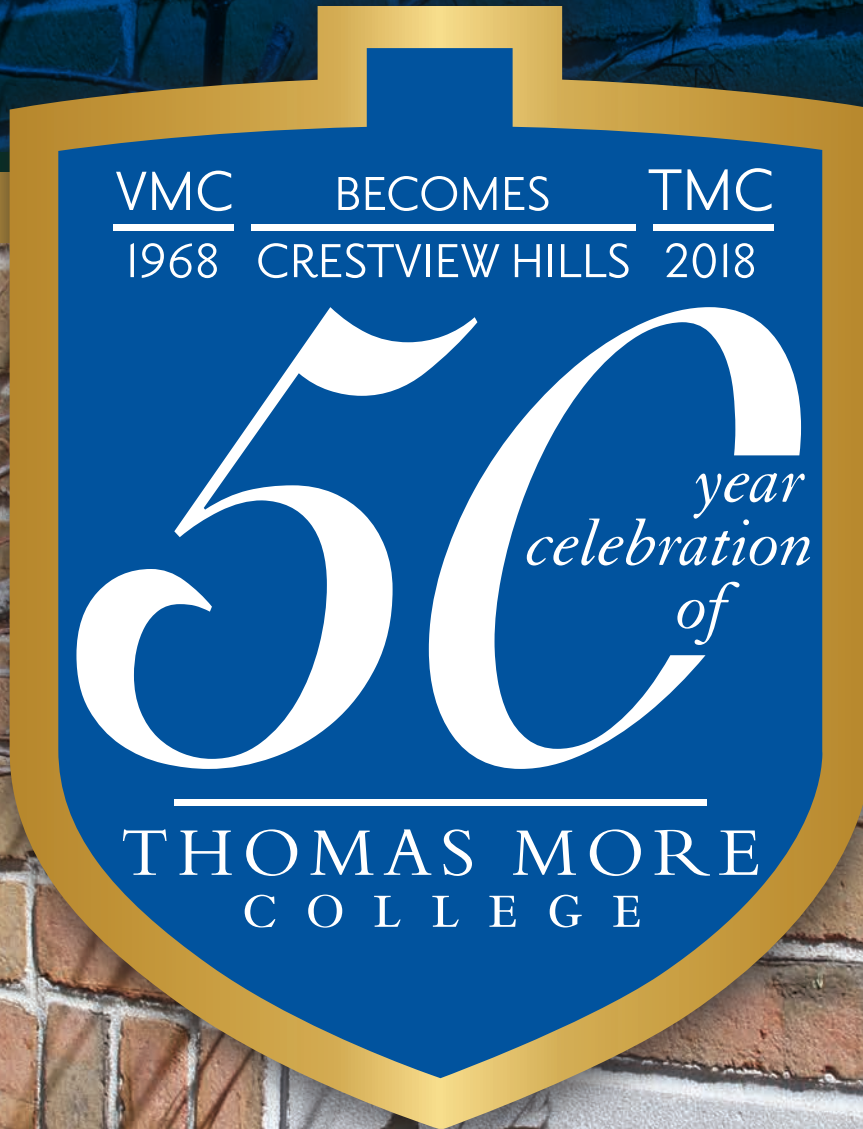


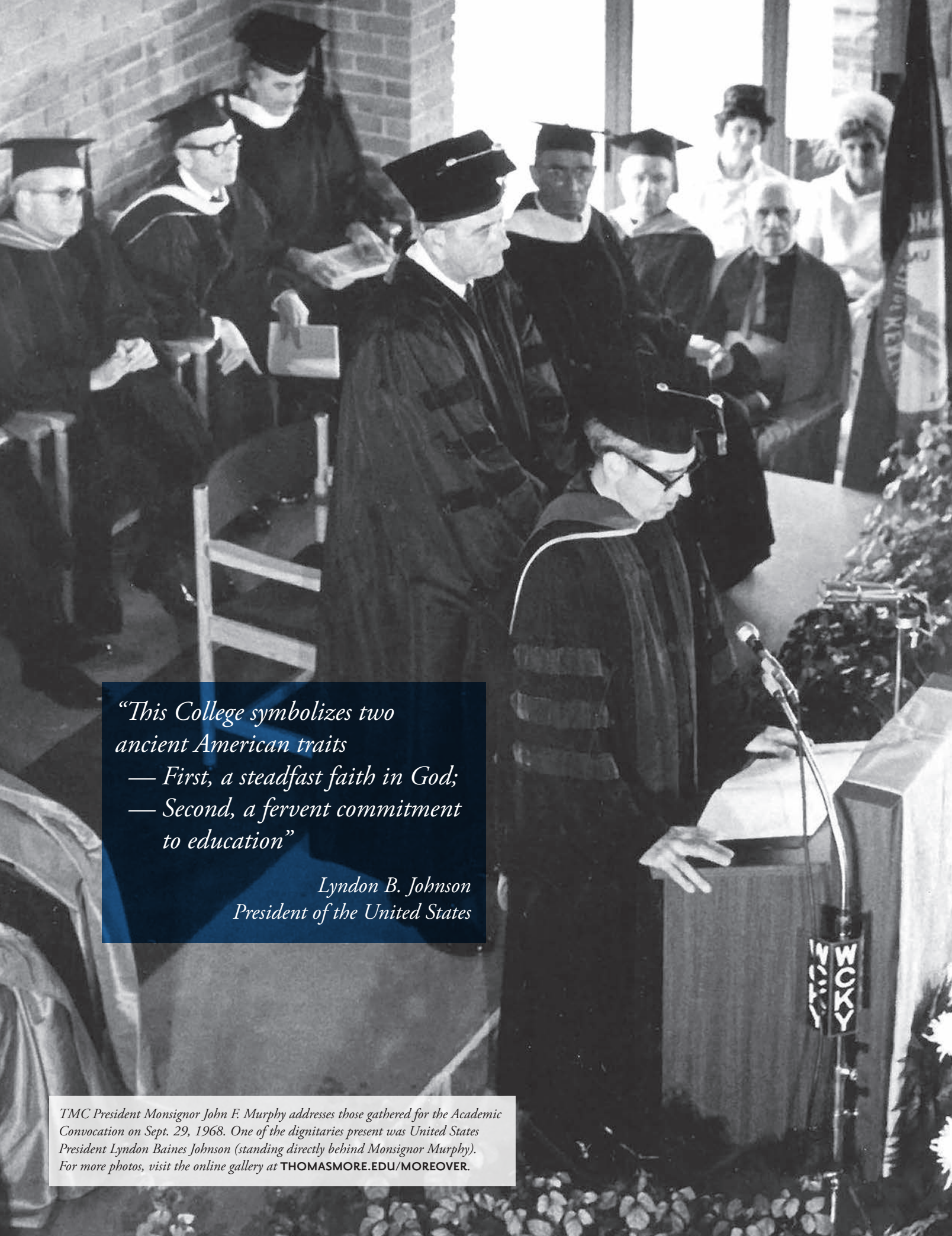
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— Second, a fervent commitment
to education"*

*Lyndon B. Johnson
President of the United States*

TMC President Monsignor John F. Murphy addresses those gathered for the Academic Convocation on Sept. 29, 1968. One of the dignitaries present was United States President Lyndon Baines Johnson (standing directly behind Monsignor Murphy). For more photos, visit the online gallery at THOMASMORE.EDU/MOREOVER.



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Mission and tradition are integral parts of the fabric of Thomas More College. Inspired by the Catholic Intellectual Tradition, we challenge students to examine the ultimate meaning of life, their place in the world, and their responsibility to others. Our programs of study are rooted in the liberal arts tradition, but are taught within a context of ethical concern and social responsibility. These programs of study are complemented by co-curricular services and programs intended to enhance lifelong learning, foster personal growth, and develop leadership qualities.

This edition of *MOREOVER* celebrates our rich history, as we mark the 50th anniversary of our conversion from Villa Madonna College to Thomas More College, as well as our move from Covington to Crestview Hills. You will see throughout these pages that our story is one that continues to be characterized by innovative, thoughtful students and alumni who exhibit leadership, display character, and are making a positive difference locally and even on a global scale. Even though much of our first 50 years in Crestview Hills has been marked by growth in our student population, programs, and facilities, you will be struck by how deeply we have held on to our heritage. Our campus ethos is much the same as it was in 1921 when Villa Madonna College opened to ensure that the religious and lay school teachers of the time were equipped with the knowledge and skills to teach in academic settings in a responsible and meaningful way.

The stories told by dedicated alumni like Sr. Mansueta Martineau '36, Charlie Deters '50, Don Thelen '71, and Judith (Middendorf) Marlowe '69 (three generations of alumni!) illuminate our history while also celebrating our past. You will see from their narratives and from the other pages herein that history has a way of repeating itself. Today, like 50 years ago, we are expanding the campus footprint with new and renovated buildings, and we're executing a strategic vision that we believe will position us well for our next five decades of work. You'll also find that the introduction of programs and services, like the Work Ready Incubator Program and the TMC Success Center (the \$8M Benedictine Endowment is now complete!), had predecessors as generations before us also worked to provide the resources and tools necessary for student success in the classroom and in the community. Enhancing existing programs that have merit, like the James Graham Brown Honors (JGBH) initiative, remains a focus of our faculty and staff. Wait until you meet some of our game-changing JGBH alums!

We are operating in a fast-paced, ever-changing world. We must be nimble enough to adapt when new needs emerge, but one thing that will never change is our commitment to providing an education rooted in the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. It is our special blend of mission, tradition, and innovation that distinguishes Thomas More College and its graduates from others. We provide a remarkable education that leads to lives of purpose, successful careers, and community benefit. I hope you share the same deep VMC/TMC pride that I feel.

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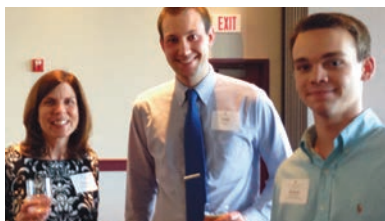
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VMC to TMC: A Golden Anniversary

FOREWORD BY JUDY CRIST, GRAPHIC DESIGN SPECIALIST | PHOTOS COURTESY TMC ARCHIVES AND JUDITH (MIDDENDORF) MARLOWE '69

There are moments in a person's history that remain crystal clear, even with the passage of time. Poignant experiences that are seared into the fabric of one's being because they were particularly beautiful, or emotional, or of extreme importance. The Dedication of the new Thomas More College on September 28, 1968 was one such moment for many alumni and friends of the College. The events leading up to and the day of the Dedication were especially memorable for former students Judith (Middendorf) Marlowe '69 and Don Thelen '71, who were directly involved. Judith was Student Council President and on the committee charged with planning the events that took place. Don was also on Student Council, and he was tapped to be part of the Secret Service security detail that infiltrated TMC when it was announced that President Lyndon B. Johnson would be in attendance at the Academic Convocation. *Moreover* invited these two alumni to give their version of that momentous day:

Above: Judith (Middendorf) Marlowe '69 and College President Monsignor John F. Murphy greet President Lyndon B. Johnson as he arrives on campus for the 1968 Academic Convocation and Dedication of the Crestview Hills campus.

Don Thelen '71 - Security Detail:

"I began school at Villa Madonna in 1966, the youngest of four brothers to attend the college. I was fortunate to attend both Thomas More and Villa Madonna, spending a year and a half at the new campus and a year and a half downtown.

"I was on Student Council my freshman, sophomore, and junior years, and as such when it was determined the President would be coming on campus, I was contacted by the Secret Service to assist with security. Several of the Secret Service people and I were stationed in the mezzanine overlooking Seiler Commons where the Dedication Ceremony occurred. I was asked to keep a look out on the crowd for anything out of the ordinary or strange, anything that they might need to respond to quickly.

"It was a memorable occasion, especially once we found out that the President *was* coming. There was excitement through the air. In general, it was just a beautiful day and the ceremony went very smoothly. Unfortunately, I did not get to meet the President as I was with the security team the whole time."

Judith (Middendorf) Marlowe '69 - Student Council President:

"In spring 1968, I was elected President of the Student Council, which was what we called the Student Government Association at that time. I was the first woman to be elected to that position since the 1940s, so it caused quite a bit of interest among the faculty and the administration. It gave me a wonderful opportunity because in that position I was able to work closely with Monsignor (John F.) Murphy,

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VMC to TMC – why a name change?

The reason for the renaming of Villa Madonna to Thomas More College is described by Sr. Irmina Salinger, OSB, Ph.D., in her book *Retrospect and Vista, The First Fifty Years of Thomas More College formerly Villa Madonna College*:

The name of the college had been questioned ever since 1929 when the administration passed from the Benedictine Sisters to the joint administration of the three Religious communities in the diocese, and still later in 1945 when the college became coeducational.

The college began a new chapter in January, 1968, when it moved to the new campus in Fort Mitchell (now Crestview Hills). On February 21, Bishop H. Ackerman, Chancellor of the College, announced that Villa Madonna College would officially take its new name – Thomas More College – on June 15, 1968. The Bishop pointed out that with a growing coeducational institution, an expanding campus and the opportunity to serve a wider area, the Trustees felt that this was the acceptable time to change. The name, Thomas More, was chosen “because the man was a scholar, statesman and layman committed to selfless public service and one of the few men in this category canonized by the Church. No finer tribute can be paid to members of the college community by the Trustees than their conviction that the great name of Thomas More best exemplifies the spirit that has contributed to the College’s greatness to its goal for the future.”*

*The Messenger – February 25, 1968 page 9A

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who was the President of the College at that time.

“He was such a magnificent leader, and I was able to learn leadership skills from him up close and personal because at that time, as President of the Student Council, I was able to sit on the Administration Committee of the Board of Overseers. That’s how I was asked to join the steering committee tasked with planning the Dedication that was to be held in September of 1968. I was specifically put in charge of the Pig Roast Barbecue, which was scheduled for the opening day of Dedication Week. It was primarily aimed at students, and we also invited the neighboring communities around the campus. It was billed as a family day on the college campus, and I enjoyed my leadership role very much.

“How Thomas More College was visited by the President of the United States is truly amazing. It’s probably

an indication of the power of prayer. I remember so vividly that at one of our (steering committee) meetings, Monsignor Murphy walked into the chancellor’s dining room and said, ‘There is a secret I’m going to share with all of you, but you are not able to tell anyone, not even your family. We have proffered an invitation to the President of the United States to attend.’ ... Monsignor Murphy had connections in Washington through the National Catholic Education Association, and he had used these connections to get into the inner circle of the White House and to offer this invitation. The initial response from the President was that he couldn’t plan that far ahead, not knowing what would be required of him in September. So he postponed the decision.

“But Father Murphy felt that there was a chance the President would attend, so he brought us all in on the secret. That required us to have a plan A and a

To read LBJ’s complete Dedication Ceremony speech, visit tmcky.us/tmc50lbj
For a photo gallery of pictures from the event, visit thomasmore.edu/moreover

Right: LBJ makes his way through the throng of attendees to take the podium where Fr. Murphy bestows the degree of Doctor of Laws honoris causa upon him.

Left bottom: LBJ speaks to those gathered for the Academic Convocation.

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“It was a memorable occasion, especially once we found out that the President was coming. There was excitement through the air.”

- Don Thelen '71

plan B because we weren't going to know until the day of the Dedication whether or not the President would be there. We constructed a very elaborate scenario for both possibilities and then just had to keep quiet about it, which was extremely difficult as you can imagine. I couldn't tell my parents what was going on; I couldn't even tell the other members of the student council what was going on. So all of us who were in on the secret found ourselves having private little conversations because we were just bursting to talk to somebody about this possibility and that was the only way we could.

“My role during the actual Dedication was to be on the dais, the speaker's platform. Earlier in the week, the Secret Service did visit campus, as they needed to install the dedicated phone line that would be connected to the famous White House red phone, if the President came. We became hopeful that he was going to come when we saw the agents arrive on campus

to do this. We were at the luncheon on the day of the Dedication, which was the last Saturday in September. Father Murphy and I were seated next to one another and suddenly we each felt a tap on our shoulders as the Secret Service came up and said, ‘Come back to campus now.’ Rufus Youngblood of the Secret Service was already in the circle recording the names of everyone to make sure that all of us had a connection with the college and could be identified.

“There were more than a thousand people in Seiler Commons, and we had representatives from other colleges and universities who had accepted the invitation to come. They joined the Academic Convocation procession in full academic regalia; it was really a splendid sight. We processed in to the platform. Bishop Ackerman spoke a welcome. Father Garvey gave an invocation. And then I, as representative of the students, gave a short

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Judith and Don share their 1968 Dedication memories.





Charles H. Deters '50: The Plan to Expand

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The move from Covington to Crestview Hills was just three years shy of the 50-year golden jubilee of Villa Madonna College, but the plan to relocate was devised many years earlier. Each time an evaluation committee for accreditation visited the college, it was repeatedly stressed that the physical facilities in Covington held the college back. With that in mind, a broader goal was established by the administration which focused on relocation to encourage growth of the campus in support of the academic mission of VMC.* These plans began as early as 1948 when the Klaene Property in Fort Thomas (76 acres) was purchased under the leadership of VMC Chancellor Bishop William T. Mulloy and then Dean of the College Reverend Thomas A. McCarty. A ceremonial ground breaking even took place at this site in 1950 during an official visit to the Diocese by His Excellency Amleto Giovanni Cicognani, Apostolic Delegate to the U.S. and personal representative of Pope Pius XII. So how did Thomas More College come to be located in Crestview Hills and not Fort Thomas?

To answer that question required a visit to class of 1950 alumnus Charles H. Deters, J.D. Charlie and his brother Jerry built the platform for that 1950 ground breaking! Charlie is a proud VMC graduate and loved his time at the college. He and brothers, Jerry and Jim, graduated from VMC; and, nine of Charlie's 11 children have a degree from TMC. While he was a student, Charlie held the rank of Senior Class President, was the Triad News Editor, and participated in many clubs and extra curricular activities. He also met his wife Mary Sue (Krippenstapel) '52 at VMC. The couple recently celebrated 60 years of wedded bliss.

VMC became co-educational in 1945, and Charlie was a member of one of the first classes to begin this new adventure. Latin School sent a large number of first-year male students to the College in the early days. "I was the first student from St. Cecilia Grade School to go to the Latin School, and I was the first graduate of Thomas More to become a lawyer," Charlie said grinning. He earned his Juris Doctor at the University of Cincinnati law school. During that time, he was drafted into military service for the Korean War effort. Because he was in law school, his reporting date was postponed and he was able to stay on track to earn his degree. Once completed, he spent two years in the military stationed overseas in Germany.



Charles H. Deters, AB
Majors: History and English Education

Eyes were focused on this promising alumnus and upon his return, he was pressed into service as the diocesan lawyer. "I was very young," Charlie said. As the diocesan lawyer and representative, Charlie oversaw the purchase of property and was directly involved in the negotiations to buy two parcels of land, the List and Duckley farms, located on Turkeyfoot Road. This was the first step towards finding a new home in Crestview Hills. The location was more favorable for the student commuter population who attended the College, so the land previously acquired in Fort Thomas was sold. "We purchased those two pieces of Turkeyfoot Road property, and designed the college using an architect from Louisville (Thomas J. Nolan and Sons), the same one that designed the first Covington Catholic and Newport Catholic," Charlie explained.

Plans were completed and just as it seemed progress was being



A chilly May 9, 1966, marked the ground breaking for the Thomas More College campus in Crestview Hills, Kentucky. Two dozen people took part, including a young Charles Deters '50 (in trench coat at center), Mother M. Benedict Bunning, OSB (provincial of Sisters of St. Benedict), Mother M. Borromeo Rumpke, SND (provincial of Sisters of Notre Dame), Monsignor John F. Murphy (President), and Bishop Richard H. Ackerman (Chancellor).

made towards a new campus, another wrinkle occurred. "Right in the midst of that, the Highway Department decides they are going to run the interstate, 275, right through the property that we had bought." With the College's new home in jeopardy, Charlie arranged for himself and Fr. John F. Murphy, President of the College, to meet with the commissioner of highways and the duo brokered an agreement that the interstate would only come so far over on the property, allowing the college to continue using the original construction plans. Charlie continued, "But they did come across it (the agreed upon line), and the new plans for the Interstate just ignored the agreement and took ground we were going to use for the new college. So, we had to negotiate with the state the amount of money we were going to get for the right-of-way to come through the diocesan property. We went to the meeting and got out the letter that said they would not come across that line. The commissioner blustered, 'well, we're not going across it or we're going to have to pay.'" The state still reimbursed the College for the cost of the original plans. This allowed Fr. Murphy to change the architectural firm. "He (Fr. Murphy) wanted to go to a different architect, he wasn't satisfied. The Louisville firm had never designed a college. He (Murphy) had met Perkins & Will from Chicago who had designed many colleges," said Charlie. A new contract was negotiated naming Perkins & Will as the principle architect and designating local architect Bob Hayes (now Robert Ehmet Hayes and Associates) to oversee details and supervise on site.

There were still large tracts of land used primarily for farming that bordered the college's soon-to-be new home. "There was a farm behind the college owned by the Kahmann family. They had an easement for their driveway that went through the college's property

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welcome, followed by representatives from alumni and from the faculty. There were honorary degrees awarded to Rabbi Nelson Glick, who at that time was the President of Hebrew Union College; Dr. Martin Marty, who was to be the main speaker if the President did not arrive; and Mr. Zimmer, who was the head of the Cincinnati Gas and Electric company and who had been quite a champion of education in Northern Kentucky.

"It was about 3 p.m. when the President arrived on the campus. I was on the platform until the President's motorcade rolled in to the campus. I looked out the side door of Seiler Commons and saw a Secret Service agent motioning to me. I went off the side entrance, doffed my cap and gown, ran out to the circle, greeted the President and then went back in to join the platform until the President came into the room. ... There was a feeling of almost electricity in the crowd. By then, a last-minute

"When the President arrived at the College, there was a feeling of electricity in the crowd."

- Judith (Middendorf) Marlowe '69

insert had been stuffed into the programs signaling to all of the attendees that the President of the United States was going to be there. I'm not sure the audience listened to anybody speaking because they were waiting for the President to appear and when he did, there was thunderous applause. The roar of cheers continued as Monsignor Murphy escorted the President down the center aisle. The President stopped to greet every individual he possibly could. It took him a long time to reach the podium and when he was introduced, again, the crowd was on their feet. There were just constant standing ovations that went on throughout his brief time at the college.

"Later, I was to go back to Air Force One with Monsignor Murphy but was separated by the press of the crowd, so I didn't make it to the circle in time. The Secret Service was adamant about getting in that car and leaving. One of my favorite stories is that when Monsignor Murphy came back from Air Force One he said, 'Well, you certainly made an impression on the President,' and he started emptying his pockets. He had pens and note cards and match books and an autograph, all from Air Force One, that the President wanted him to bring back to me. ... I was told later by someone who knew the President that I reminded him personality-wise of his daughter Lucy but I also reminded him, in a more academic way, of his daughter Linda and that was why we just hit it off.

"My other favorite memory from the day is that my mother was a member of the Women's Guild, and she was volunteering. She didn't see anything because she was in the kitchen preparing the trays of food for the reception that was going to be held. Several years later when President Johnson passed away and the local news stations were re-running the footage from the Dedication, she called me to let me know that when the President finished speaking, I was the first one that jumped up and started applauding him. She said, 'Here's my daughter on the platform with the President of the United States, and I don't get to see it until I watch it on TV years later.'"

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to their farm. The architects and engineers provided us with an estimate of what it would cost to move that road. At a meeting one morning I said, 'Well, why don't we just go buy the farm?' And we did for an amount that was less than it would take to build the road. That's where the dormitories now sit." The main campus is situated on what was the Duckley farm with Monte Casino Chapel sitting on the northern section of the land. The Duckley farmhouse was home to Fr. Murphy for many years.

Although momentum for the building of the new campus was slowed, Charlie's work continued. "I think I was the first alumnus that was appointed to the board. I became a member when they were seeking accreditation from the Southern Association of Universities and Colleges. I met with the committee from the Southern Association." To the relief of everyone in the Villa Madonna College community, acceptance for full membership with all accreditation privileges with the Southern Association was announced in fall 1959. While this was taking place, VMC entered a period of incredible growth. The downtown footprint expanded to include buildings on 12th and Scott, East 11th Street, East 12th Street, and Madison Avenue. Talbot Hall, St. Luke Hall, Bede Hall, Jude Hall, Badin Hall, Carrell Hall, Columbus Hall and additional administrative space was also added. The College was bursting at the seams as enrollment increased from 860 in 1958 to over 1,200 in 1961 to over 1,800 in 1967!

In the fall of 1964, as Bishop Richard H. Ackerman began his fourth year as Chancellor, he announced a building program for Villa Madonna College. "I was on the committee to raise the money to build the College," Charlie said. "Bishop Ackerman was attending Vatican II in Rome at the time and called in to be on the loud speaker to ask that this (funding for the building program) be done for him." The November 15, 1964 *Messenger* outlined just what was expected from the prominent lay leaders who formed the Executive Committee. Per the *Messenger*, "Over 100 community leaders, alumni, and friends, representing a cross section of the college's interested constituency, will gather in the Columbus Hall student union at the invitation of Justin M. Schneider, general chairman of the campaign. These volunteer leaders will hear about the proposed building program in its entirety. Then they will be asked to devise means and help solidify decision for the future welfare of the college." The goal was to raise \$1.5M in funds to support the building program for the new campus.

With Bishop Ackerman at the helm, focus on adequate facilities to support the excellent academic programs and reputation VMC enjoyed was again at the forefront. The Bishop made direct appeals to all parishes to support the funding campaign and Charlie recalls one such request with Monsignor Charles A. Towell of St. Agnes Parish. At a dinner meeting attended by Fr. Towell, Fr. Rolf, and Charlie, the Bishop so swayed Fr. Towell that instead of making the three year commitment that was being requested, Fr. Towell sent the entire gift in one lump sum.

The funding campaign was underway as Perkins and Will

**Thanks to Sr. M. Irmina Salinger, OSB, Ph.D., whose published history Retrospect and Vista, The First Fifty Years of Thomas More College formerly Villa Madonna College provided facts included in this article.*



Above: Just a small sampling of the historical documents Charlie has collected that relate to VMC/TMC
Left: Mary Sue (Krippenstapel) '52 and Charlie on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary.



Partnership developed new plans that called for building the campus in two phases with the library, classrooms, student-union (with administrative wing), and dormitories for men and women completed first. The second phase included the science building and other necessary facilities. Plans were finalized in 1965, and a contract was executed with Universal Construction Company of Cincinnati to begin the project. Groundbreaking for the new campus was celebrated on May 9, 1966. Representatives from the administration, faculty, students, and other constituent groups (including Charlie) took part in this long-awaited event with three-hors of VIPs turning the earth with golden shovels.

It was still no easy task for the plan to reach fruition. There were delays, with one of the biggest hurdles resulting from a construction strike in the summer of 1967. The planned fall move-in day passed with the first phase not yet finished. Completion of the student-union/administration building, the academic building with classrooms and faculty offices, and dormitories was pushed to January. The library was scheduled to be finished by April 1. Move in took place during the Christmas break with students beginning classes on the new campus that January. An official ceremony laying the cornerstone at the entryway of the buildings occurred on January 23, 1968. Many hands worked to make the transition from Covington to Crestview Hills a reality. Charlie was a vital part of ushering in this new era for the College.

At Thomas More College, our high caliber liberal arts and sciences education prepares students for fulfilling careers and lives of purpose. Many of our extraordinarily talented graduates have blessed us by returning to TMC and serving in leadership roles that guide the institution and affirm its mission. Charlie Deters is one such alumnus. He answered the call to assist his alma mater during a challenging period in its history, and he helped chart the course for its future. His devotion to his faith, along with his strategic planning and negotiation skills helped position the college for new opportunities and helped secure its place as a leader in the regional education landscape. For the last fifty years, we have been reaping the benefits of Charlie's persistence and forward-thinking focus. For that, we thank him!

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Teachable Moments

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The year 1968 marked a sea change for TMC. Enrollment was at an all-time high; the new campus in Crestview Hills was more compact with classrooms, administration spaces, and student services located in buildings created to meet the needs of higher education; and, the College officially took a new name, transitioning from Villa Madonna to Thomas More College. Entering 2018, the College finds itself enjoying another period of growth. To learn how TMC has fared between these two periods of transformation, *Moreover* asked the three faculty members who have been around the longest to give their take on why the College has survived and thrived.

Dr. Ray Hebert, professor of history, was hired for the fall semester in 1975. In addition to teaching, Ray has filled many roles including Dean of summer session, Chairperson of both history and the expanded history, international studies, and political science departments, Vice President of Academic Affairs/Dean of the College, Director of James Graham Brown Honors Program, Director of the Gemini Program, and he has headed study abroad programs. He most recently took on the role of Executive Director of the TMC Institute for Religious Liberty. Fr. Gerald Twaddell arrived in 1977 as Assistant Academic Dean, became Director of Residence Life for one semester, and he also filled the role of Director of Institutional Research. He became Chaplain, Professor of Philosophy (also chaired the department) and has spent time as Faculty Chairperson. Jim Schuttemeyer '76 was brought on as a faculty member in 1979. He is also an alumnus having earned undergraduate

degrees in English Secondary Education and History Secondary Education. In addition to teaching, he helped coach the early women's softball team, was Chair of the English department, headed several study abroad programs (he met his wife, when she participated in a Taiwanese teachers summer program at TMC), and is currently Humanities and Fine Arts division Chair. All three men have participated in numerous governance committees for the betterment of the college. Many of their roles were born of necessity as the nuances of the college's path called for those devoted to its mission and ideals to step up and assist through times of transition.

What was your first impression of Thomas More College?

Ray Hebert (RH): I was excited about the liberal arts curriculum and impressed with the quality of the faculty, the number of Ph.D.'s, and the fields of study. In addition there was a booklet for VENTURE (a specific liberal arts program taught in the

mid '70s for a short time) which talked about each of the faculty that would be teaching a special first year course ... in it were maybe sixteen, eighteen faculty described by their fields and their interests. They were clearly committed to students first. What I was most disappointed in was the physical plant. We didn't have very much then.

Fr. Gerald Twaddell (GT): What Ray just said about the quality of the faculty was certainly part of my initial impression. When I began in 1977, the management was just in disarray.

RH: The first year I was here, the faculty had a vote of "No Confidence," in then-President Dick DeGraff. Charlie (Deters) was Chairman of the Board at that time, and he became the Interim President during the remainder of DeGraff's term.

GT: I believe the title was Provost but he (Charlie Deters) did in fact do the work of the President.

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THE JOE RAPHAEL '75 ICG STUDIO

The Institute for Career Development and Graduate School Planning (ICG), part of the TMC Success Center, opened the Studio in fall 2017. An anonymous donor funded the project to honor the memory of Joe who was an avid photographer and story teller. The studio provides a dedicated space for students and alumni to create video resumes, practice interview skills (with video feedback), and participate in Skype/video interviews. To take advantage of this resource, contact Robin Norton at NORTONR@THOMASMORE.EDU

INSTITUTE FOR LEARNING DIFFERENCES (ILD) MAKES A DIFFERENCE

TMC is ranked ninth among the 20 best value colleges for students with ADHD (2017-18 bestvalueschools.com). As part of the TMC Success Center, the ILD provides the necessary services to ensure the best possible outcome in higher education for students with documented learning differences. Director Amy Osborne outlined program benefits with Kathryn Nero, WCPO-TV, on Feb. 15, 2018. If you missed the interview, view it now at TMCKY.US/ILDINTERVIEW



Student Success in the Classroom and Beyond Graduation



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and Graduate
School Planning

2018 ICG CAREER & INTERNSHIP FAIR

In addition to marking the 540th anniversary of the birth of Saint Thomas More, February 7 was the day TMC held the annual Career & Internship Fair, open to current students and alumni. Over 75 employers were on site to answer questions and take applications. Birthday cake was served in St. Thomas More's honor and to kick off the year-long 50th anniversary of the Crestview Hills campus. For the third year in a row, an anonymous donor funded an interview contest during the fair. This year's contest resulted in a four-way tie between Shawn Hryb '18, Andrew James '20, Paris Quarles '18, and Taylor Walz '19. The winning students split the \$1,000 prize. Congratulations to all!



INTERNSHIPS AS PART OF EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

TMC is the only college in the state of Kentucky to require an Experiential Learning Credit for graduation. Internships are one way students fulfill that mandate. Professor J.T. Spence tells us about just a few political science majors making a difference in the community as interns, “I had two students complete internships with the non-partisan organization, Kentuckians For The Commonwealth (KFTC), in summer 2017; Jeni Hall ’19 worked in the Northern Kentucky office while Austin Lowe ’19 worked in the Berea office. Austin even had an article he wrote published in KFTC’s publication. Another student, Johnny Lewis ’20 (pictured right), performed an internship with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and learned about the complexity of running a state park. Most recently Noah Galvin ’19 participated in an internship with the city of Villa Hills.”

If you know of internship opportunities for TMC students, please contact the ICG at NORTONR@THOMASMORE.EDU



26TH ANNUAL CADEN BLINCO OUTLOUD FESTIVAL

TMC’s Creative Writing Vision Program hosts literary events and activities throughout the academic year, connecting regional authors with young writers at the College. One of the longest running events is held in February, and it honors the late Boone County freelance writer and literacy advocate, Caden Blincoe. Blincoe emphasized the importance of reading works outloud. Featured this year were (from left): Professor Sherry Cook Stanforth with family band Tellico, Michael Henson from the Southern Appalachian Writers Cooperative, TMC Writer-in-residence Richard Hague, University of Tennessee poet & playwright Linda Parsons, Cincinnati Poet Laureate Pauletta Hansel, and Award-Winning Affrilachian Author Crystal Wilkinson.



ROTARACT CLUB

In fall 2017, a new club was introduced at TMC. The Rotaract Club is a service club for young men and women ages 18-30 who are dedicated to community and international service. TMC’s Rotaract Club is sponsored by the Covington Rotary Club and has partnered with Northern Kentucky University and Xavier University. Club Advisor, Professor John Wolper, a Rotarian for 12 years, says, “...one of the reasons I took this project on is that it builds leaders and connects them to the real world alongside of professionals of all types.”

Photo right: Rotaract Club members with Advisor John Wolper (center) and December meeting guest speaker Sara Tsai, who created the first Rotaract Club in Taipei, Taiwan.



BUILDING HOMES ON SPRING BREAK

Several TMC students spent their spring break building homes for Habitat for Humanity. Two groups participated with one in Fort Walton, Fla., and the other along the Mississippi Gulf Coast. The Florida group, composed of 15 students and four chaperones, worked on a house for a single grandmother with a high school age granddaughter. They finished the roof, hung and painted siding, installed sheetrock on walls and ceilings, and dug an electrical conduit trench from house to street. Thanks to the Westin for providing 10 rooms in Atlanta to stay overnight on the trip down and to host Saint Simon on the Sound Church.



Campus/Student News

We're growing!

Two new buildings are being constructed and two facilities are being renovated to expand the campus footprint and enhance TMC programs and extra-curricular activities.

RENAISSANCE HALL

The sound of construction is common place at TMC now as cranes and backhoes are making steady progress in the building of the newest residence hall. The central elevator shaft and exterior walls of the 96-bed Renaissance Hall are in place and the three-story building is on target to open in August.



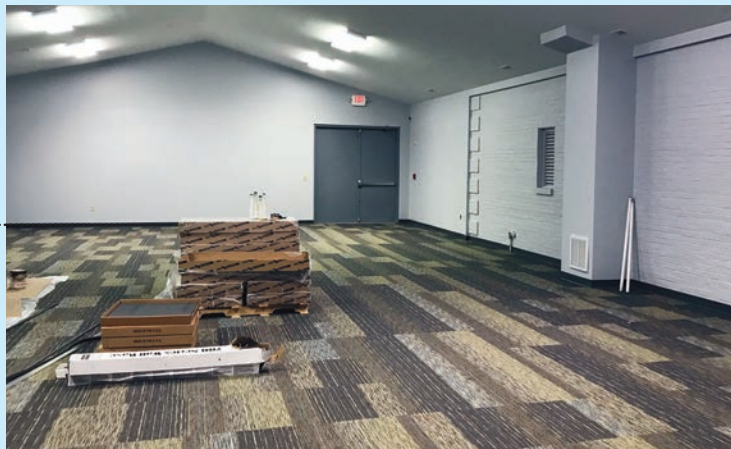
ST. ELIZABETH HEALTHCARE CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

Renovation continues on the new Center for Health Sciences located across Turkeyfoot Road from the main campus. This building, which will open in May, is the future home of the nursing, athletic training, and exercise science programs.



STEM OUTREACH CENTER

The old maintenance shed has been demolished to make way for the construction of the new K-16 STEM Outreach Center at the Biology Field Station. Currently, a retaining wall is being built to stabilize the site. Completion of the new Center is expected in June. Keep an eye out for the Grand Opening later this summer!



PERFORMING ARTS LAB

It's exciting to see the wide open rehearsal spaces, big enough to accommodate expanding programs, being developed in the Performing Arts Lab located across Turkeyfoot Road and down the street from the Center for Health Sciences. The additional space is slated to be the new home of the choir, dance team, Marching Saints, and Villa Players.

Don't miss these stories available online at: [THOMASMORE.EDU/MOREOVER](https://thomasmore.edu/moreover)

WOMEN'S TENNIS: A PAC PROGRAM BEST PERFORMANCE

Led by PAC Player of the Year Brooke Warden '20, tennis finished second in the Presidents' Athletic Conference Tournament! A program best performance.

TMC STUDENTS TRAIN TO BECOME FIRST RESPONDERS

Three criminal justice majors were selected to participate in a first-responder scholarship program under the supervision of the Edgewood Fire/EMS Department.

37 YEARS OF ACCOUNTANCY PROVIDING VITA TAX HELP

Accountancy students as members of the VITA team, worked alongside CPAs from partner Rudler, PSC, to help low-income people and the elderly with tax preparation.

Giving Back

Success! \$8M raised for the

BENEDICTINE ENDOWMENT
of the



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SUBMITTED BY ROBYN HOFFMAN, VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

On March 1, 2018, President David A. Armstrong, J.D., announced that the College succeeded in hitting a major fundraising milestone, reaching a matching challenge goal that creates an \$8M endowment for the College's Student Success Center. The matching challenge was created in the spring of 2014 by an anonymous benefactor who wished to create operational revenue for a new concept – the Thomas More College Success Center. The College had four years to raise \$4M, which the donor agreed to match dollar for dollar. This \$4M contribution is the single largest gift in TMC's history. "This benefactor has made a tremendous investment in our College and believes in a Thomas More College education," says President Armstrong. Along with the anonymous benefactor, other notable donors to the Success Center endowment were Dr. Anthony R. '65 and Geraldine '66 Zembrodt, the R.C. Durr Foundation, Inc., Carol Ann & Ralph V. Haile, Jr. Foundation/U.S. Bank, Oakley and Eva Farris, BB&T, Republic Bank Foundation, Jerome '63 and Rita Hurm '63 Bahlmann, Wm. T. (Bill) III '67 and Joan '69 Robinson, and Dr. Judith Marlowe '69.

President Armstrong shared that the final \$1M gift that completed

the Challenge came from Frank and Paula Murphy, owners of University Housing Solutions (UHS). UHS is constructing Renaissance Hall, the newest residence hall slated to open in fall 2018 at TMC. The Murphys are noted philanthropists who have built similar Student Success Centers on other campuses, most recently at Tiffin University in Tiffin, Ohio. "Frank Murphy told me that he struggled as a student, and that the academic support services he received while in college were vital to his graduation and eventual professional achievements," says Armstrong. "Frank and his wife, Paula, wanted to help insure that generations of Thomas More College students received similar support, so the Murphys not only gave the final \$1M endowment gift we need for the challenge, they also committed to construct an addition on to the College's library that will eventually house the Success Center and all of its component institutions."

Construction begins in fall 2018, and the renovated facility will be known as the Benedictine Library and Academic Success Complex. This structure will house the Murphy Family Success Center and its component institutes: The Zembrodt Institute for Academic

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Excellence; The Institute for Students with Learning Differences; and the Institute for Career and Graduate School Planning. The Murphy Family Success Center and its components make a significant impact on students' academic success in the areas of retention, graduation and career placement.

The Zembrodt Institute for Academic Excellence offers services in tutoring, academic counseling, and persistence counseling, which includes intensive monitoring of at-risk students. The Institute for Students with Learning Differences includes a Federal Level

II academic support program for students with documented learning differences. This program includes professional tutoring, individual mentoring/coaching, study skills support, quiet test

Joan and the late Bill Robinson visit students in the Robinson Family Mentoring Center.

taking areas and adaptive equipment. The Institute for Career and Graduate School Planning consists of career and graduate school advising. This includes professional skills development and relationship building with employers and graduate schools. Experiential Learning, which is a requirement for all students, is a part of this center.

With the Success Center to support them, students who choose to attend TMC (along with their parents), can be confident that they will succeed in college, graduate, and be able to get a job or attend graduate school. The Success Center initiative ensures the College is a leader in accomplishing students' educational goals. Overall, the gift impacts as many as 1,600 undergraduate students every year, plus recent graduates. "This gift allows us to invest in our students, our campus, and our future. It confirms to our region that Thomas More College is an investment worth making," Armstrong explains. "An initiative like this has an immediate positive impact on the lives of students and the bottom line of this institution. We are incredibly grateful for the generosity of these benefactors."

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To make a pledge, please call the Office of Institutional Advancement at **859-344-3344**

College Leadership Update

KEVIN REYNOLDS, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT



Kevin Reynolds is no newcomer to Thomas More College. Since 2014, he has served the Department of Student Affairs in various capacities, most recently as Dean of Students. During his time in Student Affairs, Kevin did a tremendous job growing co-curricular programs, improving the residence life program, and establishing a new student code of conduct which allows the student conduct process to directly reflect TMC's mission.

Kevin came to TMC with previous higher education experience at Illinois State University, Seton Hall University, and Belmont University, where he met his wife Christin Reynolds. Kevin holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Communication Studies from Northern Kentucky University and a Master of Science Degree in College Student Personnel Administration from Illinois State University. Currently he is working towards an Educational Doctorate in Leadership at Spalding University. Kevin is active in the greater-Cincinnati community and is passionate about student success, intercollegiate athletics, and the performing arts.

ROB MUNSON, VICE PRESIDENT OF FINANCE AND OPERATIONS, CFO



Rob Munson is a senior financial executive with over 30 years of experience, 16 of which have been spent in higher education. He has held various senior financial roles at Loyola University Chicago, Wittenberg University, Xavier University, and Thomas More College. His corporate experience includes 12 years as Vice President of Finance and

Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at a large regional staffing firm with a year as CFO at a local telecommunications company, and five years at KPMG where he was a Tax Manager.

Rob earned his Master of Business Administration at Xavier University, and his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting at the University of Cincinnati. He has been a certified public accountant since 1988 and currently holds an active license in the State of Ohio.

Challenges in Higher Education

PROSPER into the Future?

SUBMITTED BY NOAH WELTE '05, THOMAS MORE COLLEGE LEGAL COUNSEL



As the national debate rages on regarding the value and affordability of higher education, proposed sweeping changes in the long-overdue reauthorization of the Higher Education Act (HEA) seek to address where individuals go to college, how they pay for it, what they study, and how their academic outcomes affect the institutions they attend. In December 2017, Congress unveiled its newest proposal to revamp HEA, dubbed the Promoting Real Opportunity, Success and Prosperity through Education Reform (PROSPER) Act. The recommended bill substantially alters how the federal government targets and distributes federal student aid funds, while addressing reform around the more controversial topics of campus sexual assault and free speech.

HEA was signed into law in 1965 by President Lyndon B. Johnson with a purpose “to strengthen the educational resources of our colleges and universities and to provide financial assistance for students in postsecondary and higher education.” The most recent reauthorization (2008) expired in 2013 with an extension provided until 2015 while lawmakers prepared for changes and amendments.

A hallmark of the PROSPER Act is a philosophy of one loan, one grant. While on the surface, the aim is to simplify the financial aid process, the result is a slashing of programs until only one loan and one grant remain. This includes the elimination of the Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG), which provides access for the poorest students, and the removal of interest subsidies for low income borrowers, negating potential savings from the proposed loan origination fee exclusion. However, the proposed legislation does allow for a \$300 PELL Grant bonus for students taking 15 credit hours or more per semester.

The PROSPER Act also proposes new borrowing limits based on borrower circumstances. Dependent undergraduates could borrow up to \$39,000 throughout their college career with an increase to \$60,250 for independent undergraduates. Graduate students could borrow \$28,500 annually (\$150,000 total). Parents are limited to borrowing \$12,500 per year and \$56,250 per student.

Currently, nine different loan repayment options exist. The PROSPER Act proposes two options for the ONE loan: (1) standard 10-year repayment plan or (2) single income-based repayment option. Students under the income-based option would still be responsible for the amount of principal and interest as if under the 10-year standard plan; therefore, no loan forgiveness on the principal exists.

Also, students borrowing under the ONE loan program would not be eligible for Public Service Loan Forgiveness.

The PROSPER Act places additional risk-sharing burdens on institutions. For instance, institutions will be liable for any unearned aid the student received prior to withdrawal from a program of study and are required to conduct annual loan counseling for all students. Also, student access to borrowing would be restricted to programs where at least 45 percent of students are in positive repayment status. Programs not meeting that threshold would not receive federal funds. As colleges continue to pour resources into reducing withdrawal rates and to fiscally educate students, adding unknown financial burdens to the institutions will provide more challenges in these efforts.

Finally, the PROSPER Act regulates campus sexual assault and free speech. The proposed bill mandates institutions annually disclose any policies held related to protected speech on campus, including policies limiting where and when speech may occur. In addition, while not binding on institutions, the proposed legislation states that free speech zones and restrictive speech codes are at odds with the First Amendment, and institutions should not restrict students through such means.

With regard to sexual assault, the PROSPER Act would, among other things, require institutions to develop and distribute “know your rights” forms, conduct climate surveys every three years, prioritize professional investigations over campus investigations at the request of law enforcement (without impacting provision of resources and/or interim protections), and allow institutions to set their own standard of evidence to be used in disciplinary proceedings. Most notably, the PROSPER Act encourages institutions and local law enforcement to enter into memorandums of understanding to collaboratively address campus sexual assault.

Currently, the PROSPER Act has been passed out of the House of Representatives Committee on Education and the Workforce, and is awaiting consideration by the full House of Representatives. In January, President David A. Armstrong, J.D., delivered a letter to representatives in Congress praising key components of the legislation while expressing concerns and areas for improvements to strengthen the bill to better serve Thomas More College’s students and community.

If you would like to learn more about the impact of issues related to higher education compliance, I cordially invite you to attend the Second Annual Thomas More College Institute for Higher Education Compliance Conference scheduled for July 23 and 24, 2018. Higher education law and policy expert, Peter Lake, from Stetson College of Law, will be present to offer both a pre-conference bootcamp and the opening keynote. In addition Title IX experts, Gina Maisto Smith and Leslie Gomez from Cozen O’Connor, are back by popular demand to deliver a can’t-miss closing session.

For more information, visit THOMASMORE.EDU/IHEC

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The 2017 Higher Education Compliance Conference brought experts and thought leaders to TMC in an effort to help institutions work smarter and more efficiently to successfully navigate the web of regulatory obligations imposed by various governing bodies.



Challenging the Best *to be* Better



RACHEL WHITEHILL '19
PHOTOS PROVIDED



James Graham Brown **HONORS PROGRAM**

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Thirty years ago, Thomas More College received a generous gift from the Louisville-based James Graham Brown Foundation. This gift allowed the College to form what is now known as the James Graham Brown Honors (JGBH) Program, which is dedicated to the advancement of high achieving students. Since then, the Program has evolved to offer a host of activities including community service, involvement in the creative and performing arts, seminars, and research projects (Fellowships) that are all meant to challenge and broaden the horizons for these already-accomplished scholars. The mission encompassing all of this is straightforward: individuals in the JGBH Program are virtuous scholars who, over the course of a lifetime, uphold honorable traditions and habits as well-rounded leaders, thinkers, and citizens.

When JGBH began with Professor Bryant Card as director, the Program was purely academic in nature. Under Dr. Raymond G. Hebert's leadership (1998-2010), the Program evolved into a multi-dimensional academic and leadership experience. Dr. Catherine Sherron took over the helm in 2011, and she continues to find creative ways to supplement the Program experience. Over 200 TMC students have participated since its inception, and many credit the Program with having a lasting influence on their lives and work.

Danielle (Waymeyer) Eisenhauer '09 is one example of the many alumni from diverse backgrounds who have participated in the Honors Program. Danielle graduated from TMC with a degree



in biology and went on to study at the University of Kentucky (UK) College of Pharmacy. After finishing graduate school, she went to work in rural eastern Kentucky. For Danielle community service — a virtue that was instilled in her through the JGBH Program — is at the forefront of her mind. Today, she plans to start her own company in Memphis, Tenn., that is focused on conservation. She credits her interest in conservation to her time at TMC. “Being involved in the (JGB) Honors Program introduced me to the summer field work programs. I’ve actually dedicated 18 acres to conservation at my house. I planted over 4,400 trees and saplings last year,” she says, noting: “That’s something that’s carried over into my life now — how important conservation is, how important resource preservation is. I’m making a real effort to bring habitats back to this area (Tennessee).”

The JGBH Program has produced many extraordinary graduates, like Danielle, that exemplify its mission. These graduates have expanded the Honors family across the United States, and even internationally, as they carry their passion for community and continued learning. They span across all walks of life and disciplines, from biology to theatre and constitute the heartbeat of the living, breathing experience that is the JGBH Program.

While talking about a federal grant she received for her conservation effort, Danielle mentioned the impact that the various seminars, offered as a part of JGBH, had on her abilities, “I wouldn’t

program at UK. The JGBH Program, along with the support and recommendations of faculty, helped her “become a more well-rounded, mature individual who was prepared for the demands of a medical career.” In an indirect way, Danielle also credits JGBH with helping her meet her husband. As part of the UK pharmacy program,

she chose to attend a six-week rotation on stem cell research at the University of Louisville where the two met for the first time. Career, conservation, and even romance, all resulted from Danielle’s involvement in the James Graham Brown Honors Program!

Danielle isn’t the only alumna who attributes her success after graduation to JGBH. “A lot of what I do in marketing now is what you would do in the

fellowship project: the research, forming your point of view, and the recommended actions I have for people. It was very easy to transition from that into the job I have now,” says Kristen (Finck) Mangine ’06. Kristen graduated with a business degree and currently works as a consumer and market knowledge manager at Procter & Gamble. Kristen stressed that the projects she undertook through JGBH prepared her for the career she has now, especially the fellowship project the Program encourages its scholars to pursue. This year-long project compels students to choose their own topic and pursue that topic in depth.

Kristen focused her fellowship on women in the workplace and asked, “Is there really a glass ceiling?” The influence of such a project, and the freedom that came with it, is something she found to be unique to JGBH. She was expected to come up with her own ideas, keep her own schedule, find her own research, and then present that information in a compelling way. “One of the big, foundational premises about that whole senior fellowship is that it’s self-guided,” she says of the experience. “It teaches you a lot about being self-motivated and self-directed, that’s pretty much what work is like. I think that’s one of the major transitions that the Honors Program does well versus just going to college.”

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— Matthew Hollstegge ’02

“Service instilled that ‘want’ to give back, to reach out to my community”

— Julie Geiger ’13



have been able to write that grant (request) without my skills from English courses. I wouldn’t have known what to put in it, if it hadn’t been for the biology classes that I took, and I wouldn’t have known how to diplomatically

talk to my extension agent.” In addition to influencing her local conservation efforts, Danielle cites the JGBH Program as one of the reasons she was accepted into the highly competitive pharmacy



“I started to ask myself: how do I want to be perceived?”

— Paul Hardy ’04

WHAT IS THE JAMES GRAHAM BROWN FOUNDATION?

The James Graham Brown Foundation was established by James Graham Brown (1881-1969), a man whose passion still guides the organization’s principles and grants to this day. Mr. Brown was a lumberman, horseman and entrepreneur, but ultimately, he was a Kentuckian who cared. He was an inspired citizen armed with innovative ideas and a desire to improve the success and perception of Kentucky. This enthusiasm for his community was evident in all aspects of his life.

Mr. Brown formally created the James Graham Brown Foundation in 1954. He was a self-made man, and after earning a fortune primarily from the timber industry, Brown dedicated his wealth to the Foundation, cementing his legacy as a philanthropist and ensuring that the Commonwealth would continue to grow and flourish even in his absence. Since 1954, the Foundation has awarded nearly 4,000 grants totaling more than \$550,000,000.



In addition to her work in the professional world, Kristen talks about the influence of JGBH on her character. Not only is her work important to her, but she agrees with Danielle about the impact of the focus on service, “They placed a lot of emphasis on giving back, which I think does inspire you to keep doing that.” Kristen volunteers at her children’s school and takes time, through her work, to organize charity events. JGBH was the primary focus of her college experience and pushed her to achieve in almost every area.

Matthew Hollstegge ’02 says much the same about his experience, “The whole premise of the Program is that it’s very well-rounded.” He jokes, “The (JGB) Honors Program was my minor.” Matt says JGBH made him a “jack of all trades” which serves him well in his career as production manager and master electrician at Ensemble Theatre Cincinnati. He found the challenges of the JGBH seminars to be refreshing, encountering subjects he would not have pursued on his own, and opening up discussions with students who had a diverse range of interests. He was educated well beyond his major in theatre.

“I think it pushes you outside of your comfort zone, being forced to take classes with professors with whom you would not have otherwise taken a class. That is hugely important because I think most of us... test out of requirements,” he says of the JGBH seminars. “Some of the most interesting classes were the seminars. They were different, they were unique, and they challenged us. It was nice to be challenged.” He still recalls the trip he took to New York through the seminar wherein he actually saw the art he had learned about in the class; art that he might not have found on his own. He admits he still keeps the book from that seminar on his bookshelf. Matt says of the Program today, “I hope it keeps challenging students to think outside the box; to question everything; to instill a drive for knowledge.”

Some graduates have taken their JGBH experiences around the globe. Julie Geiger ’13, Paul Hardy ’04, and Jeremy Knapp ’04 have worked or are now working internationally.

Julie currently attends graduate school in Washington, D.C., studying international economics after taking time to work with the Peace Corps in Benin, Africa. “Service instilled that ‘want’ to give back, to reach out to my community. I still have cards from those kids,” she says talking about her experiences volunteering at a local elementary school through JGBH. Teaching those children prepared her for working with African children as part of her time with the Peace Corps.

JGBH also encouraged dialogue and debate. She references the camaraderie of the cohort she was in and how it encouraged students to “grow together,” “reach higher,” and “become better.” Members of the cohort presented ideas from

diverse backgrounds that she says she still thinks about to this day. In general, Julie says, “The Honors Program expanded my mind.”*

Paul Hardy spent time in China before attending TMC. He was always good at school and never struggled academically, but the JGBH Program added a new layer to his learning experience and taught him to challenge himself. The relationships Paul formed with the faculty had a direct impact on his taking responsibility for his academic performance. “The Program planted that seed of motivation. I wanted to do something impactful; my experiences really shaped that,” he says. “I started to ask myself: how do I want to be perceived?”

Since his graduation with a business degree, Paul has worked as Director of Emerging Markets at ConAgra Foods, and now occupies a similar position for Rembrandt Chicken Farms. In both positions, he works internationally. He thanks the Program for not only



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– Danielle (Waymeyer) Eisenhauer ’09



“My education at Thomas More caused me to be very serious about the values that I pursue in the world.”

– Jeremy Knapp ’04



Left: Dr. Catherine Sherron with Karlie (Smith) Sudlow ’14, Jordan and Daniel Ruwe ’12, and Adam Reis ’10 - graduates of JGBH. The program holds a Senior Sendoff reception each year which gives current and former members an opportunity to network.

encouraging his passion, but also teaching him “when to be flexible.” Like the other JGBH alums, Paul also continues to be involved in service in his community. He cites the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) volunteer work he did through the JGBH Program as spurring his continued involvement in giving back to the community.

Jeremy Knapp '04 graduated with degrees in both English and philosophy and went on to school at the University of Iowa, where he earned a master's degree. He worked with two non-profits and took a sabbatical year to study in the Middle East. Today, he works in South Korea as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Handong Global University teaching rhetoric, writing, and literature. Of his experiences while a part of JGBH, he says, “Everything we did contributes to my present work, more than you might expect.” He recalls participating in the same trip to New York as Matthew and describes how he still uses visual arts to help his students better understand in the classes he teaches now, “Because

of my training through the Program and the service experiences, my basic obligations towards other people were adjusted for me, so to speak.” He continues, “My education at Thomas More caused me to be very serious about the values that I pursue in the world.” Jeremy now speaks three languages and is working to learn Korean.

These are just a few of the graduates of the James Graham Brown Honors Program. They are leaders, scholars, and citizens and they are leading the way for today's students. It is because of their input that JGBH continues to grow, change, and improve for future students. “The service learning and humanistic elements of the Program are vital for allowing students to really explore the world creatively and independently,” Jeremy concludes. Danielle mirrors that sentiment, “Pushing on your character, causes your character to be better.”

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*Julie Geiger was featured in the 2012 fall Moreover as a study abroad student. To read that story, visit tmcky.us/geiger

HONOR SOCIETIES AT TMC

An honors program is different than an honor society but both can work hand in hand to encourage academic success. Performing well academically in college is a great achievement. Maintaining a high GPA while keeping up with the fast pace and amount of material covered in each class takes dedication and self-discipline. For students who achieve this accomplishment, TMC has several campus-based honor societies. Being a member provides opportunities to meet new people and network with leaders/other members, build your resume, receive members-only benefits, and celebrate accomplishments. Honor societies at TMC include:

ALPHA LAMBDA DELTA

First-year Students
Advisors: Dr. John Ernst and
Dr. Harold Smith

DELTA EPSILON SIGMA DELTA UPSILON CHAPTER

Scholastic/Academic Service
Advisor: Dr. Chris Lorentz

DELTA MU DELTA

Business
Advisor: Dr. Larry Byerly

KAPPA DELTA PI PSI OMEGA CHAPTER

Education
Advisor: Dr. Barb Zahler

LAMBDA PI ETA

Communications
Advisor: Dr. Michele Geiger

PHI ALPHA THETA

History
Advisors: Dr. Jodie Mader and
Professor Patrick Eagan

PI SIGMA ALPHA ALPHA ZETA THETA CHAPTER

Political Science
Advisor: Dr. J.T. Spence

PSI CHI INTERNATIONAL THOMAS MORE CHAPTER

Psychology
Advisor: Dr. Maria McLean

SIGMA TAU DELTA OMEGA NU CHAPTER

English
Advisor: Professor Jim Schuttemeyer

TRI BETA RHO THETA CHAPTER

Biology
Advisor: Dr. John Hageman



Photo of 2018 initiation of 44 students into Alpha Lambda Delta, the first year honor society. Academic Dean Dr. Kathleen Jagger, welcomed the group with President David A. Armstrong, J.D., performing the keynote address. Dr. Harold Smith, Assistant Professor, Mathematics and Dr. Luis Sierra, Assistant Professor, History, were honorary inductees.

Faculty Notes

KUDOS TO TMC FACULTY ON THEIR ACCOLADES, PRESENTATIONS & PUBLISHED WORKS



Debra Allen, Assistant Professor, Education, presented *Math Classroom Challenges for All Middle Grades and Secondary Students* in November 2017 at the Exceptional Children's Conference, Louisville, Ky.

classroom entitled *Scholar-Practitioners Bridging the Skills Gap Through Innovative Curriculum Redesign*.



Larry Boehm, Professor, Psychology, presented the paper *Subjective Happiness and Meaning in Life as Mediators of the Mindfulness-life Satisfaction Relationship* at the 29th Annual Convention of the Association

for Psychological Science in Boston, Mass. Professor Boehm also presented three papers at the Mid-America Undergraduate Psychology Research Conference, Evansville, Ind.: *Effects of Tanning on Attractiveness and Self-esteem* in collaboration with Crouch, B., & Lea, C. (2017); *Interactions Between Mindfulness, Stress, and Academic Achievement* in collaboration with Brooks, T. (2017); and *How Emotional Intelligence Affect Employee Burnout* in collaboration with Rauf, A., & Landis, S., (2017).



Angela Crawford, Assistant Professor, Business Administration, presented *10 Steps to Igniting Employee Passion* during two breakout sessions in October 2017 at the John DiJulius Customer Experience Conference.

This research on igniting employee passion is based on her consulting work and academic research. In November 2017, Professor Crawford partnered with Dr. John D. Rudnick, Jr. (TMC) and Dr. McGuire from Miami University at the 37th Original Lilly Conference on College, to submit a proposal for a presentation and panel discussion based on curriculum innovations business scholar-practitioners can bring to the



Florence Dwyer, Associate Professor and Chair of the Foreign Languages department, received the prestigious award of the *Palmes Académiques* (French Academic Palms) by the French Minister of Education in August 2017

for her work completed for the French Art Discovery Midwest Network Franco-American project. She also participated in the September 2017 KWLA Conference (Kentucky World Language Association) in Louisville presenting the work completed during her sabbatical project in fall 2016. The session was entitled: *French Art Discovery Midwest Network: A Creative Project for French Students to Discover French Artwork in Midwest Museums*. To see the results of this project, visit tmcky.us/dwyer



Christine Griffiths, Assistant Professor, Athletic Training, is on the planning committee for the Northern Kentucky Athletic Training Research Night to be held in April 2018. Under her guidance, three graduate athletic

training students are preparing research to present that evening. Additionally, TMC was invited to host the Kentucky Athletic Trainers Society Young Professionals Meeting on campus in March giving students another opportunity to present their research.



Dick Hague, Writer in Residence, English, received the first place award in Cincinnati's 2017 Books by the Banks Literary Festival prose competition. The title of Hague's

piece is *The Art of Creative Non-Fiction*. This makes two years in a row that TMC writers have been in the spotlight – last year's first place award went to Professor Sherry Cook Stanforth. The Festival features authors from all over the region.



Chris Lorentz, Professor, Biological Sciences, reports that Thomas More College was one of 11 environmental nonprofit organizations in Kentucky and Ohio to receive grant money from Duke Energy. The grant to TMC was the

largest awarded in Kentucky and helps cover the costs of providing instruction for K-12 students and the general public on water protection and conservation. The slide show on all the winners can be viewed at tmcky.us/DUKEgrant. Dr. Lorentz also served as a source for an *Enquirer Media* article which covered the Ohio River fertilizer spill in December 2017. Read the article at tmcky.us/lorentz.



Christy Petroze, Associate Professor and Chair of the Education department, continues to work extensively as the TMC representative to CEEDAR (Collaboration for Effective Educator

Development, Accountability and Reform) in Kentucky. Other Kentucky CEEDAR partners include the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board, the Kentucky Department of Education, and education faculty from the University of Kentucky and University of Louisville. The focus of their work is to improve the quality of educator preparation by ensuring that all teachers are skilled in high-leverage practices (HLPs) and the delivery of evidence-based practices (EBPs) for all students. The full article may be viewed at tmcky.us/petroze

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RH: Jim (Schuttemeyer) was a student here then...

Jim Schuttemeyer (JS): I had no perception of that (administration issues) but I heard stories later...

GT: Nonetheless, I think that's where our experiences in those early years were shaped. The faculty were great, the management struggled and that may be because it (the college) got small so fast due to changes in the area's higher education landscape.

RH: Northern (NKU) opened in 1971, there was no competition until then. Jim was a student at that time, so, in some ways, Jim has been here longer than either of us.

JS: I came in 1972. My initial impression focused on the bricks. This place felt a little bit like a monastery compared to NKU's concrete structure. I lived VENTURE – it was great. I still remember my first seminar. The image is very visual (Jim laughs).

Fr. Jack Wordeman taught it. He was 6'7", a giant!

Who among the faculty, were "stars" to work with? Is there anyone who embodied the "spirit" of TMC?

RH: That's easy in the history department, we had legendary faculty members: Sr. Mary Albert Murphy, SND; Sr. Mary Philip Trauth, SND (she hired me); Fr. Anthony Deye; Dr. Frank Bremer; and Nancy Bruns. They were tremendous and all my mentors, remarkable people – every one of them. We have awards named after them that we present to students every year. I learned so much from every one of them.

GT: One of my favorite experiences was with Darryl Brothers, Chair of the Art department. He was a true Renaissance Man. Every day he would come to lunch, sit down at the table, and pull out a question from his shirt pocket. He would ask people to explain things to him. He was a person always seeking to learn. Another



Malcolm Robinson, Professor and Chair of the Economics department, gave two public presentations in 2017 entitled *Taxes, the Budget and Policy Priorities Tax Day Rally* and was the keynote speaker at the 2017 Tax Day Rally held on Fountain Square in Cincinnati, Ohio. To see his address, visit tmcky.us/robinson. In May 2017, Professor Robinson presented a work shop entitled *Game Theory for Government Communicators* at the Kentucky Government Communicators Association Convention (KGCA) in Lexington, Ky.



Kate Rowekamp, Adjunct Professor, Art, participated in several shows in March 2018 with artwork on display in Art For Peace & Justice at Mount St. Joseph University, Pressing Entomology at the Bluegrass Printmakers Co-Op in Lexington, Ky., and at the 2nd Annual International Miniature Printmaking Exhibition held in Dubai.



John D. Rudnick, Jr., Professor, Business Administration, presented *Leverage the Universality, Diversity, and Practicality of Lean Six Sigma: Considerations for Business and Higher Education* at the annual International Association of Collegiate Schools of Business (ACBSP) Conference in Toronto (November

2017). At this same conference, Dr. Rudnick also served on an international discussion panel for two topics - "Is economic nationalism consistent with the needs of healthcare delivery in the US"; and "Is moral cosmopolitanism compatible with economic nationalism?" In December, Dr. Rudnick's article *Servant Leadership: A Model Well-suited for Healthcare* was published in *Kentucky Medical News*.



Sherry Cook Stanforth, Professor, English, and Director of the Creative Writing Vision Program, partnered the CWVP with The Cincinnati Arts Association, the Urban Appalachian Community Coalition and ArtsWave to create a SchoolTime stage performance, *Express Appalachia: Journey and Identity*. This interactive production featured local expressions of music, dance, folklore, poetry and storytelling. The show took place at the Cincinnati Aronoff Center's Jarson Kaplan theater in February and was created, directed, and produced by Professor Stanforth.



Rebeca Tacy, Associate Professor, Nursing, has been a part of Promotoras Education for the last three years as a volunteer educator for lay health promoters in the Hispanic community. This program is sponsored by Area Health Education Center (AHEC) of Northern Kentucky.

Professor Tacy also participates in the Explorer's Program (AHEC, St. Elizabeth Healthcare) with the presentation entitled *Why I Work in the Emergency Department*. This program includes a demonstration and tour for high school students.

Reverend Gerald E. Twaddell, Professor, Philosophy, received the honor of being invested as a Knight of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in October 2017. The photo above (Fr. Twaddell far right), includes the 49 new Knights and Dames with His Eminence American Cardinal Prelate Raymond Leo Burke (center) who presided over the ceremony. Members accepted into the Order must live a life commensurate with the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church and are nominated by their bishop. Covington Bishop Most Rev. Roger J. Foys appears in the front row, fourth from left.



Barbara Zahler, Professor, Education, celebrates being involved in the Ohio Kentucky Indiana (OKI) Children's Literature Conference, which celebrated 20 years in 2017, since 2006. The conference has been hosted on the TMC campus for over 10 years with a goal of bringing quality authors, illustrators, and presenters to the tri-state area for the benefit of teachers, librarians, educators, and others serving youth.

person who was a staff member that I always enjoyed was Jim Wall. He was the periodicals librarian and he had the morning coffee club. He was the fount of rumors, some of which he created out of whole cloth right before your eyes! He had a devil-may-care attitude, not taking people seriously. The one that I feel embodied the spirit of Thomas More was Sr. Laurence Budde.

RH: I agree.

GT: She just far and away had a real dedication to her discipline, a great love of the college, and was incredibly attentive to the students and their needs and abilities. She was alert to what people were really suited to do and didn't hesitate to tell them. She was not someone to trifle with (Jim laughs) and was not afraid of anyone. She was 6'3" and very imposing, you did not want to meet her in a dark alley!

JS: I had her down on my list.

RH: She was the first director of the Biology Field Station. On two difficult occasions in the history of the college, she assumed the title of VP of Academic Affairs as an Interim Dean. She was my mentor when I became Dean.

JS: She hired me so I blame her for this. During my first semester I had Sr. Lawrence and Jack Wordeman, I thought 'is that what they do? Grow giants?' (everyone laughs). She was imposing, but she could be funny, was very gentle, a character.

RH: I remember one night during the alumni fund drive, the faculty made calls and she would always do it and would call the doctors, she had taught them all. She would raise more money than anyone else.

GT: Another outstanding person was Nancy Bruns, she had a mind like a steel trap.

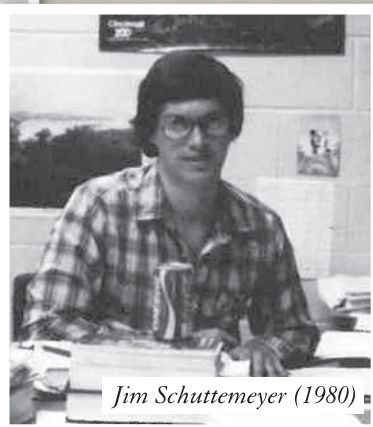
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Dr. Ray Hebert (1978)



TMC Campus (1980)



Jim Schuttemeyer (1980)

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RH: She was a remarkable woman. She had been in the history department. When we had great need for a registrar and because SACS wanted us to have a certain percentages of PhD's, she became registrar so we could hire a PhD into the department.

JS: I always liked the outrageous characters. Bob Berger was my best friend for many years. He would just call out the BS when he saw it.

RH: Social work faculty member, a very cultured gentleman. He knew good food, good movies, good music.

JS: And he was very obviously gay in a flamboyant Liberace way and totally oblivious to anybody questioning that.

GT: And he collected nuns.

RH: That's right! Some of his best friends were nuns.

What Would You Say are Defining Moments in TMC's History During Your Tenure?

GT: I can think of three. The first major opening of our world was the building of Thomas More Parkway. It opened up access to the general public to find out where we were. That, I think, changed the public face of the college in a significant way. ... The next thing was the building of Murphy Hall, that was the first time we made

a move to expand our residence capacity. We had the space for the first time to allow more students in to live on campus.

RH: And these were the suites. The other dorms were double rooms.

GT: That was the second major change in how the college could perceive itself and its clientele. And then the Chapel was a dramatic shift in focus. When people drive in to the campus, they can not miss that building.

RH: I would add one more - the Connor Convocation Center because the sports teams totally revolutionized. Between the CCC and the Football Field, we had facilities on campus for games. I remember going to games at local high schools, and practices at grade schools.

JS: I worked with the Boosters for years and years and years to pay for that building. Another transforming time was the start of the football team. It brought in a big chunk of new students and began to change the diversity on the campus in significant ways. Also the women's basketball national championship teams in terms of the publicity and the marketing value in those two years (2015/2016). Watching Sydney Moss play was also a great joy for me.

RH: Another significant shift was the TAP program and what that did in terms of the number of students in the evening program.

JS: I taught a lot of courses at night and those were some of my most fun classes. ... You would watch people who had never read Shakespeare or other stories wake up in interesting ways. Now with the online world for convenience, you lose some of those personal encounters that would happen in the classroom.

What Would You Like to See Happen in the Next 50 Years?

JS: It seems the goal is exponential growth in the virtual world, but I hope this place stays small.

RH: That's my hope as well, that even as we grow we don't stop being a small college. Keeping that personal touch, the friendships between faculty and students.

GT: With whatever else we do, I would want for the college to be an acknowledged leader in promoting the Catholic Intellectual Tradition. This is not automatic: it has to be intentional. The Catholic Intellectual Tradition cuts across all disciplines, it always has. ... We need to make the college a place that never forgets that deep tradition out of which we came.

JS: If I had my wish list, I'd like to see our Fine Arts get elevated. I see a lot of room for real growth in that area. Fine arts, media studies - a fine arts building. There is a market there to tap, a need for it. ... I think there's been another major change too, especially in the last six or seven years - every faculty meeting we were in early on, we'd complain about PR and the fact that nobody knew we were here. I believe that is starting to change in a good way, for a variety of reasons. We're getting the word out.

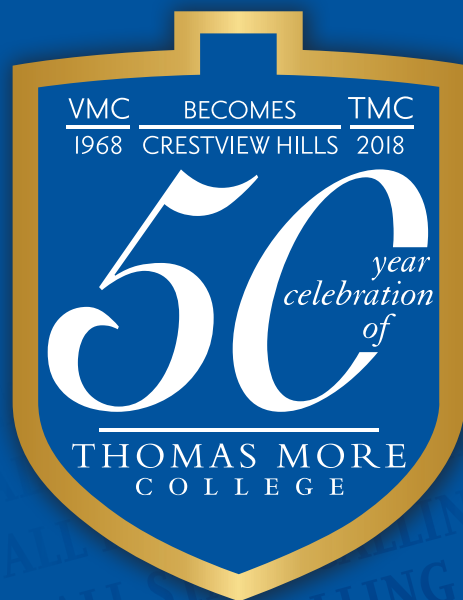
RH: I don't think it's an accident that the three (faculty) who have been here the longest are in the humanities. The liberal arts is the heart of the college.

MOREOVER

To hear more of the interview, visit THOMASMORE.EDU/MOREOVER

Our regular feature, **Excellent Educators**, is on hiatus this spring but will return in the fall. We want to know who your favorite professor was while attending VMC/TMC. Email **MOREOVER@THOMASMORE.EDU** or send a note in the envelope inside this *Moreover*. (Please include your name and class year.)

Week-long Anniversary Celebration!



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EARLY TMC CAMPUS

*Join us for the 50th Anniversary
of the Dedication of **Villa Madonna**
becoming **Thomas More College***

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 21

A CELEBRATION OF ART ALUMNI, opening presented by the Creative and Performing Arts Department in the Eva G. Farris Art Gallery (artists contact Gallery Director Elizabeth Neal for details: neale@thomasmore.edu)

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 23

MASS celebrated with TMC Chancellor Bishop Roger J. Foy, D.D., at Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, Kentucky

CELEBRATORY PIG ROAST for students, alumni, and friends at TMC campus in Crestview Hills, Kentucky

THURSDAY | SEPTEMBER 27

BISHOP WILLIAM A. HUGHES AWARDS at Drees Pavilion, Devou Park, Kentucky. Honorees to be announced

FRIDAY | SEPTEMBER 28

RED MASS celebrated with TMC Chancellor Bishop Roger J. Foy, D.D., at Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel, Crestview Hills, Kentucky

TMC NIGHT @ THE REDS Reds v. Pirates, Special pre-game announcement, Great American Ball Park, 6:30 p.m., fireworks to follow game

SATURDAY | SEPTEMBER 29

ACADEMIC CONVOCATION with a SURPRISE featured speaker

SUNDAY | SEPTEMBER 30

VESPERS in Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel, including the Blessed Virgin's Magnificat

SEPTEMBER 20-30

"MAN FOR ALL SEASONS" BY ROBERT BOLT, presented by the Villa Players in the Thomas More College Theater

Additional details will be made available closer to event dates.



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Alumni News

TMC Alumni Calendar of Events

Saints faithful keep an eye on the 2017 Homecoming game from the Alumni Tent located just outside the end zone.

Join the Fun!

Alumni events are a great way to reconnect, network, and socialize. Mark your calendar for these events in the coming year!

MAY

Monday | May 7

ALUMNI WINE TASTING

Wednesday | May 9

YOUNG ALUMNI RECEPTION

Monday | May 21 | 11 a.m.

TMC SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC

For sponsorship information, contact

ADVANCEMENT@THOMASMORE.EDU or **859-344-3344**

AUGUST

Friday | August 3

ATHLETIC GOLF OUTING

SEPTEMBER

See **page 23** for events specific to the 50th Anniversary Celebration

Thursday | September 20

ALUMNI BOURBON TASTING

OCTOBER

Saturday | October 6

KEENELAND TRIP

Thursday | October 11

U(TOPIA)-FEST

Friday | October 12

CLASS REUNIONS

(CLASS OF '68, '93, '03, '08, '13)

Saturday | October 13

HOMECOMING

SAINTS VS. MUHLENBERG

ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME AWARDS



Get Connected!

Has your contact information changed? Update your contact records by completing the alumni update form online at **THOMASMORE.EDU/ALUMNI** or drop a note in the business reply envelope located in the center of this *Moreover*.



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Class Notes

1960s



Patricia (Kramer) Noe '67 and **Jennifer (Bucalo) Baldwin '76** had work selected for display in the Eva G. Farris Art Gallery in fall 2017 as part of the 2017 Kentucky Art Education Association Juried Art Exhibition. Jennifer is an Art Instructor at Dixie Heights High School and had three paintings accepted. Patricia teaches art at Campbell County High School and displayed two pieces of enamel and fine silver jewelry.

1970s



Proud grandparents **Patrick Raverty '73** and **Patty Raverty** (TMC Communications Chair) shared this baptismal photo of **Grace Emily Evans** (left) and **Caroline Mae Baumgartner** (right) at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Grace is the daughter of **Katie (Raverty) Evans '07** and **Steve Evans '08**. Caroline is the daughter of **Maggie (Raverty) Baumgartner '09** and **Michael Baumgartner** and granddaughter of **Marilyn (Annear) Baumgartner '78** and **Mark Baumgartner '75**.



Photo courtesy Penn State

Congratulations to **James Connor '75**, distinguished professor of neurosurgery, neural and behavioral sciences, and pediatrics, upon receiving the 2017 Innovator of the Year Award at Penn State College of Medicine and Penn State Health Milton S. Hershey Medical Center during the seventh annual Innovation Awards ceremony on Nov. 28. James (center) is pictured here with Dr. A. Craig Hillemeier, Dean of the College and CEO of Penn State Health, and Dr. Leslie Parent, Vice Dean for Research and Graduate Studies for the college. To read more about this outstanding honor, visit tmcky.us/connor

1990s

Kimberly (Marshall) Peace '92 was promoted to Senior Environmental Coordinator at the engineering firm of Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc. in Manchester, New Hampshire. "My role is assisting our clients in fulfilling the federal, state and local permitting and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements for impacts to environmental and cultural resources, and to help them minimize these impacts while promoting sustainable and responsible development."

2000s

Tom Haggard '06, Program Director at Covington Partners, was chosen to serve during the 2017-18 school year as one of 15 Afterschool Ambassadors through the Afterschool Alliance whose members are chosen from leaders across the

country. "I am thrilled to join in the Afterschool Alliance's work to build support for afterschool programs," said Haggard. "In my 10 years working in the field, I've seen up close the many ways afterschool programs help students to explore their interests and discover their passions, while giving parents the peace of mind that comes with knowing their children are safe and supervised, with opportunities to learn and grow, after the school day ends."



Melinda (Borchers) Backer '08 won the Hodges Excellence in Teaching Award for experienced Graduate Teaching Assistants in August 2017 and was featured in a University of Tennessee Spotlight on Composition interview. Read the interview here: tmcky.us/backer. Melinda is currently in the English doctorate program at the University of Tennessee. She is married to TMC English alum, **Hank Backer '08**, who worked with U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky at Boston University, where Hank earned his master's degree. He completed his doctorate in English at Georgia State and currently teaches at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Congratulations to them both!



Katie (Trauth) Taylor '08 started a writing consultant company called Untold Content. The company focuses on writing to fit client's needs that include research, technical, and content marketing. Katie is a member of the core team and says of this new venture, "It's wonderful to continue doing the important work of writing." To subscribe to Untold Contents' online newsletter, visit tmcky.us/untoldcontent

2010s



Kelsie (Rust) Bauer '13 married Gary Bauer on June 23, 2017 at Guardian Angels Church. The wedding party also included TMC grads **Kristine (Rust) Trenkamp '11** (sister) as matron of honor and bridesmaid **Alexa (Hlebiczk) Baudendistel '12**.

Chris Beiting '13 returned to TMC to exhibit his most recent work in the Eva G. Farris Art Gallery in October 2017. The show was entitled Surrender, and



included site specific work. This means the included pieces were influenced by the surroundings (TMC and gallery) and creatively installed in response to this environment.



Robert Nader '13 was named Covington Chief of Police in September 2017. Robert has been a member of the department since 1997 and now takes on the

responsibility to plan, direct, manage, and oversee the activities of the police department. For more about Robert's career with the Covington Police Department, visit tmcky.us/nader

Scott Kubing '17, USMC veteran, wrote to say, "Thank You to the (TMC) Servicemen to Saints program that empowered me to complete my degree while continuing to serve and empower others." Scott is the Goshen United Methodist Church Historian. He recently completed training at Kent



Photo from left: Scott with Medal of Honor Recipient Donald "Doc" Ballard and Linda Griffin, Gold Star Sister of Bruce Griffin and Church Youth Director.

State University with the Bruce Griffin Memorial Scholarship* TEAM members to begin teaching the Medal of Honor Character Development Program. The program provides grade-level specific content and activities (kindergarten through high school) that put values such as courage, commitment, integrity, sacrifice, citizenship, and patriotism,

into language and behavior that children can comprehend and embrace. Upper level content features non-fiction accounts of Medal of Honor recipients' and citizen heroes' actions. The TEAM plans to use the program with local youth at the church, and at annual Memorial Day and Patriot Day events. For more information on the program, visit: www.theMedalofHonor.com

**The Memorial Scholarship is named in honor of Bruce Griffin, who at 18-years-old was the first person from Clermont County to lose his life in the Vietnam War.*

Jaime Maley '17, as a young and emerging artist, had two pieces of work featured in the Carnegie's 2017-18 exhibit entitled Studio Open 2. The show, which took place in Covington, Ky., December through February, featured the work of recent graduates from 14 different colleges and universities.

Thank you to biology alums for sharing your stories in the classroom!



Dr. Shannon Galbraith-Kent introduces Winter Okoth to the Senior Biology Class.

Winter Okoth '12, while in town for Homecoming 2017, met with the Senior Biology Seminar to discuss how a TMC education prepared her for graduate school. As a native Kenyan, Winter has been driven to pursue malarial research as her life's work. She earned her Master of Science in Molecular Microbiology and Immunology from Johns Hopkins in May 2017, and also earned a fellowship in Washington, D.C., which is her current position. To pursue the fight against malaria through advocacy, Winter became a United Nations Foundation Nothing But Nets campaign champion, and was chosen to be one of eight youth delegates for the global malaria summit during the Commonwealth Heads of Government annual meeting in London this month. She plans to pursue a doctorate program in the near future.

Penny Feltner '12, an alumna of the Environmental Science program and also the James Graham Brown Honors Program, was the featured speaker (via Skype) for the BIO 489 course on November 11. Penny currently lives in Jamaica and serves in the US Peace Corps with husband **Dan Stephenson '12**. Her role is "Environmental and Agroforestry Promoter."

Joe Schucter '99, an epidemiologist with an MPH joined the class via Skype on November 30. Joe has worked overseas with Doctors Without Borders and locally with Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He is now at the University of California-Berkeley where he earned his Doctorate in Public Health. While at UC Berkeley, he has delved into the world of social entrepreneurship and impact investing, working first at a social enterprise accelerator before joining Boys and Girls Clubs of San Francisco as Director of Evaluation and Impact.

Andrew Hebbeler '99 returned in December via Skype to discuss his career path and the various roles he has held within the U.S. Department of State. Andrew was featured in the fall 2013 *Moreover*, to read that story visit tmcky.us/hebbeler

Where are they now?

Do you remember the TMC admissions marketing campaign of 2011-2013? It included three spokespersons representing international students, student athletes, and the arts. These students were the faces of Thomas More College over a two-year period, appearing in print and online, and admissions thanks them for their branding success! So how have they fared since earning their degrees?



After graduating from TMC, **Winter Okoth '12** continued on to graduate school and earned her Master of Science in Molecular Microbiology and Immunology from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in May 2017. She keeps in touch with her TMC connections on a regular basis, and recently shared her path with current students. Winter is currently involved in malaria research as ORISE Research Fellow participant at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Winter's journey from Kenya to John Hopkins was featured in the Northern Kentucky Tribune in October 2017. To read that story, visit tmcky.us/okoth2018



Aaron Monk '11 is a practicing attorney with Kohnen & Patton in Cincinnati, Ohio. Aaron's primary areas of practice are mergers & acquisitions, corporate law and securities law. After TMC, he earned a Juris Doctor at NKU Chase College of Law in 2014 and is now a member of the American, Kentucky, and Cincinnati Bar Associations. Aaron was recently named to the 2018 Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber C-Change Class. He is actively involved in the greater Cincinnati business community as well as in volunteer activities for a range of organizations.

For more information about Aaron, visit tmcky.us/monk2018



"In addition to being an emerging artist in the tri-state region, **Kate Rowekamp '12** is the Director of Education at the Fitton Center for Creative Arts in Hamilton, Ohio, and is a member of the TMC faculty as an adjunct professor. After leaving TMC, she earned her Master of Fine Arts from Miami University in 2015 in two-dimensional studio with a concentration in printmaking. Her current interests include printmaking, animation, and illustration as she fuses zoology and personal perceptions with developmental psychology to generate imaginary creatures. Some are kind of creepy but all are highly imaginative!

For additional examples of Kate's artwork, visit tmcky.us/rowekamp2018



In Memoriam



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

Gary Beatrice '83, January 8, 2018

Sr. Mary Joan Dohman, CDP '49, December 10, 2017

William Paul Gronefeld '63, October 12, 2017

Clemens F. Hellmann '61, October 29, 2017

Joan Kruer '71, December 29, 2017

James J. Noble '70, November 22, 2017

Joshua Adam Miller '06, October 15, 2017

Brian H. Redmond '03, January 1, 2018

John William Tenhundfeld Sr '52, November 7, 2017

Nancy Tepe '91, February 2, 2018



The Recollections of

Sr. Mansueta Martineau '36

Oldest Living VMC/TMC Graduate

SUBMITTED BY JUDY CRIST, GRAPHIC DESIGN SPECIALIST

VMC has just begun celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Crestview Hills campus and the dedication of renaming Villa Madonna College as Thomas More College. This history column began in 2014 to give a voice to the experiences of those alumni who graduated (or started their college career) previous to the move in 1968. Somehow these two ideas morphed for this particular issue resulting in a search for the oldest living VMC/TMC alumna.

After digging in the database and searching online, sending emails and making phone calls, the quest resulted in the discovery of Sr. Mansueta Martineau '36, who lives locally in Holy Family Home in Melbourne, Ky. Sr. Mansueta celebrated her 104th birthday on March 3, 2018. Abby Mattingly (TMC class of 2019) and I arrived to find Sr. Mansueta ready and waiting to start the interview. She is very sharp and witty, a true gem. We learned in advance that Sister was a huge Cincinnati Reds fan, so we brought a Saints Reds' ball cap from College Weekend 2017 to add some blue to her collection of Reds gear. She was tickled and placed the cap on her head even before we began discussing just a few of the many things she has seen in her lifetime.

Sr. Mansueta was born in Piercesville, N.Y., in 1914. When she was eight years old, her father packed up the family (eight children at the time) and moved by train to Johnson City, Tenn. It was Depression Era and the family went to Tennessee in search of work after the hotel her father managed closed. Being skilled as a barber, Sister's father found work by establishing his own shop. The family settled in Johnson City and joined Saint Mary's Parish.

It was unusual to find a Catholic Parish in that area of Tennessee and the family became the chief members, making up 11 of the approximately 40 parishioners.

Upon reaching high school age, Sr. Mansueta's mother did not want her girls going to the public school. Sr. Mansueta and her younger sisters were sent to Saint Camillus Academy in Corbin, Ky., as boarding students. Sr. Mansueta graduated in June 1931 and entered the convent that August. She and two of her younger sisters so loved the nuns that taught at St. Camillus that all three joined the Congregation of Divine Providence, continuing their faith journey with a religious vocation after high school. Sister made her vows at Saint Anne Convent in 1934, and while being trained, she went to college to earn her bachelor's degree.

When asked how she came about attending VMC, Sister said, "It was understood that I would go to college, although I told Mother Lucy (Mother M. Lucy Damidio – Superior) that I did not want to teach. She said 'Well, you will teach.'" Sister laughed at her own naivety and continued, "I had classmates, Sr. Agnes Margaret and I were classmates ... she became the head of the English Department at the College. She was a very, very excellent teacher." Sister recalled boarding the bus with her class mates headed to Covington each morning and returning home by noon. She only remembers taking classes in one building but believes other students may have gone between the VMC building (also the Benedictine Sisters' mother house) and Notre Dame Academy which was located in Covington at that time. She recalled that other than speaking to each other during class, there was no interaction among the



Religious Orders. There also were no men in her classes throughout the years she attended, but there were several lay women.

As far as instructors, Sister recalled three priests: Rev. John J. Laux, Rev. Michael Leick, and Rev. Edmund Corby. In addition, Sister enjoyed class with Sr. M. Callixta Blom, CDP (her favorite), and Sr. M. Irmina Saelinger, OSB. There were a number of others but their names escaped her at the time. They all provided an excellent education. She believes there were less than 50 students when she began her studies, and recalled classes not being very big. In performing additional research*, enrollment during the 1935-36 academic year numbered 78 students with Sister's graduating class consisting of six religious and five lay women. She vividly remembers receiving her degree at St. Joseph School (adjoining the College building) with Father Leick presenting the candidates and Bishop Francis W. Howard conferring the degrees.

Immediately after graduation, she was assigned at Corpus Christi

School in Newport, Ky., where she taught elementary education, four grades in one room. She remained at Corpus Christi for seven years, just one of many assignments that involved teaching grades one through eight. Mother Lucy would be proud of how well she took to the task of teaching.

Abby inquired if Sister had any advice for current students. Sister said, "Yes, I guess. Of course nowadays I'm outdated but they should love their school, be loyal to it, and be good in their studies. At that time (when she was in college), there was very little social activity, everything was study, study, get your classes and get your degree." When asked about what she thought of the growth that has been experienced by VMC/TMC, she said, "I think it's wonderful and hope it continues. You expect Villa Madonna would grow with the times ... it had a wonderful spirit. The students were very nice to their school."

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**Retrospect and Vista, the First Fifty Years of Thomas More College Formerly Villa Madonna College by Sr. M. Irmina Saelinger, OSB, Ph.D.*



Minute Spiritual Break...

Segment from Reflections from the School for the Lord's Service, the Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery's blog:*

"PRAISE THE LORD WHO HEALS THE BROKENHEARTED"

AN UNLIKELY CONVERSATION IN AN UNLIKELY PLACE: A STORY FROM PRISON

"I know what Jesus tells us, but do I have to be her friend?" An inmate (I will call her Sue) posed this question in an ongoing group. She then described a recent incident "While I was speaking to another woman in the lunch line I heard my name shouted repeatedly by an inmate. She is a person who latches on and won't let go. I responded to her from anger and now feel guilty." Sue said she feels haunted as to how she ought to relate to this person and further commented, "In this prison there are several inmates whom no one seems to like. I call them 'throw away people,' because many seem in agreement and experience them as a pain, a nuisance, aggressive, bothersome and a burden. No one will defend them. I don't know how to deal with these women myself. I feel the same way as the others, but I know in my heart it is not right to treat them this way. I feel bad for them, they have had difficult lives and yet when I try and befriend them, they consume all my time. What I really want to know is, just how far does the mandate of Jesus 'to love your neighbor as yourself' go?" This generated much conversation in the group.

In subsequent meetings Sue reported that she had made the decision to treat this woman with kindness and to be less reactive to her, and this behavior was proving to be helpful. She continued this practice, and at one meeting announced, "You know, now that I have gotten to know this woman and understand a little more about her life I like her and feel myself opening up to becoming her friend."

Then it happened. A woman who rarely spoke in the group raised her hand and spoke in a soft halting voice, "It is hard for me to talk, but I feel like I am one of those throw away people. Even as a child I felt that way. My family life was chaotic, so much arguing, fighting, and meanness. I prayed and begged my parents to take me to an orphanage and leave me. That didn't happen and my life only got worse." In the room, it seemed as though time stopped. The others in the group embraced her with empathy and understanding. From that day forward she joined the group sharing more of herself as she grew in her own self-import and love. Praise the Lord who heals the brokenhearted.



Sr. Aileen Bankemper, OSB '72

originally posted Wednesday, January 31, 2018

*Thank you to the Benedictine sisters for giving Moreover permission to share their prayerful blogposts. God bless!

Snapshot!



MARY, SEAT OF WISDOM CHAPEL FIVE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

On Saturday, Dec. 9, 2017, the Thomas More College community was invited to participate in the five-year anniversary of the dedication of the Chapel. The day began with the Most Reverend Roger J. Foys, Bishop of the Diocese of Covington and Chancellor of the College, as the main celebrant for Mass. Concelebrants included Reverend Ronald Ketteler and Reverend Gerald Twaddell. Those in attendance gathered in Steigerwald Hall afterwards for good food and company during the holiday brunch hosted by President David A. and Leslie Armstrong.

To view a photo gallery of the event, visit THOMASMORE.EDU/MOREOVER



*Above: Most Reverend Roger J. Foys celebrates Mass in Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel.
Left: After the anniversary Mass, Bishop Foys blesses the land where the new residence hall is being constructed.
Below: President Armstrong greets Judge Anthony Wilhoit '55 and Tony Zembrodt '65.*





THOMAS MORE COLLEGE INSTITUTE FOR RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

The first lecture for 2018 was entitled *Religious Liberty at a Crossroads: Legal Perspectives* and featured Keynote Speaker Kevin C. Walsh, J.D., from the University of Richmond School of Law. Walsh currently teaches and writes in the areas of federal jurisdiction, constitutional law, and religious liberty. He represented the Little Sisters of the Poor in their recent landmark case before the Supreme Court. After the keynote address, counterpoints were presented by Frederick Mark Gedicks, J.D., who is the Guy Anderson Chair and Professor of Law at the J. Reuben Clark Law School of Brigham Young University and Ilya Shapiro, a Senior Fellow in constitutional studies at the Cato Institute and editor-in-chief of the Cato Supreme Court Review. To view a photo gallery and watch an excerpt of the event, visit **THOMASMORE.EDU/MOREOVER**

Right: IRL Executive Director Raymond G. Hebert, Ilya Shapiro, Kevin C. Walsh, Frederick M. Gedicks, and President David A. Armstrong.
Below: Keynote Speaker Kevin C. Walsh addresses the crowd.

The mission of the Institute for Religious Liberty (IRL) is to advance the American concept of religious freedom as an inalienable right and the protection of this right for all people. The IRL accomplishes its mission through education and dialogue in the form of academic symposiums and lectures featuring thought leaders and experts on topics that advance the exchange of ideas about religious liberty in a setting devoted to discourse rather than opposition.



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Political Science at University of Notre Dame

Dr. Campbell is the co-author of the book,
"American Grace: How Religion Divides and Unites
Us" and will be discussing it at this event.

Snapshot!



LAWYERS LUNCH

Now in its thirty-sixth year, the Lawyers' Mass and Lunch took place on Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018. The event was well attended by TMC alumni and friends of the College who are part of the legal profession. Gary P. Zola, Ph.D., addressed the gathering and spoke about the topic: *George Washington, Jews, and Religious Liberty*. Dr. Zola is the Executive Director of The Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives and the Edward M. Ackerman Family Distinguished Professor of the American Jewish Experience & Reform Jewish History at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in Cincinnati. He also serves on the Executive Committee of TMC's Institute for Religious Liberty.



From left: President David A. Armstrong, Dr. Ray Hebert, Bishop Roger J. Foy, and Dr. Gary P. Zola.



SAINTS SALUTE

During the Saints January 20 basketball double-header versus Grove City College, TMC honored Republic Bank at halftime of the women's game for their continued support which includes a recent six-figure gift to the TMC Success Center (see page 13). Jason Payne '15, Senior Vice President and Managing Director of the Northern Kentucky Market for Republic Bank, accepted the award from President David A. Armstrong. Fans had a great time throughout the event dubbed "Retro Day" which was complete with a tie dye t-shirt give-away and a half-court shot to win \$100.

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2018 AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION HEART BALL

President David A. Armstrong, J.D., and his wife, Leslie, helped the Cincinnati American Heart Association (AHA) achieve a record-breaking fundraising year at its annual Heart Ball held in February. President and Mrs. Armstrong chaired the "Open Your Heart" campaign that is a component of the Heart Ball. Under their leadership, the campaign realized an increase of over 100% from the previous year, with contributions totaling over \$630,000!

Northern Kentucky had strong overall representation at the event this year, as TMC alum and St. Elizabeth Healthcare CEO, Garren Colvin '86 and his wife Susan '89, co-chaired the Heart Ball along with the Director of St. Elizabeth Healthcare Heart and Vascular Institute, Dr. DP Suresh and his wife, Subhadra. Fundraising for the event officially began in October 2017 and was launched at a fun-filled kickoff party held on the campus of Thomas More College. Guests were greeted by student athletes and cheerleaders, and were invited to participate in games as they entered the Saints Center.

In total, the Heart Ball raised over \$1.8 million dollars for the AHA's mission which is to build healthier lives free of cardiovascular diseases and strokes.



Above: President David A. and Leslie Armstrong, hosting the kickoff party in 2017 for the AHA Heart Ball on the TMC campus.

Left: Participating student athletes pose with representatives from AHA.

Below: Attendees at the kickoff party for the AHA Heart Ball pose for a photo lining the 25 year heart created for the occasion.



Attending the AHA Heart Ball in February 2018: President David A. and Leslie Armstrong, Vice President for Institutional Advancement Robyn Hoffman with Kimbal Ford, and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the College Kathleen Jagger with husband Jim.



THOMAS MORE SAINTS



Nikki Kiernan



Abby Owings

4...3...2...1

SUBMITTED BY KEVIN REYNOLDS '21, ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT | PHOTOS BY JOE HUMPHRIES

Four years, three NCAA "Final Four" appearances, two special seniors, one great ride. The hard work and attitude of 2018 graduating seniors Abby Owings (11) and Nikki Kiernan (14), was a benefit to the entire Saints women's basketball team. "These two are future hall-of-famers," said President David A. Armstrong, J.D. Nikki (Cold Spring, Ky. / Newport Central Catholic), averaged 11.1 points and five rebounds per game in her senior season. Abby (Independence, Ky. / Simon Kenton) was named a WBCA Division III All-American by the National Coaches' Association this season, averaging 14.9 points per game and finishing second in the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) in 3-point percentage (.454) and 3-pointers made (2.7).

Few student athletes in the country can boast the success of participating in four NCAA Tournaments, three Final Fours, and winning two National Championships.* The leadership and work ethic of these two student athletes

played a big role in the team's success. Abby and Nikki recorded only three losses in their entire collegiate careers. "It is difficult to put into words what Abby and Nikki have meant to our program. Abby, with her fire and spirit, quickness and long range three-point shots, was a joy to watch. Nikki with her pounding inside for rebounds and scoring off the block; it was always fun to see her dominate in the paint. I can't believe the four years have passed, but I will never forget what they have done for not only our program, our beloved school!" says Terry Connor, Director of Athletics (AD).

Abby, who is graduating with a Bachelor of Arts in Education, plans to continue her basketball career as a coach. Nikki, a sports and entertainment marketing major, is considering law school after graduation. In both cases, one thing is clear – these two know what it takes to be successful, and TMC is proud to call them alumnae.

*2014-2015 season vacated by NCAA.



Men's Volleyball, Swimming and Diving Added for '18-'19

The College announced in January the addition of men's volleyball, and men's and women's swimming and diving beginning fall 2018. John Spinney expands his role as Head Coach of women's volleyball to include the men's squad. Coach Spinney led the Saints women's volleyball team to a 259-75 overall winning record since 2008, going 145-17 in the PAC, and was named PAC Coach of the Year five times.

Monty Hopkins will take the helm as Head Coach of the men's and women's swimming and diving teams. Hopkins was Head Coach at the University of Cincinnati from 1989 to 2014 and swam for the school in the '70s. "We feel that his experience, including 25-years as a college head coach, will draw a lot of interest and excitement in the College's new program and build a solid foundation for the Saints swimming and diving program," says AD Terry Connor.





Trevor Stellman

One of Our Own

Trevor Stellman '16 has been named Head Football Coach beginning with the 2018 season. In addition to being an excellent coach, Trevor is also the first TMC alumnus to be named Head Coach of the Saints. Stellman earned undergraduate degrees in biology and business administration in

2010 and completed his Master in Business Administration from TMC's TAP program in 2016. "Trevor Stellman is a product of Thomas More, and he is ready to take our program to the next level," says President David A. Armstrong, J.D. "He understands the importance of taking excellence in the classroom to excellence on the field." Trevor has been on the Saints coaching staff for eight years, serving as Offensive Coordinator the previous six seasons.

Terry Connor, Director of Athletics says, "I am very excited to have Trevor as our Head Coach. Trevor was an outstanding student and athlete, and has been a valuable part of our staff. Trevor led one of the top offenses in the country. I look forward to watching how he will lead our football program into the future."

Stellman conveyed his excitement about the position, noting "It is an honor and privilege to represent all of the Blue Rebels and Saints as the first alumnus to be head coach. I can't wait to continue our work building a nationally-recognized and respected program." The 2018 season opens on Sept. 1, 2018, with the Saints vs. North Carolina Wesleyan in Rocky Mount, N.C.



PAC Fall Academic Honor Roll

For the 2017 fall season, **47 TMC student-athletes** were named to the Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) Academic Honor Roll. The PAC Academic Honor Roll recognizes student-athletes on varsity sports teams who earn a grade-point average (GPA) of 3.6 or higher on a 4.0 scale during their semester of competition. To date, **779 Saints have been named to the PAC Academic Honor Roll** since TMC joined the conference in the 2005-2006 academic year. Way to go Saints!

For a complete list of the students named to the Academic Honor Roll, visit THOMASMORE.EDU/ATHLETICS click on **HEADLINES**.

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Luke Zajac '19 (Edgewood, Ky./Dixie Heights), junior football student-athlete, was named to the Academic All-District II Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). He played in all 10 games and had 136 rushes for 801 yards and eight touchdowns, while also pulling in 10 catches for 103 yards and had eight passing yards. Zajac was an honorable mention All-PAC selection.



Zajac

COURT IS IN SESSION

Abby Owings '18 (Independence, Ky./Simon Kenton) is one of 10 national finalists for the Jostens Trophy which is awarded to an outstanding NCAA Division III men's and women's basketball player who excels on the floor, in the classroom and in the community. Owings was named First Team All PAC as she helped the Saints win their 12th-straight PAC regular season title and 11th-straight PAC tournament title.



Owings

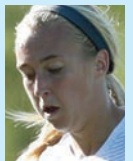
Damion King '19 (Winchester, Ky./George Rogers Clark) collected PAC Player of the Year honors becoming the second Saints men's basketball player to do so since entering the Conference in 2005. King is a two-time All-PAC First Team selection and scored his 1,000th career point Feb. 10 in a 65-50 victory over Waynesburg University.



King

GOING FOR THE GOAL

Abby Stadtmiller '18 (Alexandria, Ky. / Bishop Brossart) was honored by the United Soccer Coaches Association, receiving First-Team 2017 United Soccer Coaches NCAA Division III Women's All-Great Lakes Region. Stadtmiller helped lead the Saints to a PAC Championship this season and to the first round of the NCAA Tournament.



Stadtmiller

HUSTLE, HIT, NEVER QUIT

Jenna Fessler '19 (Fort Mitchell, Ky./Beechwood) carries a 3.95 grade point average in athletic training. While maintaining that fantastic GPA, she was named first team All-Presidents' Athletic Conference (PAC) and honorable mention All-North Region by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA). Fessler finished with a PAC-best 9.80 assists per set average this season. She ranks second in the league with 1,009 total assists while also totaling 291 digs (2.83/s), 95 kills, 37 service aces, and 19 blocks.



Fessler

#LottaBlue

TMC MEN'S BASKETBALL PRE-SEASON VS. UK/XAVIER

TMC men's basketball made an appearance in Rupp Arena in Lexington, Ky., as they took on the University of Kentucky Wildcats in a pre-season exhibition game on Oct. 27, 2017. The night before, Central Bank hosted a reception where guests spent 1:1 time with UK Head Coach John Calapari. Many of the Saints fans made the trip to see their favorite team in blue, take on the young squad of UK. The Saints came up on the short end of the scoreboard, but the experience was excellent for athletes and fans alike. On Nov. 4, the Saints took on the Xavier Musketeers in a second exhibition game at the Cintas Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. It was another great experience for Saints, and fans alike in preparation for a fantastic season of basketball.



Above: Jim Uebel (Central Bank), Wildcats' Coach John Calapari, President David A. Armstrong, and former Saints' Coach Drew Cooper.

Left: The hype of Rupp Arena as Big Blue Nation arrives to watch TMC vs. UK.

Below: Ryne Callahan (10) works against UK's Quade Green (0) and Hamidou Diallo (3).



Left: Saints playing zone defense against the Musketeers in the Cintas Center.



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Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin Cuts Ribbon at TMC's First Work Ready Incubator Site

Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin was in Covington in mid-February to help launch an innovative new partnership between Thomas More College and Gravity Diagnostics Laboratories. The Thomas More College Work Ready Incubator is a ground-breaking program that will benefit students in their quest for real-world experiences, as well as businesses in their search for high-quality talent.

Conceptually, the Work Ready Incubator is a talent pipeline that allows an employer to directly recruit Thomas More College student interns to fill workforce needs. The interns will be housed in a dedicated work space within the company where they will work, enhance their skillsets, and reflect on their internship experience. The program will be monitored by a faculty mentor who acts as a liaison between the employer and the student. Thomas More College is the only college in Kentucky that requires its students to have one credit hour of experiential learning in order to graduate, and the Work Ready Incubator program advances that mandate.

Thomas More College President David A. Armstrong, J.D., believes the state's liberal arts colleges can play a unique role in responding to Governor Bevin's Work Ready Skills Initiative which is aimed at developing a highly trained, modernized workforce in the Commonwealth to meet employers' needs. "Small liberal arts colleges, like TMC, are already training our students with the essential skills—like the ability to communicate well and to think creatively and critically—that employers often cite among the top attributes they seek in employees," says President Armstrong.

President Armstrong added that the size of schools like TMC enable them to be nimble and provide swift, individualized responses to area workforce demands. "We can customize a tract within one of our existing academic offerings that meets a vital skill need of an employer, and we can also provide students to fill

Above: Governor Matt Bevin (center) signals his support for the Work Ready Incubator. Pictured with the Governor are President David A. Armstrong, Secretary of Labor Derrick Ramsey, and Gravity Diagnostics CEO Tony Remington.

workforce gaps," says Armstrong. "It's a winning proposition for all involved—the employer gets to know our students and their skills, and our students get real-world work experience."

The Work Ready Incubator concept grew from President Armstrong's confidence in his institution and its students. Last summer, the president approached Gravity Diagnostics' CEO, Tony Remington, with the novel idea that the laboratory company could incubate Thomas More student talent on-site. Armstrong theorized that the company could evaluate students' skills and their fit in the company's culture, and the students could similarly gain invaluable exposure to careers that may be of interest to them. Remington's positive response to the concept helped birth the Work Ready Incubator program.

Gravity Diagnostics, a pharmacogenomic and toxicology laboratory that was established in 2016, conducts testing that serves as an effective medical monitoring program aimed at decreasing misuse, overdosing, and the illegal sale of opioids. The business rapidly expanded from four to over 60 employees in just over a year, and Remington notes the timely nature of the Work Ready Incubator, "We could not have asked for a better academic partnership to help us fulfill our current needs and create a direct pathway for continued, sustainable growth. We are honored to have the opportunity to work with an institution with such a distinguished faculty and student body."

Following the pilot program at Gravity Diagnostics, President Armstrong envisions increasing the scale of the initiative and establishing similar incubators in other area businesses and eventually at some of the state's largest employers.

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