within yourself that your life is basically good.

SERVICE TO OTHERS

One of the best ways to achieve personal success is by going out and serving others. Many of you already know that – you have been a remarkable class in terms of your commitment to service. You have experienced that the unselfish kindness and generosity service demands has both given meaning to your life while it sustains and dignifies the lives of others.

You realize, I hope, that you are a privileged group of men and women. Less than 40 percent of Americans have college degrees. You are graduating from a great school, have family and friends who love and support you and you are prepared to move on with your life. As privileged individuals you have an imperative to serve others. The opportunities to serve are limitless and they are all around you, they are ordinary. To quote Mother Teresa: "if you cannot feed a hundred people, just feed one."

I read somewhere that the great Western disease is "I'll be happy when." When I get a job, when I have so much money, when my children are raised... The reality is we never get to when. Happiness is not out there and it's not next week. Happiness is in here and it's now.

So as we prepare to award your diplomas, I say to you in summary: Enjoy and celebrate this day, go out from this place and make this a better world and live each moment with love, gratitude and service. Live a happy life.

Congratulations. God's blessings on each of you.





Top right, clockwise: Cameras large and small were the order of the day as family members documented the commencement ceremony. The class of 2013 had the honor of being the first class to attend Baccalaureate Mass in Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. Procession of students after commencement through the faculty receiving line. Entrance of Bishop Roger J. Foys to begin the Baccalaureate Mass. Students still enjoy personalizing the tops of their mortar boards. Classmates greet and congratulate each other as they head to Connor Convocation Center.

See more photos on page 24.



Young Alumni to Watch

The Class of 2013 included many ambitious graduates who are finding their niches and putting their Thomas More College degree to good use! Keep an eye on the following standouts who are already making a difference in their respective communities and beyond.



ANDREW LINKUGEL

Andrew Linkugel has always known he wanted to be doctor. The only difficult part of his journey to becoming a physician was which medical school to choose. He was accepted into at least seven, including Harvard and Johns Hopkins. His final choice was Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. While at TMC, he earned consecutive spots on the Dean's High Honors List all eight semesters, graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology with a concentration in cellular and molecular biology.

During his time at TMC, Andrew was involved in tutoring and mentoring elementary school students in an underprivileged area of Covington, Ky. He also participated in the Thomas More College border studies program, which aids migrant and displaced workers in El Paso, Texas and spent this past spring break participating in a medical mission trip to Santiago Guatemala (See story, [page 4](#)). Despite his busy schedule, Andrew has consistently worked and volunteered in medically related fields, including a job as a pharmacy technician at Kroger. There's no doubt Andrew will make a difference in the world – we'll be excited to learn more about his contributions as a TMC alumnus in the years to come!



SIERRA O'BRYAN

Sierra O'Bryan is headed to The Ohio State University to pursue a Ph.D. in physics. As a TMC student, she double-majored in physics and mathematics. She excelled both academically and in her extra-curricular activities and was named Outstanding Senior for both the physics and mathematics programs her senior year, while also making impressive appearances on the Dean's List throughout her TMC experience. In addition to tutoring and club involvement, she also played varsity

women's tennis and was designated a PAC Athletic Scholar every year. She was also involved with fundraising activities for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund and has been team captain of the "Sierra's Sisters" group since 2005.

Sierra began a research project in astronomy in January 2012, funded via the Kentucky Space Grant Consortium, which utilized the telescopes at The Bank of Kentucky Observatory to measure changes in brightness in eclipsing binary star systems. As part of her research, she traveled to Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz., to observe with the 72" Perkins Telescope and to Goddard Space Flight Center in Maryland to meet with NASA researchers. With her proven ambition here at TMC and a path toward reaching for the stars, it's a sure bet that Sierra's journey will be filled with future success.



NAMAAN MIAN

Embracing TMC's emphasis on service, Namaan Mian recently accepted a position with the Greater Cincinnati Foundation, where he will engage in fundraising on behalf of local non-profit organizations. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in political science and an associate degree in history. Namaan maintained his superior academic performance, while adding a variety of professional experiences to his resume, including a stint in Washington, D. C. as a Gene Snyder Fellow during his spring semester 2011. He served as a legislative aide on the staff of Congressman Geoff Davis and attended congressional hearings and developed briefing reports, conducted issue-related research, prepared constituent responses, led visitor tours of the Capitol, and trained other intern staff. Prior to that, he served as in-district aide for Congressman Davis in 2010.

Namaan also had the opportunity to present his senior seminar research, "Whiskey is for Drinking; Water is for Fighting Over: How Democratic States React to Resource Conflicts," at the 2013 Conference of the

Kentucky Political Science Association.

Namaan served as a delegate representing Thomas More (and the State of Kuwait) at the 2013 Ohio Valley Arab League Summit held at Miami University (OH) where he was honored as a "Delegate of Note" by conference organizers. His political experience at Thomas More was augmented by his participation in clubs and community organizations. With a passion for politics and a focus on helping others, Namaan is sure to make an impact on the communities he serves.



KELLY UETRECHT

As a freshman, Kelly Uetrecht identified her goal to become a school psychologist. That goal is one step closer to reality as Kelly has been accepted into the graduate program in education at Miami University, where she earned a full scholarship and an assistantship that will no doubt provide valuable experience. The TMC grad earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and educational studies. Her strong academic performance has landed her on the Dean's list every semester, even while she juggled numerous extra-curricular activities, including serving as president of the Psychology Club and participating in Psi Chi (the national honor society in psychology), the Education Club, the Psychology Bowl Team and the James Graham Brown Honors Program.

Kelly was named Outstanding Psychology Student in 2011-2012 and during her first three years at TMC, she presented four research projects at undergraduate conferences. Her commitment to the College, as well as the community, has been described by her professors as uniquely impressive for an undergraduate. She flourished at Thomas More College, gained research experience, demonstrated leadership skills, worked part-time and performed community service. As a future school psychologist, Kelly will certainly play a role in helping others and will use the skills she perfected at TMC to help shape the minds of future learners and leaders.

Read about other 2013 standouts at THOMASMORE.EDU/ABOUT/GRADUATES.CFM.

Introducing

David A. Armstrong, J.D., President

BY STACY SMITH ROGERS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & PR

In May, Thomas More College named David A. Armstrong, J.D., its 14th president. The Board of Trustees elected Armstrong, and the Bishop of the Diocese of Covington and Chancellor of Thomas More College The Most Rev. Roger J. Foys D.D. approved the selection. Armstrong previously served as the vice president and general counsel of Notre Dame College in South Euclid, Ohio, where he was instrumental in increasing enrollment and retention, securing the largest gift (\$2.1 million) in college history and developing new academic programs and initiatives, along with leading a re-branding campaign in 2010.



Armstrong

Bishop Foys commented on the selection, "I am very pleased that David Armstrong has accepted our offer to take up the presidency of Thomas More College. I was very impressed with him during my interview and I have every confidence that he will build on the solid foundation of those who have gone before him, especially that of our most recent president, Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer. As bishop of Covington and chancellor of our diocesan Thomas More College, I look forward to working very closely with Mr. Armstrong."

Presidential Search Committee Chair and Chair of the Thomas More College Board of Trustees John F. Hodge III elaborated, "Dave possesses the experience and skill set to serve successfully as president of Thomas More College. He will bring enthusiasm, passion and energy to the position. I look forward to him building upon what Sister Margaret has achieved."

Armstrong said it is a privilege to be selected and he looks forward to the opportunity to serve as president. "My wife and I could not be more excited to come to this beautiful area and serve such a wonderful Catholic college that



Dave Armstrong was welcomed by the TMC community on Tuesday, May 22. He shares the stage with outgoing President Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, Chancellor of the College Bishop Roger Foys and Board Chairman John Hodge.

has instilled students with a value-based, liberal arts education since 1921.

"In this day and age, when the landscape of higher education is changing every day, it is imperative that colleges like Thomas More not only survive, but thrive. Thomas More has delivered a uniquely personal education that prepares students with the integrity and the academic skills to make a direct impact on local, national and global challenges. Sr. Margaret has done spectacular work, and I look forward to carrying on her tradition of excellence while enhancing Thomas More College's position in the minds of prospective students and supporters," he added.

Armstrong was officially welcomed to campus May 22 as faculty, staff and students gathered in Seiler Commons to celebrate the announcement. He took the helm as president July 1. Armstrong holds a Juris Doctor from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Accounting from

Look for an in-depth interview with President Armstrong in the Fall 2013 issue of *Moreover*.

Mercyhurst University in Erie, Pa. He commented on how he, his wife Leslie and children, David and Johanna, were welcomed to the Northern Kentucky area. "Leslie and I were treated like good friends on our visits to Thomas More. We felt right at home because of the hospitality of the Board of Trustees, Board Chair John Hodge, Sr. Margaret and the rest of the college community. It is very important to us that we are among people who are friendly and welcoming as we raise our children. Thomas More College and the Northern Kentucky community have a warmth and comfortableness we felt immediately on our first visit. We look forward to becoming part of the fabric of such a vibrant and friendly community."

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MARY, SEAT OF WISDOM CHAPEL

Farewell to *Sr. Margaret*

BY STACY SMITH ROGERS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & PR

Photo by Bruce Crippen

Following the 2013 Commencement ceremony, Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer '68, C.D.P. stands in front of Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.

When Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer became the 13th president of Thomas More College on Dec. 15, 2004, she set out on a mission to position the College on a more stable financial footing and to expand its educational offerings. Anyone who knows Sr. Margaret is well aware that when she sets her sights on a goal, she accomplishes it. With a steadfast determination for working efficiently and productively, she embraced the challenges before her with enthusiasm and confidence. During her nine-year tenure, the College became financially stable, added more degree programs, increased enrollment and enabled

more institutional aid offerings. Sr. Margaret left a legacy of service, integrity and faith-driven inspiration that will be remembered long after her last day June 30.

As a Thomas More (Villa Madonna College) alumna and a six-year

board member, Sr. Margaret readily embraced the mission of the College and combined her experience with a vision for its future. Her life-long love for learning sparked a contagious enthusiasm throughout campus and beyond. Armed with a bachelor of arts in math and secondary education and a minor in chemistry, it's no wonder that when she became president she helped champion a dedicated effort to promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) education within the entire Northern Kentucky Community. As only the second female president in the College's 92-year history, she has also served as an inspiration for young women across the region.

Sr. Margaret describes herself as a lifelong learner and believes that continued learning plays a vital role in development at any age. Sr. Margaret often refers to her "math brain" when she analyzes situations; however, her passion for learning extends into a welcome embrace of arts and humanities. She has also been one of the Saints' biggest fans, sporting her blue and white on a regular basis. TMC coaches will tell you she's an avid supporter of student athletes and has been a fixture in the stands cheering them on to many victories.

During the last nine years, the College has seen major renovations to its library, science labs, biology field station and the construction of the athletic field. More recently, the long-held dream of building a free-standing chapel was realized with the dedication of Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel in December. Located in the heart of campus, the chapel is a testament to Sr. Margaret's faith-inspired vision. In recent remarks about her legacy, The Most Reverend Bishop of the Diocese of Covington Roger J. Foy commented that she brought Thomas More's

Above: Sr. Margaret visited with students, faculty and staff at the Saints Send Off. Left: Sister's siblings and their families are still some of her biggest fans.



Catholic identity to the forefront, increasing awareness of the foundational beliefs on which the College was founded.

While there are many tangible brick and mortar achievements under her leadership, students have always been her focus. Among her many goals was a desire to instill a sense of leadership and responsibility within the hearts and minds of students, empowering them with the confidence and skills to become leaders and innovators in their respective communities. That was evident as you watched her in the hallways, greeting students by name and taking time to express an interest in their lives. When asked about decision-making in her role as president, Sr. Margaret said she simply started off each decision with a question: "How will this affect students?" That question, along with some quiet reflection and time in prayer, propelled her to successfully tackle challenges with confidence.

Tributes to Sr. Margaret in the last months of her presidency were conducted much like she conducts herself – with grace, gratitude and without boasting. Plenty of people were quick to sing her praises, but as in true "Sr. Margaret fashion," she requested the fanfare be kept at a minimum. She did, however, agree to accept several honors publicly. In addition to receiving an honorary degree from the College at commencement, she was also recognized within the Northern Kentucky community and beyond. The Northern Kentucky Education Council honored her with a Lifetime Achievement Award and she was also

See **page 10** for an excerpt from Sister's commencement speech.

presented a Lifetime Achievement Award by the Outstanding Women of Northern Kentucky. Humbled by the awards and attention, Sr. Margaret couldn't escape the

spotlight that shone on her contribution to the community and the impact her example and leadership has made on so many.

Sr. Margaret will admit that saying, "goodbye," isn't something she does well, but her informal farewell was exactly how she envisioned it. The "Saints Send Off for Sister," was held during Finals Week at the amphitheater just outside of the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. The casual, laid back atmosphere offered her a chance to talk one-on-one with students, faculty and staff and socialize in a new area of campus, one she had the vision to help create. Although more formal, her Farewell Gala at Summit Hills Country Club offered a similar, relaxed feel with guests dancing together and sharing in the contagious energy that Sr. Margaret's smile (and very impressive dance moves) translated. She had a chance to thank everyone and simply enjoyed being in company with good friends and family. In addition, she had the opportunity to introduce David A. Armstrong, her successor. (Read more about Dave on **page 13**.)

Sr. Margaret's graceful guidance through the years has no doubt had a powerful impact on the College. Her legacy is one that's sewn from humility, service and a passion for providing a quality education to every student who works diligently to pursue it. The Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer President's Access Grant (see story, **page 6**.) will enable students to better afford their education at Thomas More College. At press time, the amount raised was more than \$583,000 and growing.

At Thomas More College, Sr. Margaret's tenacious gaze on each goal she set forth led others to push ahead and help her achieve success together. She believes that the College is uniquely positioned to succeed in the competitive higher education climate. When asked to reflect on what she hopes this generation of students will take with them, she turned her head slightly, gazed toward the window in her office, tilted her chin upward and responded, "My hope is that they will realize their God-given talents, and work hard to embrace new opportunities through which they can make this world a better place through leadership, gratitude and service to others."

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Sr. Margaret on campus with Thomas More College students.

ABOUT SR. MARGARET

Born in Dayton, Ky., Sr. Margaret is the eldest of six children of Robert and Ruth Stallmeyer. Her siblings (Janet, Robert, Jean, Diane and Judy) lovingly refer to her as, "Maggie," and can tell stories of how even as a child she was always coming up with ways to teach them things. Prior to graduating from college, Sr. Margaret took her vows with the Sisters of Divine Providence in Melbourne, Ky., at age 18. She credits her parents for instilling within her a love of the Catholic faith. After earning her degrees, which include a master's degree in education from Xavier University, she became a teacher and later an administrator at Our Lady of Providence Academy and Newport Central Catholic High School. In 1987 she earned a degree in canon law from the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., then worked at the Diocese of Lexington where she served as judge and director of the Diocesan Tribunal. Prior to Thomas More College, she served as treasurer for the Sisters of Divine Providence, as well as chair on the St. Elizabeth Medical Center Board and Greater Cincinnati Consortium of Colleges and Universities.



Sister Margaret Stallmeyer, last principal of the Academy, 1985-1987.



Clockwise from top: 1964 photo of Sr. Margaret after taking her vows. Early photo of Sister teaching algebra. Yearbook picture as principal at Our Lady of Providence Academy.



TMC Alumnus Runs 100 Miles for Charity

BY STACY SMITH ROGERS, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS & PR

Dr. Rob Tagher '92 Lets Ambition and Motivation Guide His Path

Dr. Rob Tagher knows a thing or two about children. As a pediatrician, he's familiar with treating their aches and pains. Although small in stature, sometimes the problems children face seem bigger than anyone could imagine, especially those who face abuse. Inspired to combine his passion for running with helping a worthy cause, the 1992 TMC graduate and Florence, Ky., physician embarked on an ambitious endeavor to raise money for the Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center (NKCAC), which offers services that respond to the concerns of child abuse and offers prevention, evaluation and treatment to children and families. "It's a place where families can get help dealing with abuse in a safe and welcoming environment," Rob explained.

With the support of his wife, Gannon, who is an advocate with NKCAC, Rob sought out venues that hosted 100-mile races. He didn't have to look too far.

Chain O'Lakes State Park in Albion, Ind., just north of Ft. Wayne, Ind., offered an opportunity in April. "There aren't a lot of places that host 100-mile races. This location is fairly flat and the timing was right, so it was a good fit," he said.

Rob has been an avid runner for eight years and has participated in several marathons, including the Boston Marathon in 2012, but he had never raised money for a specific cause.



He expected to raise about \$10,000, but everyone kept telling him that he could do more. Encouraged to set a goal of \$25,000, Rob began investing the time and energy to prepare both physically and mentally for the commitment. He began training by building up his endurance with other races, including a 50-mile race at Land Between The Lakes in western Kentucky five weeks prior to the 100-mile run.

When April 21 came, he was ready, but the anticipated spring-like weather felt more like the middle of winter. Freezing temperatures, waist-deep water (the trail was flooded) and thick mud made the course a true physical challenge, but Rob said he tried not to focus on it. "The race happened a full week after the Boston Marathon tragedy. Knowing what those people went through, it was hard to complain about muddy feet and cold weather. I was thankful for the opportunity to participate."

Personal ambition was what initiated this quest, but outside factors played a key role in his being able to successfully finish the race in just under 24 hours. He placed 10th overall out of the 57 runners

"I could have never finished without the support of my friends, family and patients who contributed to my success."

who completed it (180 runners began the race). Rob said he was motivated because he had already raised most of the money and felt accountable to his supporters. "People had already paid and I felt like they needed

to get their money's worth. The money raiser needed to finish the race and that was my biggest motivation."

To put a dollar figure to it, the motivation he referenced was more than \$20,500, just a few thousand short of his \$25,000 goal. His efforts were profiled by local media, including *The Cincinnati Enquirer* newspaper. Rob referred to this experience as life-changing and thanked his supporters by saying, "As my body continues to recover and I am able to reflect on all that took place on race day, I have to say, I could have never finished without the support of my friends, family and patients who contributed to my success."

Rob said he's been qualified to run the Boston Marathon next year and that he hopes he can get in because so many people are expected to enter. Like many marathon runners, Rob said he simply loves the sport. "I think it's fun. It's not work for me. I feel privileged to have the health to run at all." In addition to marathons, he coaches his son's elementary cross-country team. Andrew, and his sisters Maggie and Mollie, also hike with their parents.

Rob said he chose pediatrics because "it seems like the pediatric specialists were the happiest." His father, Robert Tagher, is also a pediatrician and

TAGHER TMC CONNECTIONS

Rob's sister, Mimi Tagher, is a 1985 graduate (BA, English). She is an acupuncturist with offices in Florence, Ky., and Blue Ash, Ohio and co-owner of Synergy Holistic Health Center. Mimi said she's taken up running again in the last few years, but admits that she's not as adventurous as Rob. "I have completed several half marathons, including the Half Pig in Cincinnati," she said.

Mimi and Rob's cousins, Alex, Gabriel and Mary Ann Tagher also attended Thomas More College. Gabriel is an endodontist and lives in Cape Cod, Mass. Alex is a civil engineer working in New Jersey, and Mary Ann is a pharmacist who owns her own pharmacy in the country of Lebanon.

welcomed him to join his practice. He credits his education at Thomas More College for giving him a strong foundation in learning and giving back. "My professors took a personal interest in me and made me feel accountable to succeed. That was a big motivator for me." After graduating from TMC, he earned his medical degree from the University of Kentucky School of Medicine in 1996.

Rob said he would advise prospective students who are considering Thomas More College to be prepared to study diligently. "They are going to have to work hard, but they'll also get the personal attention and tools they'll need to succeed in life. For me, the personal relationships and interpersonal skills I developed at Thomas More certainly prepared me for my career."

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The course was a 16.67 mile mixture of wide and narrow trails – from rolling hills to dirt and off camber grass sections. There was very little road running. Most of the trails surrounded the many lakes. The 100 milers ran six loops and had 30 hours to finish.

ARE YOU A MARATHON RUNNER?

What motivates you to cross the finish line? Share your experience with

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by August 30, 2013.

Place	First	Last
1	Michelle	Yates
2	Mark	Ott
3	Paul	Storka
4	Brandt	Kettner
5	Matt	Plaxton
6	Jerome	Daaven
7	Eric	Deutch
8	Kirk	Ridenour
9	Will	Simmons
10	Robert	Tagher
11	Mark	Jacobs
12	Tim	Ulrich
13	Gregory	Trapp
14	David	Corfman
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KUDOS TO TMC FACULTY ON THEIR ACCOLADES, PRESENTATIONS & PUBLISHED WORKS

Dr. Lawrence Boehm, professor, psychology, presented research entitled “Values and Relationships Associated with Life Satisfaction in Women and Men” at the 25th Annual Convention of the Association for Psychological Science in Washington, D.C. The presentation was the result of an ongoing study exploring how life satisfaction and positive emotion are connected to relationships and values in young adults.

Dr. John Cimprich, professor and chair, history, served as the national office representative at the Regional Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society Conference at Morehead State University in March.

Dr. Julie Daoud, associate professor, English, and **Sarah Vogt**, adjunct faculty, English, presented “Text: Me—Technology Innovations for Where We Are” at the annual Kentucky Innovations Conference in May at the University of Kentucky. The paper presented the faculty planning for the English department’s first “hybrid” learning composition course to be taught this fall. Dr. Daoud presented her work, “Killing the Term Paper: How to Leverage Student Writing for a Living Democracy,” at the Annual International Lilly Conference for Teaching and Learning in Bethesda, Md., in May. This paper offered a range of exhibits to demonstrate the difference English students have made in the community as they mastered socially-responsive writing techniques in the service learning sector.

Dr. Shiv Desai, assistant professor, education, presented “Moving Away From a Banking Methodology Towards a Dialogic Methodology to Promote Decolonizing/Critical Race Research” at the annual meeting of the Critical Race Studies in Education Conference in Nashville, Tenn. in May. In April, he presented two papers: “Humanizing Trayvon Martin: Pushing Past/Aside Our Suspicions in Order to See Our Brother, Our Nephew, Our Son” and “From Gangsta to Poet: The Multiple Identities of Spiritual.” He served as a discussant on “Dispositions in Teaching” and “Issues in Teacher and Doc Student Development” at the annual meeting of the American Educational Research Association in San Francisco.

Dr. Rex Easley, professor and chair, English, gave a poetry reading of his original work at the Kentucky Philological Association Conference at Centre College in March. He is scheduled to have three poems published in “*The Blue Collar Review*,” a national literary journal published in Hampton, Va.

Dr. Erwin F. Erhardt III, professor, history and economics, attended the Montreal Conference on Early Television held at the Cinémaèque Québécoise in Montreal, Canada in March. At this conference, he presented “The Loretta Young Show: Addressing Societal and Cultural Issues in Post-World War II America.” In June, Dr. Erhardt traveled to Porto, Portugal where he attended the International Psychology and the Arts Conference at the University of Porto. He presented a paper titled “The Psychological Impact of War: ‘Foyle’s War’s’ Depiction of the Human Trauma of World War II.”

Dr. Erhardt also traveled to Lisboa, Portugal to attend the 7th Annual European Society for East Asian Studies where he presented the paper “Memories of an Evacuee in World War II Singapore: Christine Charwood and Her Family’s Remarkable Story of Survival.”

Dr. R. Steven Flynn, professor and chair, accountancy, published his article “The Impact of the External Auditor’s Past Associations with Earnings Restatements on Perceptions of Current Audit Quality” in the “*Journal of International Business and Economics*,” Vol.12 (4), 2012.

Dr. Ray Hebert, professor and dean of the college emeritus, history, has been selected to serve as the director of the Late Ireland Program for the Cooperative Center for Study Abroad (CCSA). The program will include overnight stays in Dublin, Waterford, Killarney and Galway. Four TMC history majors will participate as well. Dr. Hebert has been TMC’s representative on the CCSA Board of Directors since 1987 and was recently appointed to a two-year term on the Executive Advisory Committee for CCSA.

Dr. Julie Luebbbers, assistant professor, foreign languages, presented a paper entitled “Learning through Poverty: A Look at Two Siblings’ Educational Experiences in Real Guatemala” at the American Educational Research Association Conference in San Francisco, Calif. in May.

Dr. Jodie Mader, assistant professor, history, edited the 2013 edition of History Department Alumni Newsletter. In March she served as a judge for History Day at the Cincinnati Museum Center and in April guest lectured on the Boer War for Western Kentucky University’s chapter of Phi Alpha Theta.

Dr. James McNutt, professor, history, international studies and political science, took sabbatical leave during the spring semester. The high point was a two-week research trip to the Adolf Schlatter archives in Stuttgart Germany. In addition to

his German language research, Dr. McNutt wrote a review of Irvn M. Resnick’s, “*Marks of Distinction: Christian Perceptions of Jews in the High Middle Ages*,” for “*Holocaust and Genocide Studies*,” the peer-reviewed journal of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum. He has also accepted an invitation and is currently writing a paper on Schlatter to be published in a collection of academic essays honoring a former college professor. The book will appear in 2014.

The Kentucky Association of Colleges of Teacher Education (KACTE) recently honored **Dr. Elizabeth M. Penn**, professor, education, with the organization’s 2013 Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Penn served as the organization’s president from 2010-2012. She continued to serve on the KACTE Board of Directors until May 2013. She recently retired after 23 years in the Thomas More College education department. During her tenure at TMC, Dr. Penn served as chair of the education department, chair of the division of social sciences and professions, and director of faculty development. Dr. Penn will continue to serve the community as chair of the Board of Directors of the Covington Partners which supports the students of Covington schools.

Dr. Malcolm Robinson, professor and chair, economics, took part in a panel discussion on the Federal Budget at KET’s “*Kentucky Tonight*” televised show in April. A link to the video can be found at thomasmore.edu/economics.

Dr. Jack Rudnick Jr., associate professor, healthcare management, had several peer-reviewed publications recently added to two research data bases: EBSCOhost and ProQuest. These electronic sources provide information references and tools to diverse user communities, including libraries, researchers and students worldwide.

Dr. Catherine Sherron, professor, philosophy completed three publisher book reviews for books in sports, ethics and the metaphysics of death. In addition, she coordinated with faculty and staff on the Year of Wisdom series of lectures and events celebrating the opening of the Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. Dr. Sherron taught a biomedical & research ethics course for 14 students from TMC and other institutions in London, England over winter break. She co-presented “Doing Right: Ethical Challenges in EMS” with Michael Sherron (Ohio EPA and EMS Instructor) at the International Trauma Life Support Conference in Columbus, Ohio in March. She continued to serve on the planning committee for Newport Aquarium’s “Nauti

Faculty Profile

REV. RONALD M. KETTELER

Associate Professor and Chair of Theology

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

A: I want them to come away with more than an intellectual grasp of doctrine and faith. It's really a part of evangelization – I hope to enlighten minds to open hearts, communicating faith in depth.

Q: How long have you worked at TMC?

A: I've been assigned to Thomas More for the past

30 years, but I've been in higher education and teaching for 52 years.

Q: Where did you obtain your degree/degrees?

A: I received my undergraduate and graduate degrees at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary and University in Mundelein, Ill. I also completed graduate work in theology and philosophy at Xavier University and Catholic University in Washington, D.C. I was ordained in 1961.

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

A: At 77 years old, there isn't much I haven't done. I'm never bored, and I feel like I have more energy now than I ever had. However, I do have three or four unpublished monographs and would like to publish one in book form.

Q: Where was your last vacation?

A: I normally take mini-vacations. My last trip was to Central Kentucky where I visited with a lot of friends that I knew during the 17 years that I lived there. I have also enjoyed attending philosophy workshops far and wide. Two of the most memorable were at the University of Notre Dame in 1974 and in Washington, D.C. in 1968. I served as assistant chaplain in the National Shrine at that time.

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

A: The pastor from my home parish (St. John's in Covington, Ky.) was truly a role model, Fr. Henry Hanses. And Fr. Tony Deye, a priest and history professor. Both had a contagious spiritual influence on the priestly ministry. For me, it's been important to teach through experience and through my own wide pastoral ministry and from what I've learned from them I've been able to suffuse the real world into my teaching of theology.

Q: What are your hobbies – or what do you do when you're not teaching?

A: I really enjoy writing. As a matter of fact, I used to take a typewriter with me when I went on vacation or was visiting friends. A few years back, I played tennis but I traded that for making sure I still had flexible knees.

Q: What has teaching at TMC taught you?

A: It depends on the decade. Each generation of students offers a distinct perspective and challenge. I believe professors have to be better at listening than anyone else in the classroom. That gift of listening is important. I don't teach the same way now as I did in the 60s.

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

A: I listen to classical music.

Q: What book is on your nightstand?

A: "Jesus of Nazareth" by Pope Benedict XVI and Michael Sande's "What Money Can't Buy – The Moral Limits of Market." I usually read six different books at one time. I have really enjoyed studying the writings of Fr. John Courtney Murray and have a passion for reading about religion in government and economics as well as political justice.

Q: As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A: By my sophomore year in high school, I knew I wanted to be a priest. I attended Holy Cross High School, but I graduated from Covington Latin.

Q: What's your philosophy?

A: My view is that life goes forward, not backward. I believe that laughter is therapeutic, "touching the hem of hope." And I've told people throughout the years, "Don't live in a collapsed eschaton."



Nite," a fund-raiser for the WAVE Educational Foundation and coordinated TMC's One Billion Rising program in February, campaigning against violence against women. She and her husband hosted an exchange student from Bahrain for the academic year 2012-13.

Dr. Sherry Cook Stanforth, professor, English, published "Chicken Nugget," a short story in "Pine Mountain Sand &

Gravel—*Apocalachia: Apocalypse in Appalachia*," Volume 16. She was also the co-author/producer/performer in "For Land's Sake: A Multi-Genre Presentation in the Arts" in collaboration with Kentuckians for the Commonwealth at Thomas More College in February. Dr. Stanforth recently participated in public literary readings through the "Poetry in the Garden" series at Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County Main Library and the Appalachian Culture Fest at the Cincinnati Museum Center during which she

performed "Apocalachia: Apocalypse in Appalachia." In addition, she co-presented "Performing Community: A Multi-Modal Showcase of Appalachian Community Building Efforts – Through Their Voices: The Expanding Rings of a Multi-Generational Family Music Circle" and "Our Tellico Songs: A Four-Generation Story of Family Music Action" at the 36th Annual Appalachian Studies Association Conference at Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C.

Alumni News

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!

Expand Your Circle

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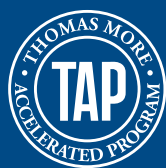
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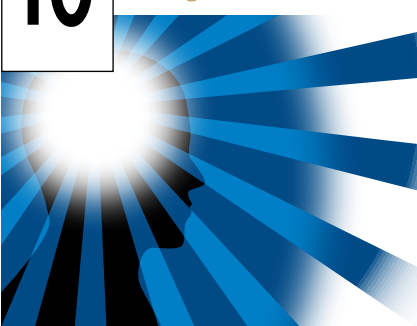
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August 10 Psychology Alumni Reunion Steigerwald Hall



Oct. 5 & 6 Homecoming Weekend The Saints Zone Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel Steigerwald Hall



Sept. 16 Bensman Golf Classic Summit Hills Country Club



Oct. 26 Alumni Day at Keeneland



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Thomas More College Alumni Association

Alumni Gatherings



History Reunion

History alumni enjoyed a cocktail reception and dinner that took place on campus Saturday, Feb. 9.

JGB Honors Reception

The James Graham Brown Honors Alumni Reception was held on Tuesday, April 9 with alumni giving sound advice to current honors students.



Class of '63

The Class of 1963 celebrated its 50th anniversary during Commencement Weekend, May 10-11. A cocktail reception on campus was enjoyed with several alumni returning for the Baccalaureate Mass and anniversary luncheon the following day.



MBA Networking with TAP

Approximately 50 MBA alumni, faculty and current MBA students enjoyed the TAP MBA Networking Reception held March 14.



Wine Tasting

More than 150 alumni enjoyed the 5th Annual Alumni Wine Tasting on Friday, April 26. Guests enjoyed a selection of Malbec wines from Argentina and France, and Gewurtztraminer wines from Germany and Washington state. Featured appetizers enhanced the flavor of the wines.

Make sure you receive up-to-date information for alumni events, contact Monica Ginney at ALUMNI@THOMASMORE.EDU.



1950s

Brother Donald Smith '56 celebrated his 50th anniversary as a Marianist brother on May 11. Several of his 1956 classmates attended the celebration: **Nancy (Black) Kuchle**, **Joanne (Saulino) Niehaus**, Brother Don Smith, **Jean (Germann) Hengelbrok**, **Tom Zumbiel** and **Dorothy (Tillman) Kennedy**.



1960s

Susan Court '66 was the recipient of the 2012 Outstanding Alumna of Chase College of Law at Northern Kentucky University on March 21, 2013.



1970s

Robert J. Walsh '72 has joined Spiers Realty of Pompano Beach, Fla. as a sales associate. He is founder and CEO of TopTenRealEstateDeals.com, one of the top real estate news and entertainment websites in the United States.

Jim Dressman '74 has been named managing partner at DBL Law located in Crestview Hills, Ky.



1980s

Dr. Ann (Menke) Gunkel '84 was named Educator of the Year by the Greater Cincinnati Earth Coalition for her work with students and demonstrating outstanding dedication to caring for the environment as Program Chair of the Environmental Engineering Technology Program at Cincinnati State College for the past 20 years.



Donna Yeager '84 was appointed mayor of Independence, Ky. fulfilling a term vacated earlier in the year.



Fr. Martin Burnham '89, a priest of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, was recently admitted as a temporary member to the American Province of the Society of St. Sulpice, a congregation of priests that serve the church in working as seminary faculty to form future diocesan priests. He is currently assigned to Theological College, the national seminary of the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.



1990s

Steve Crawford '90 was recently named board chairman of the Community Foundation of Northern Kentucky.

Thomas W. Rumpke '91 took the oath of office of district court judge for the Sixth Judicial District of Wyoming on May 23.

Dr. Robert J. Tagher '92, a pediatrician practicing in Florence, Ky., recently completed the Indiana Trail 100, a 100-mile ultramarathon, on April 21 to benefit the Northern Kentucky Children's Advocacy Center which responds to the concerns of child abuse. For the complete story, see **page 16**.

M. Scott McIntyre '97 was named one of Law360's five employment rising stars under 40 in March.



Andy Adams '99 and wife Anna welcomed their third child, Evan on July 6, 2012. Andy works for Xerox's healthcare division and the family resides in Ft. Mitchell, Ky.

2000s

Brian Eviston '00 has been named shareholder at Strauss Troy, one of Greater Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky's leading law firms.



Dr. Melanie R. Anderson '01 published "*Spectrality in the Novels of Toni Morrison*" (University of Tennessee Press) in March and "*The Ghostly and the Ghosted in Literature and Film: Spectral Identities*" (University of Delaware Press) is to be released later this year.



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Lisa Wishart '01 was recently promoted to credit operations officer at Federal Home Loan Bank of Cincinnati. She has been employed with the bank for 25 years.



Julie (Davis) McCoy '09 and **Luke McCoy '09**

welcomed their first child, Simon Joseph, on March 19, 2013.

Julie recently earned her master's degree in clinical mental health counseling from University of Dayton while Luke recently earned his M.D. from Wright State University's Boonshoft School of Medicine.

Maggie Raverty '09 and Michael Baumgartner were married by former Thomas More President Monsignor William Cleves on April 5 at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel. The couple's parents are: **Pat Raverty '73**; TMC Associate Professor of Communications Patty Raverty; **Mark Baumgartner '79** and **Marilyn Annear Baumgartner '78**.



2010s

Ashley Tucker '12 and **Brent Jefferson '12** were married in TMC's Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel on May 18. The couple will reside in Fairborn, Ohio.



In Memoriam

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

Donald W. Bolte '77, May 19, 2013

Michaela C. Briede '16, May 28, 2013

Edwards Christopher Carlton '02, April 4, 2013

Gary B. Collins '75, June 16, 2013

Sharon Edwards '98, April 3, 2013

Diana L. Flottman (student 1980-82), May 22, 2013

Avtar Singh Gill '70, Jan. 18, 2013

Kevin J. Keller '10, March 12, 2013

Byron W. Nelson '92, May 12, 2013

Would you like to include Thomas More College in your estate planning? For more information on planned giving or the Monsignor Murphy Legacy Society, contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at 859-344-3344.

Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel

The chapel is available for wedding ceremonies. To reserve a date, contact Connie Smith at 859.344.4062 or connie.smith@thomasmore.edu.



Invite High School Students to Join the Saints Circle!

We'd like your help identifying students that are a perfect fit with the mission, programs and tradition that make Thomas More College such a special place. Membership in the **SAINTS CIRCLE** gives these students resources to help in finding the right college, as well as giving them a great look at all that Thomas More has to offer. Membership allows them to connect with other students who might be asking the same questions and having the same experiences.



To join the **SAINTS CIRCLE**, go to THOMASMORE.EDU/SAINTSCIRCLE and click **JOIN**. The student access code is: **SAINTSCIRCLE14**

- When the student joins, the TMC Enrollment staff will assist them in navigating the admissions, financial aid and general college prep process. Their specific needs will be addressed.
- The student receives monthly e-newsletters with special activities and information to help prepare for the senior year and stay on track with their college search.
- As a **SAINTS CIRCLE** member, they will receive priority notice of TMC events and college updates.
- Members are also invited to join the **SAINTS CIRCLE '14** Facebook group, a forum for getting to know other **SAINTS CIRCLE** members and to ask questions of the TMC Enrollment Counselors and Student Ambassadors.

Living in the Moment

The class of 2013 celebrates a milestone

Continued from page II.



"... go out from this place and make this a better world and live each moment with love, gratitude and service."

Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P.



"Now is your time. Don't waste it; take action; be willing to risk and most importantly have the courage to follow your heart."

Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer, C.D.P.





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[Facebook.com/thomasmoreky](https://www.facebook.com/thomasmoreky).



Pay it Forward

TMC Hosts Special Olympics Flag Football

The Bank of Kentucky Field was alive with activity on Sunday, April 21 as over 100 TMC student athletes and athletic staff took part in announcing, score keeping, running down markers, handing out awards and running the concession for the 2013 Kentucky Special Olympics Flag Football State Playoffs.



Relay for Life

TMC participants raise over \$7,000

Over 150 participants took part in the Thomas More College hosted American Cancer Society Relay for Life in April. This inspiring overnight event raised awareness and funds for the American Cancer Society, and celebrated those who have had cancer, remembered loved ones lost and provided an opportunity to rally against the disease.

Habitat for Humanity

Making a difference in Fort Walton Beach

TMC students made a huge difference in the life of single mom, Jamie Hinkle, as they spent spring break helping Habitat for Humanity build its 50th home in Okaloosa County, Fla. The trip has become a yearly tradition and brings together students from various disciplines. This year 25 students made the trek and in the process of helping Hinkle, received recognition from local media. To read more about their story go to nwfdailynews.com, search: Habitat for Humanity.



Photo courtesy Devon Ravine / Northwest Florida Daily News

TMC student athletes continue to demonstrate their passion for representing Thomas More College in 2012-2013. To keep up-to-date with TMC's student athletes, visit THOMASMORE.EDU/ATHLETICS.



Saints Achieve Outstanding

SUBMITTED BY CORY BLACKSON, TMC SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTOR

■ SOFTBALL

Softball Saints Win Fourth PAC Tournament Title

The TMC softball team posted a 25-19 record this season, including a 12-6 record in PAC play. In the PAC Championship Tournament the Saints went 3-0 to win their fourth tournament title since joining the conference. They advanced to the NCAA Division III Championship tournament where they finished regional quarterfinalist with a 1-2 record. Junior third baseman **Alex Walter** (Lebanon, Ohio/Lebanon) was named the PAC Player of the Year and first team selection, junior pitcher **Ronni Burns** (Dayton, Ohio/Carroll) and freshman pitcher/outfielder **Mamee Salzer** (Erlanger, Ky./St. Henry) were named first team All-PAC. Junior first baseman **Stefaney Turner** (Franklin, Ohio/Carlisle) and freshman shortstop **Ana Walter** (Lebanon, Ohio/Lebanon) were named second team All-PAC and head coach **Lindsay Bramhall** was named PAC Coach of the Year by the conference's head coaches.

Walter, Burns and Salzer were also honored by the National Fast Pitch Coaches Association (NFCA) as they were named All-Central Region. Walter was a first team selection as she led the team in batting this



Walter led the team in batting this season.

season with a .480. She was 60-for-125 with nine doubles, one home run, 25 runs batted-in and 26 runs scored. Burns and Salzer were second team selections. Burns had a 2.10 earned run average, a 15-10 record and six shutouts in 29

■ BASEBALL

Baseball Makes Fifth Appearance in NCAA Tournament

The TMC baseball team finished the season with a 31-16 overall record, including a 17-7 record in the PAC and finished runner-up in both the PAC regular season and championship tournament. The Saints advanced to the NCAA Division III Championship Tournament for the fifth time in school history, including third time in the last four years.

The Saints earned a Pool C (at-large) bid to the NCAA Tournament and were assigned a sixth-seed at the Mideast Regional hosted by Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana. They went 2-2 at the regional to finish regional semi-finalists as they beat the College of Wooster and Illinois Wesleyan University. Thomas More closed out the regional with a 15-inning loss to PAC rival Washington & Jefferson College as the game started at 9:05 p.m. on May 17 and ended at 2:07 a.m. on May 18.

The Saints had nine student-athletes



Senior Etscheid on the mound.

named All-PAC by the conference's head coaches. Named to the first team were senior shortstop **David Kennett** (Grove City, Ohio/Grove City), junior outfielder **Cody Makin** (Cincinnati, Ohio/Elder) and senior pitcher **David Etscheid** (Union, Ky./Ryle) and senior outfielder

Ryan Darner (Burlington, Ky./Covington Catholic) and senior pitcher **Paul Uhl** (Cincinnati, Ohio/McNicholas) were named second team, while junior third baseman **Travis Miller** (Erlanger, Ky./St. Henry), junior outfielder **Jason Handley** (Cincinnati, Ohio/Oak Hills), sophomore pitcher **Tim Baldrick** (Cincinnati, Ohio/Elder) and senior pitcher **Grant Lewis** (Mason, Ohio/Mason) were named honorable mention. The American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) named Etscheid, Darner and Makin to its ABCA/Rawlings All-Mideast Region Teams. Etscheid was a second team selection while Darner and Makin were both third selections.

■ MEN'S TENNIS

Saints Take Sixth-Place Finish at PAC Championship

The TMC men's tennis team finished the season at 1-9 overall and 1-6 in the PAC during the 2013 season. Freshman **Sergio Pascual** (Carrollton, Ky./Carroll County) finished third at No. 2 singles at the Championship as he won 6-4, 6-0 in the consolation match of that flight. For the season, sophomore **Eric Thompson** (Edgewood, Ky./Dixie Heights) was 4-2 at No. 1 singles and Pascual was 6-7 in singles play, including a 4-1 record at No. 2.



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Springtime Performances

■ MEN'S GOLF

Golf Season Wrapped up With Fifth Place Finish

TMC men's golf team completed the season with a fifth place finish at the PAC Championship with a 72-hole total of 1,276 (324-315-320-317). Junior **Michael Marcagi** (Anderson, Ohio/Anderson) earned first team all-conference honors as he finished tied for fourth with a 152 (76-76). Two other Saints finished in the Top-20 as freshman **Jesse Terbrueggen** (Cincinnati, Ohio/Indian Hills) finished tied for 17th with a 159 (77-



Marcagi led the Saints with a 77.3 stroke average.

82) and freshman **Erik Gregory** (Middletown, Ohio/Middletown Christian) finished 19th with a 160 (83-77). For the season, the Saints had a 321.4 stroke average during 19 rounds in 11 tournaments. Marcagi led the Saints with the lowest stroke average with a 77.3, while Terbrueggen had an 80.1 and Gregory had an 80.6.

Marcagi Advanced to US Open Sectional Qualifying

TMC rising senior **Michael Marcagi** (Anderson, Ohio/Anderson) competed in the 36-hole United States Open Sectional Qualifier in June at Old Warson Country Club in St. Louis, Mo. Marcagi advanced out of local qualifying on May 13 as he finished tied for sixth with an even-par 71 at the qualifier in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was among 42 golfers competing for two spots in the 2013 US Open conducted by the United States Golf Association (USGA) June 12-16 at Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pennsylvania. Marcagi shot a 161 (79-82) to finish 39th at the qualifier.

■ WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Lady Saints Finish Eighth at PAC Championship

Women's track and field capped the 2012-13 season with an eighth place finish at the PAC Championship. The Saints had six top-10 finishes including Junior **Andrea Robben** (Harrison, Ohio/Harrison) who finished third in the pole vault. The 4x100 relay team of sophomore **Kristen Seminara** (Cincinnati, Ohio/McAuley), freshman **Allie Czack** (Versailles, Ky/Woodford County), sophomore **Demi Welte** (Verona, Ky/Walton-Verona) and Robben placed sixth and the 4x400 relay team of Robben, Czack, Welte and freshman **Tori McCarty** (Bardstown, Ky/Bardstown) also finished sixth. Welte placed eighth in the 400-meter dash, Robben placed tenth in the 400-meter hurdles and freshman **Samantha Headley** (Hamilton, Ohio/Ross) placed 10th in the shot put.

■ MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

Men Win Indoors Invitational

The TMC men's track and field team had a successful season, winning the PAC Indoor Invitational and placing fifth at the PAC Outdoor Championship. At the outdoor championship the Saints had 12 top-five finishes, including three event champions. Sophomore **Tyrall Butler** (Cincinnati, Ohio/Elder) won the 100-meter dash, sophomore **Lucas Nare** (Guilford, Ind./Oldenburg Academy) won the 200-meter dash and freshman **Rob Washington** (Newport, Ky/Newport) won the 110-meter hurdles. Nare finished third in the 100-meter dash, Butler finished third in the 200-meter dash, junior **Matt Wurtzler** (Cincinnati, Ohio/Roger Bacon) placed third in the 10,000-meter run and Washington placed fourth in the 400-meter

Cooper Joins TMC as Men's Basketball Coach

Drew Cooper has been named the ninth head men's basketball coach at Thomas More. He succeeds Jeff Rogers, who accepted the head men's basketball coach position at Berry College in Rome, Ga.



Cooper

Cooper comes from Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky., where he has been the assistant men's basketball coach for the past six seasons. While at Bellarmine he helped lead the Knights to a record of 152-41, a Final Four appearance in 2012 and Bellarmine's first National Championship in history in 2011. Prior to Bellarmine, Cooper was the head coach at Wheelock College in Boston. Cooper was a standout player at Assumption College in Worcester, Mass., and was inducted into the their Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010. He played professionally in the International Basketball Association in Ireland and Switzerland.

A Louisville native and graduate of St. Xavier High School, Cooper holds a bachelor's degree in communications from Assumption College and a MBA from Bellarmine. Cooper's family includes wife Tamara, daughter Delaney, stepson Chandler and twin boys Grant and Owen.

hurdles. Sophomore **Ryan Winkler** (Independence, Ky/Simon Kenton) finished fourth in the high jump, freshman **Scottie Middleton** (New Albany, Ind./New Albany) finished fifth in the long jump, Wurtzler finished fifth in the 5,000-meter run and freshman **Jacob Condon** (Edgewood, Ky./Covington Catholic) placed fifth in the 1,500-meter run. The Saints' 4x100 relay team of Middleton, Nare, Butler and freshman **Milan Riddle** (Cincinnati, Ohio/Lockland) placed third.



10-Minute Spiritual Break... with TMC alumnus Father Martin J. Burnham, S.S. '89

I just returned from "Sunrise at Old Hilltop," the behind-the-scenes tour of Pimlico Racecourse which hosts the second jewel in the Triple Crown, the Preakness Stakes. I was up at 5 a.m. this beautiful May morning; a cacophony of birds was awaiting the sunrise. In what is a normally chaotic scene in my Baltimore backyard when,



Rev. Martin J. Burnham, S.S. '89, a priest of the Society of St. Sulpice, is director of Pastoral Formation at Theological College, the national seminary of the U.S. Bishops located at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

Fr. Martin serves in the role of formation advisor and spiritual director for seminarians preparing for service as diocesan priests.

on average, 100,000 souls converge at the track, today was markedly different. No huge crowds, no chaos, no noise; just the quiet of a pre-dawn track coming to life. The sounds of heavily breathing thoroughbreds bounding down the home stretch, thundering hooves smashing into a sandy track, the tiny clink of the metal in a rhythmic harness, the trickle of a garden hose rinsing the hooves of a champion during their post-workout cool-down, the whinny of delight from a stall that just received a fresh scoop of oats, or the giggle of a child coming face to face with a massive Clydesdale – these were all delights available to the senses in the quiet of the May dawn.

In our lives today, we are bombarded with noise – we can't escape it. Whether the sound of our radio, our television, or our iPod; whether the flickering screen of our PC, our laptop, our tablet or our smart phone; whether the distraction of rush hour traffic, or jam-packed subway cars, or pedestrian-filled city streets – regardless of the source of the noise, it is easy to see that our senses are daily over-loaded. As a priest, I am often asked by Catholics how they can pray better; what is the

secret to enriching their relationship with God.

I am convinced through personal experience and through the witness of others, especially the great mystics throughout the centuries in our Catholic tradition, that the secret to this answer lies in the quiet moments of our prayer. As Jesus witnessed, one cannot claim relationship with the Father without breaking from our hectic routines to spend time with the Father in prayer. Jesus was the model of one who went off regularly by himself to enter into that place of holy solitude. For people of noise, this solitude can be intimidating, but this solitude is essential to our spiritual health, something we would do well to befriend.

Learn to live in this place of quiet every day. Do not worry about the length of time that you will spend; rather, worry about making this a habitual practice. At first, you will be filled with all the distractions to which you have grown acclimated. But, through practice, you will be able to befriend this silence and reap the graces that await you in hearing that "still small voice" of God. (1 Kings 19:12)

Where in the World is Flat Tommy?

Introduced at Homecoming 2012, TMC mascot Tommy Mo's traveling counterpart "Flat Tommy" is making his way to destinations throughout the United States, always accompanied by an alumni member. As of this printing Flat Tommy has gone from one coast to the other, having visited Matt Mattingly '90 in Maine and Brian Oliver '88 in Los Angeles.

Would you like to have Flat Tommy visit your hometown? Send your request to alumni@thomasmore.edu.



Help us add stars to the map. Bring Flat Tommy to your hometown!



Left: Record snowfalls in the northeast made Tommy's winter visit with the Mattingly's somewhat chilly. Here he is pictured with future student Abby Mattingly, sporting her TMC sweatshirt, and helping collect maple syrup as the sap started to rise. Right: Tommy hangs out with his super-hero friends in the Oliver household. He also made friends with The King and visited the "Ranch Lot" at Warner Brothers Studios where everything from "Walton's Mountain" to "Lethal Weapon" have been filmed.

How well do you know TMC?

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in the beauty of their dreams."*

– Eleanor Roosevelt



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