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Saints undefeated!



After a year's hiatus, the Marching Saints, color guard, dance team, and cheerleaders made an appearance in the Findlay Market Opening Day Parade helping kick off the 100th Anniversary for the parade and the Cincinnati Reds 150th Anniversary year. For more photos, visit the online gallery at thomasmore.edu/moreover.



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Spring is a time of new birth; there are longer, warmer days bringing forth new life all around us. Best of all, we celebrate the new life we are given through our Lord's resurrection.

I am thrilled to share how the Lord is at work, bringing new life to the Thomas More campus. In the last Moreover, we celebrated the transition to Thomas More University, and I had mentioned how the transition created the groundwork for TMU and its students to develop and mature physically, mentally, and spiritually for a sustainable future.

Since the fall, the University has undergone a structural change which includes the formation of three new colleges, each with a newly appointed dean, and the formation of one new Institute for Ethical Leadership and Interdisciplinary Studies. Read how this new structure shapes the way we organize our academic programs to enhance academic quality, enrich interpersonal and community experiences, and increase career and real-world readiness. Each college functions to meet the needs of today's students and contemporary community needs as we move forward guided by the Thomas More University mission.

One particular campus event this spring spoke directly to helping students understand their responsibility to others as part of our mission. An evening with Magnus McFarlane-Barrow, author of "The Shed that Fed a Million Children," and founder/CEO of Mary's Meals, a global nonprofit fighting child hunger was arranged through the generosity and connections of past Chair Board of Trustees Marc Neltner '85. McFarlane-Barrow came to campus to visit classrooms and speak to students prior to an event open to the entire Greater Cincinnati community. An interview with this amazing man is one of our featured stories.

For many of our students, supplementing the excellence found in the classroom is superior performance in athletics, and this spring we hung a new NCAA Division III Championship banner in the Connor Convocation Center. In March, we celebrated our women's basketball team as they went undefeated and brought home yet another national title. I could not be more proud of the dedication and heart of these young women and their coaches!

I know it's safe to say that the 2018-19 school year has been filled with innovation, but with this innovation has come countless blessings, celebrations, and growth. In the coming pages of the spring 2019 Moreover, I believe that you'll experience our unique blend of mission, tradition, and innovation that distinguishes this school and our graduates. The stories within this edition highlight the remarkable education and experience TMU provides in order to help students live purposeful lives, prepare for, and embark upon successful careers, and contribute to community enrichment.

I remain grateful for the opportunity to lead Thomas More University through a year of transitions. With so many dedicated staff, faculty, students, friends, and alumni, it has been an exciting year indeed!

Thank you for your steadfast support as we continue to fulfill the mission of Thomas More University.

Saint Thomas More, pray for us!

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Governance Under a New Academic Structure

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SUBMITTED BY REBECCA STRATTON, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PUBLIC RELATIONS

October 1, 2018, welcomed a new era for Thomas More as the Board of Trustees announced that the College would officially become Thomas More University. A new identity, though a simple name change, inaugurated a new institutional structure, welcoming three new colleges.

To leverage expanding academic offerings, the College of Business, College of Education and Health Sciences, and College of Arts and Sciences were formed. These three colleges, each organized under a separate dean reporting to the provost, along with the Institute for Ethical Leadership and Interdisciplinary Studies, now house the University's academic degree programs and departments. Under new leadership, the colleges collectively focus on enhanced academics, interpersonal experience and development, as well as career and real-world readiness. With an emphasis on value, leadership within each of the colleges unfold their vision for the programs housed under their care.

College of Business

Under the guidance of Dean Angela Crawford, Ph.D., the College of Business serves as the largest college within the University. Currently, 653 undergraduate traditional, undergraduate adult, and graduate students are receiving a values-based Thomas More education to prepare them for a diverse and competitive work field. The college houses business administration, the University's most popular major among undergraduate students.

Collectively, the leadership within the college has created a vision for future success which represents a commitment to community, academics, relationships, and experience (CARE). Having CARE at the core of their foundation allows the college to focus on how students will discover the value of giving back to the community – building upon Thomas More's strong liberal arts foundation – while establishing firm faculty and student relationships and providing students with real-world experience to set them up for future successes.

With a focus on CARE, the college and its students are connecting and advocating for the community across departments. Accountancy students had the opportunity to spend Tuesday afternoons and evenings during the spring assisting low-income and elderly individuals in Covington, Kentucky with preparing their federal, state, and local tax returns. Other students within the Accountancy Department are partnering with CPAs from

Meet the Dean: College of Business Angela Crawford, Ph.D.



Angela Crawford, Ph.D., founding dean of the College of Business, earned her doctorate from Case Western Reserve University, Master of Business Administration from Cleveland State University, and a bachelor's degree of business administration from the University of Cincinnati. Crawford teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in the areas of strategy, innovation, marketing, and management at TMU. Her research focuses across disciplines on the topic of igniting passion within people. Within the community, she serves as a hospice volunteer for Bluegrass Care Navigators, and a WE Lead Coach for the Cincinnati Chamber of Commerce.

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Rudler, PSC and other organizations, which allows them to be engaged citizens within the community and gain valuable, real-world experience. Also this year, students and faculty within the Information Systems Department have been working with Be Concerned, Inc., a nonprofit in Northern Kentucky that has operated one of the largest free food pantries in the area since 1987, to evaluate and improve the organization's current process for storing and securing data as well as sharing information internally.

The college is not only connecting students to the community, but its faculty and staff are connecting and engaging more with prospective and current students as well. With her background in marketing, Crawford has revamped many of the college's recruitment materials to better communicate the value of accountancy, information systems, and business administration degrees. She has begun hosting Donuts with the Dean, an event where Crawford talks to students in an informal and inclusive setting, encouraging an environment where students can have their voices heard and share ideas for new initiatives.

The momentum from the college is expected to continue as new and exciting initiatives are on the horizon. Set to launch this fall is a new 4+1 degree where students earn a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Business Administration in five years. Additional programs are also being created through

Fields of Study*

Accountancy

Business Administration

Computer Information Systems

Management Information Systems

Sports and Entertainment Marketing

Web Design

collaboration between faculty members and the business community, such as minors in professional selling and entrepreneurship along with an opportunity for

students to earn a certificate and/or an associate degree in project management. Within the college, two community, student and faculty roundtables were held this year. One roundtable in the fall of 2018 was held to design the professional selling and business development program; and one in the spring was held to discuss designing a program for entrepreneurship and innovation. Through these partnerships between TMU, the community, and students, the college believes that it will better meet the needs of for- and not-for-profit organizations seeking growth.

"It is through prayer for guidance and a dedicated team of full-time faculty members, adjunct instructors, and one of the most positive assistants you will ever meet that I am fortunate to serve as dean of the College of Business," notes Crawford. "We are here because we truly want to educate and empower students to be the best version of themselves that they can be. In the College of Business, more than half of our students are also working professionals, which means we teach days, nights, online, on-campus, undergraduate, graduate, professional, and traditional students – all because we CARE about connecting our students to their future."

College of Education and Health Sciences

Like the College of Business, the College of Education and Health Sciences, under the guidance of Dean Kim Haverkos, Ph.D., has established a collaborative vision to ensure that graduates are able to meet the diverse needs of the communities in which they will serve. With this focus, the college equips these future service providers with the critical skills in their chosen field of study, whether education or healthcare, that will assist them in defining the specific challenges to overcome for the individuals they meet.

The College of Education and Health Sciences has greatly progressed since its establishment in October 2018. Since the fall, the athletic training program received accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE) as a result of the dedication of Christine Griffiths, Ph.D., chair of the Sports Sciences Department, and Justin Farr, Ed.D. Also, the TMU campus has geographically expanded to include two new buildings in Edgewood, Kentucky – one of them being the new Center for Health Sciences, in partnership with St. Elizabeth Healthcare. The new Center houses the Sports Sciences Department and includes three new athletic training labs outfitted with equipment to aid learning in the areas of clinical modality and rehabilitation. It also is home to the Nursing Department,

The Center for Health Sciences in partnership with St. Elizabeth Healthcare provides ample space to house state-of-the-art labs and classrooms for students pursuing degrees in nursing and sports sciences. Inset: Athletic Training students demonstrate the correct way to move an injured player.



"We are here because we truly want to educate and empower students

which includes the University's traditional four-year nursing and accelerated RN to BSN programs. In addition, the Education Department has branched into the Boone County School District with work at Yealey Elementary. The work that is being done within this collaboration is showing a positive impact on the value of learning for students at Yealey as well as the Thomas More education students who have experienced classes at the elementary school. Additionally, Yealey administrators Renee Turner and Melissa Dunn, Dean Haverkos, and Christy Petroze, Ph.D., presented this work in February 2019 at the National Association for Professional Development Schools (NAPDS) annual conference in Atlanta.

Staying true to the mission of Thomas More, Haverkos sees developing the knowledge, skills, and values to meet the needs of diverse communities, as a key investment into the college's students. "As a community of people within this college, I believe we recognize that our work within these walls and out in the community is more than just work towards a degree," says Haverkos. "Instead, we – faculty, staff, and students – recognize that our work and our success in that work impacts real people with complex lives and issues that we have to be prepared to address. As nurses, teachers, and athletic trainers, our graduates must recognize

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Meet the Dean: College of Education and Health Sciences Kim Haverkos, Ph.D.



Kimberly Haverkos, Ph.D., founding dean of the College of Education and Health Sciences, earned a bachelor's degree from Xavier University in biology and a Master of Education in science education from the University of Cincinnati. She joined Thomas More's Education Department in the fall of 2012 after receiving her doctorate from Miami University, where her dissertation work explored girls' attitudes and behaviors around "going green" and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Her areas of research and teaching continue to focus on STEM education and cultural studies. Haverkos also teaches in the graduate and undergraduate programs in the Education Department.



Professors Christy Petroze and Kim Haverkos work with education majors on how to develop class plans.

The Seven Institutes*

In addition to the three colleges, there are seven institutes at TMU serving specific needs for the University community. These Institutes help to further the mission of the University:

Institute for Higher Education Compliance

Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III '67 Institute for Religious Liberty

Institute for Ethical Leadership and Interdisciplinary Studies

- Houses Ethical Leadership Studies and Law fields of study

High School Summer STEM Institute

HOUSED WITHIN THE TMU SUCCESS CENTER:

Dr. Anthony R. and Geraldine Zembrod Institute for Academic Excellence

Institute for Learning Differences

Institute for Career Development and Graduate School Planning

to be the best version of themselves that they can be." - Dean Angela Crawford

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“...all of us must engage in life-long learning...” - Dean Kim Haverkos

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that their place in the world will have a direct impact on the lives of those they serve and that they have a responsibility to those individuals and communities.”

With this emphasis on impact, leadership is a significant element in the vision for the college.

“Leadership within our college isn’t about me, as the dean of the college, directing from afar, but rather, it is about a community of people working to meet the needs of those around them in a professional, communal, and culturally responsive way,” Haverkos adds. “It is about recognizing that all of us must engage in life-long

Fields of Study*

Athletic Training

Education:

Educational Studies

Elementary School

Middle School

Secondary School

Exercise Science

Nursing

Special Education

learning and, as a whole, we must seek out opportunities to better connect to our professions, our communities, and our stakeholders.”

The College of Education and Health Sciences has a total of 383 students. Making up this grand total are 329 undergraduate traditional students, 33 undergraduate adult students, and 21 graduate students. The most popular

major within the college is nursing. Exclusive to the college, the athletic training program, which was launched in 2014, currently offers the only master’s degree of its kind in the area.

College of Arts and Sciences

The College of Arts and Sciences, under the guidance of Dean Shelby Thacker, Ph.D., has aligned with the University mission of seeking to transform the lives of students through rigorous academics. The college strives to produce graduates

who are prepared to engage with a world that is increasingly complex. Students within the college will be equipped to enter the workforce and society as confident and capable graduates, holding the abilities to speak and write clearly, to reason critically, to solve problems, and to interact with others as good citizens. Emphasizing the value of communication skills, literature, history, creative and performing arts, natural and social sciences, philosophy, and theology, the college focuses on high-quality teaching, service, and research, utilizing approaches that are interdisciplinary, experiential, and service-minded.

The College of Arts and Sciences houses 471 students. This total number is composed of undergraduate traditional students. The college is the second largest on campus and houses one of the University’s most thriving majors, biology.

Like the other two colleges, exciting new initiatives have come from Arts and Sciences since its inauguration in October 2018. In November, a ribbon cutting ceremony marked the grand opening of the Thomas More STEM[†] Outreach Center at the Biology Field Station. The afternoon was a celebration of this regional resource for education, research, and outreach, while presenting the perfect opportunity to thank the Center’s donors. The Center is an \$875,000 expansion of the Biology Field Station and directly results in more schools being able to access TMU’s STEM outreach programs. This stand-alone building, designed as an enhanced research facility, offers additional professional development opportunities for K-12 teachers who seek to promote inquiry-based teaching strategies in their curriculum, and helps increase the scientific literacy for visitors of all ages. Nearly 2,000 pre-college students throughout the region visit the Biology Field Station each year.

Also new to TMU, the college will offer a Master of Fine Arts in the field of creative writing this upcoming fall. Familiar to the University, but now housed within the College of Arts and Sciences, is TMU’s Creative Writing Vision program, which

Pre-Professional Programs*

TMU’s current core curriculum involves many undergraduate degrees that can lead to immediate entry into the workforce or continuing on to graduate school studies. In the spirit of making the transition to graduate school easier, the following pre-professional programs are offered as specific tracks:

Pre-Dental

Pre-Engineering

Pre-Medical

Pre-Pharmacy

Pre-Physical Therapy

Pre-Veterinary

Professor Chris Lorentz thanks donors, alumni, and friends of the Field Station for attending the ribbon cutting of the newly opened STEM[†] Outreach Center.

[†]Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

Meet the Dean: College of Arts and Sciences Shelby Thacker, Ph.D.



Shelby Thacker, Ph.D., founding dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, earned his doctorate in Spanish literature from the University of Kentucky. His dissertation focused on the Spanish Regenerationist Essay of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Thacker is presently working on a multimodal and intertextual anthology of Spanish for American undergraduate students.

He has been at Thomas More since July 2018. Prior to arriving at TMU, he was a Spanish professor and chair of the Department of Ancient and Modern Languages at Asbury University.

hosted nearly 20 events this spring under the direction of Creative Writing Vision Founder and Director Sherry Stanforth, Ph.D. Each event intertwined students, community, poetry, cultural heritage, and local artists, emphasizing the value TMU places on the liberal arts. The program includes an Appalachian Writers Series, writing workshops, a writer's retreat, open-mic poetry, the annual Caden Blincoe Outloud Festival (which celebrated its 27th annual event on campus in February) and more.

"I hope to lead the College of Arts and Sciences in fulfilling the mission of the University by listening carefully to the immensely talented faculty within the college," says Thacker. "The college is staffed by content experts in every discipline, many of whom have considerable experience in the classroom and in the administration. They are already accomplished problem solvers. In my opinion, the best approach is to build a consensus on the important issues that face us by utilizing the strengths of the faculty."

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Fields of Study*

Art
Biology
Biochemistry
Bioinformatics and Computational Biology
Biology
Chemistry
Communication
Communication and Theatre
Criminal Justice
Economics

English
Environmental Science
French
Gerontology
History
International Studies
Mathematics
Medical Laboratory Science
Multimedia Design
Music

Non-Profit and Public Administration
Philosophy
Physics
Political Science
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish
Theatre
Theology

Professor Liz Neal discusses technique with students in drawing class.



*Fields of study are subject to change and include programs that encompass minor, associate, bachelor's, and master's degrees. For more information on a particular field of study, individual colleges, or the institutes, please call **859-344-3443** or email **moreover@thomasmore.edu**.

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ENGAGING STUDENTS

Three TMU professors spent a good part of winter break teaching study abroad classes in London, Dublin, and New Zealand through CCSA.

STEM OUTREACH CENTER

Nov. 4, 2018, marked the official opening of the new Outreach Center at the Ohio River Biology Field Station with a ribbon cutting and open house.

OPENING DOORS

Gillian Casey '19 completed a year-long internship with the NKY Chamber of Commerce. Read about her experience as a member of their marketing team.

Presidential Search Update and Timeline

SUBMITTED BY JUDITH A. MARLOWE '69 Ph.D., FAAA, CCC-A, PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON



Following the national launch of the TMU Presidential Search in December, nominations and applications were received by the AGB Search consultants providing services to Thomas More and uploaded to a secure website for review by members of the Presidential Search Committee in late February. At a meeting in early March, the Search Committee discussed those submissions and identified the candidates to be advanced to the semi-finalist

stage. Following that decision, AGB Search notified those applicants who did not advance to thank them for their interest and to assure them that their identity and status will remain confidential. As Search Committee chair, I contacted the advancing candidates by phone to inform them of their selection and to confirm that they would continue to be available for further consideration since applicants may have been advanced in searches by other institutions after submitting their materials for the TMU search. Fortunately, all the semi-finalists selected were available and remained enthusiastic about the possibility of serving TMU.

The next step in the process was an individual interview with each of the semi-finalists at a neutral site off campus. Additionally, reference checks took place

to learn as much about each of these highly qualified candidates as possible. Their names remained confidential during this stage and candidates not advancing as finalists would not be identified at any time during or after the search concludes.

Following the interviews which were conducted over a two-day period in April, three finalists were selected and invited to campus for an opportunity to meet and interact with faculty, staff, students, and community representatives. Following this last step of the Search, the finalist selected for the presidency, approved by

Chancellor Bishop Roger J. Foys, D.D., and elected by vote of the TMU Board of Trustees will be offered the position. Once under contract, the appointment will be announced to the University and the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati communities.

The selection of the president of the University is the single most important responsibility undertaken by the Board of Trustees and their authorized agents, the Presidential Search Committee. The process is lengthy and participation on the Search Committee represents not only an understanding of the profound importance of this selection, but also a serious commitment to the future of Thomas More University. The timeline (at left) outlines each step that has been completed as well as the remaining tasks that will conclude the process by the end of April in order to ensure that the fifteenth president of Thomas More University assumes office by July 1, 2019.

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PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH TIMELINE

STEPS COMPLETED:

ESTABLISH THE SEARCH

July 2018 - Board of Trustees authorizes Search Committee
August 2018 - Search Committee established
September 2018 - Search firm RFP released
October 2018 - Search firm interviews/selection of AGB Search

DEFINE THE OBJECTIVES

November 2018 - AGB Search conducts on-campus pre-search interviews; develops Presidential Profile draft with Institutional Advancement and the Search Committee; presents position advertising plan
December 2018 - Search Committee approves Presidential Profile and presents final version to TMU Board of Trustees for approval. Advertisements placed online at higher education websites; Presidential Profile is posted to thomasmore.edu and to agbsearch.com

SEARCH LAUNCH

Search consultants begin recruitment, including nominations and diversity outreach

BUILD THE CANDIDATE POOL

December 2018 - February 2019 application period open

PREPARE THE SEARCH COMMITTEE

February 2019 - AGB Search recruits qualified candidates and trains Search Committee in application review and Implicit Bias Management prior to presenting candidate information

EVALUATE/SELECT ADVANCING CANDIDATES

March 2019 - Search Committee meets with AGB Search consultants to identify top candidates in preparation for preliminary due diligence reference checks. Search Committee and consultants conduct in-person semi-finalist interviews at a neutral site and select finalists

STEPS IN PROGRESS:

INTERVIEW FINALISTS ON CAMPUS

March - April 2019 - Search consultants complete intensive due diligence and update finalist files
April 2019 - Finalists interview on campus and meet with Bishop Roger J. Foys, D.D., chancellor of the University

APPROVE/APPOINT THE FIFTEENTH PRESIDENT

April 2019 - Search consultants meet with Search Committee to review final due diligence report and assist with preparing recommendation of approved candidate to Board of Trustees. Board of Trustees elects president of Thomas More University



BB&T OBSERVATORY RECEIVES NASA GRANT

Wes Ryle, Ph.D., associate professor, College of Arts and Sciences, announced that the BB&T Observatory was recently awarded a \$62,785 grant from the NASA Kentucky Space Grant Consortium. Ryle has served as the TMU campus representative for NASA Kentucky for the past ten years. Thomas More is an affiliate member of the organization. "This grant is a great opportunity for us to expand our research efforts. In addition to faculty support, the grant is able to provide research stipends for a couple of our undergraduate physics majors. Being able to travel to a NASA facility and work with NASA collaborators is a phenomenal opportunity for students attending a small, liberal arts university. Hopefully, this award can serve as a jumping-off point for larger projects in the future," says Ryle. For more information, visit tmuky.us/nasagrnt.



SEEK CONFERENCE IGNITES THE SPIRIT'S FLAME IN STUDENTS

For the third time in six years, TMU students attended the SEEK conference offered by Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). Students learned about the Catholic faith, shared in fellowship, were encouraged in their unique vocation and experienced love, hope, and the presence of Jesus Christ through His Church. TMU Student Michael Thompson '21 describes his experience: "Often in a secular world, it is easy to think that your voice is drowned out in the fight for faith, but at SEEK, I am reminded that I am but one soldier in an army for Christ." To read the Messenger article on TMU's participation, visit tmuky.us/seek2019.

Right: Gillian Casey '19 represents TMU.





2019 ICG CAREER AND INTERNSHIP FAIR

The Career and Internship Fair, sponsored by the Institute for Career and Graduate School Planning, returned to the Connor Convocation Center in February 2019 with 66 local companies and nonprofit organizations on site in search of interns and part/full-time employee prospects. Thank you to alumni in attendance promoting their businesses as they looked for local talent in the ranks of TMU students. For the fourth year, a mock interview contest took place sponsored by an anonymous donor. Congratulations to the winners, which include Tori Gilman '21 (first place), Nick Callahan '19 (second), and Taylor Walz '19 (third). Thanks to all contest participants and the companies/organizations who were present at the fair.

POLITICS TODAY

Professor JT Spence and his public policy class spent a day in Frankfort, Kentucky, meeting with state legislators to discuss relevant legislative issues. Students were engaged in four different issues, and each team of students met with various legislators based upon their relationship with the policy issue. The group of students at right is engaged in developing legislation reinstating voting rights for certain classes of former felons and met with State Representative Dennis Keene, Minority Caucus Chair from House District 67 (center). Meeting with Keene are (from left) Ben Wehrle '21, Abby Link '21, Blake Donovan '20, Aleyna Heyman '20, and Isabelle Worley '20.



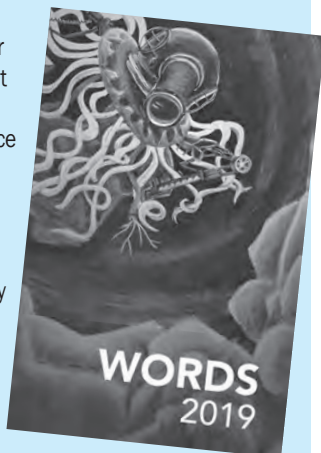
HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTIONS

Pictured below are students welcomed into Alpha Lambda Delta (ALD), the honor society for first-year students. The induction ceremony was held on Feb. 24, 2019. In addition to 54 students, three faculty were inducted as honorary members: John Hageman, Ph.D., Carrie Jaeger, Ph.D., and Reverend Ronald M. Ketteler, S.T.L. Congratulations to all! For additional photos of this and the induction of students into Phi Alpha Theta (history honor society) and Delta Mu Delta (business honor society), visit thomasmore.edu/moreover.



"WORDS 2019" AWARD WINNERS

The annual edition of this student-managed publication was ready to roll out as *Moreover* went to press. Congratulations to the student recipients of the writing and art awards. This year's judges included TMU Artist-in-residence Pauletta Hansel, English alumna and Untold Content CFO/Founder Katie Taylor '08, TMU professors Jim Schuttemeyer '76, Sarah Blackwell and Luke Geddes, TMU Alumnus/Wilmington College Professor/Georgia Poetry Prize winner Chris Collins '98, and Editor/Writing Coach Kelly Grace Thomas. Rachel Hyde Bilbo of the Bilbo family selected the Kate Bilbo Aspiring Writer/Artist awards.



Writing Awards

Sandra L. Cuni Award

"Family Dinner" by Michael Thompson

Appalachia Award in Poetry

"Mountain Top Elegy" by Jeni Hall

Appalachia Award in Prose

"Max and the Red Chair" by Samantha Kleier

RUCA Award

"To Love a Stranger" by Michael Thompson

Kate Bilbo Aspiring Writer Award

"Family Dinner" by Michael Thompson

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Art Awards

Kate Bilbo Aspiring Artist Award

"Mermaid Lure" by Jordyne Gaskins

The Art Department Faculty Choice Award (variable award)

"Karma" by Corina Keyes

Cover Art Selection

"Mermaid Lure" by Jordyne Gaskins

Honorable Mentions in the writing category include:

"My Hands" by Michael Thompson

"snail hunt at dusk" by Brook Batch

"Portrait of Jasmine" by Rachel Whitehill

"Photograph of the Past" by Rachael Miller

SECRET LIVES OF SHARKS

Now in its fifth year, the Marine Biology & Conservation Lecture Series featured Nick Whitney, Ph.D., in March of 2019. In addition to currently being in residence at the Newport Aquarium, Whitney has worked around the world for over 20 years researching sharks.



SAINTS SPOTLIGHT

Johnny Lewis '20, TMU Student

Johnny is a junior at TMU majoring in political science with a minor in public administration and non-profit organizations. It was brought to our attention that Johnny has had some unique opportunities come his way, especially during the fall election season. *Moreover* decided to ask him for his spin on his TMU experience:

Describe how you became involved with the election process and became a lead election official.

JL: In the political science program, we are often encouraged to learn hands-on and get in the field to experience our education in real time. I had an interest in campaigns and elections and my professor, Dr. Spence, told me to not only study the topic in class but also to get experience in the field to fully understand how things work. Shortly after, I contacted the Clinton County Board of Elections in Ohio and after multiple training sessions and several interviews I was happy to find out that I would serve as a Lead Precinct Election Official. I had a great experience and learned a lot about the election process.

Outside of TMU, have you held internships elsewhere?

What did you take away from those opportunities?

JL: I interned at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in the Division of Parks & Watercraft. It was a round table internship where I worked on a daily basis with three State Park managers. It was a fantastic experience and I am still in contact with those connections. They are great mentors and truly kick-started my career. Whenever I have a free day, I normally schedule it with them to log more hours for my research and network with more people within the department.

What sealed the deal for you to become a Saint?

JL: When I was a senior in high school, my sister (who was also my guidance counselor) pressured me to go on many college visits. By the time I graduated I had visited 18 different schools. I chose Thomas More for many reasons, it has a relatively small campus and is very intimate and active. The faculty definitely sealed the deal for me. They were so passionate and enthusiastic about Thomas More and the programs they were involved in teaching. I felt this was the right place for me.

Following graduation, what do you see yourself doing professionally?

JL: I am currently looking at graduate programs, and I aspire to eventually earn a doctorate. As a professional, I hope to work in environmental policy, natural resource management, and conservation. After a long career in the public sector, I hope to use my experience to run for public office.

To read more of Johnny's spotlight, visit tmuky.us/lewis.



Service and Learning on the Border

SUBMITTED BY DAKOTA MURRAY '21 AND JAKOB JONES '22 | PHOTOS PROVIDED

Over the 2018 Christmas holiday break, in response to the current migrant/border security crisis, James Camp, Ph.D., with students Michael Thompson '21, Brother Alphonsus Mary '19 (AKA Ryan Timossi), Jakob Jones '22, and Dakota Murray '21 journeyed to the Mexico/US border to serve and learn. They traveled to El Paso, Texas, and for a week assisted in the procedures required to process what on a normal week can be as many as 2,200 persons arriving into the US via the Mexican border at just one arrival point. They truly experienced the reciprocal nature of serving and learning. Camp explained, "Experience after experience, these server-learners laid the foundation for bridges of unity and human dignity." Following are the reflections of Dakota and Jakob:

Reflection from Dakota:

"During the time leading up to our trip, many thoughts of what we would be doing had been racing through our minds. Dr. (James) Camp told us that it would be intense and to be prepared for constant work each day. Of our group, Jakob and I were known to the group as the lesser of the Spanish speakers. Brother Alphonsus had spent a few years in Italy, which has a language similar to Spanish, and along with Michael and Dr. Camp could speak conversationally. As for Jakob and I, our brief study of the language made us less equipped to speak to the immigrants and refugees at the houses. As a result, our responsibilities would be different than the rest of the group.

"Heading into El Paso from Alamogordo, New Mexico, we still didn't have much of a clue what we would be doing, but when we came into view of the city Dr. Camp gave us a crash course of what our duties would include. It was very exciting heading into downtown El Paso knowing the kind of work we were about to do and what good it would bring to so many people. The first morning in El Paso was memorable and difficult for each of us. Each day was organized in much the same way starting with a morning shift and then moving on to an evening shift in the late afternoon, typically around 3 p.m.

"The difference in activities among the group began right away. Jakob and I were tasked with 'behind the scenes' work. The first day at Annunciation House began with us sorting through donations. The organization gives each migrant toiletries to use during their stay and for their continued travel. To do so, donations must be received – and they receive these donations in abundance. To efficiently dispense these items to the seven to ten sites that serve the migrants, they must be organized. For several hours we separated toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, lotion, deodorant, etc., into containers. In addition to toiletry donations, clothing was also given in abundance. A majority of the migrants staying at the shelter sites bring nothing with them.

Giving them an extra pair of clean underwear and socks is very important. For the guests who stay at Annunciation House (a more long-term residency), entire wardrobes are available through a clothing bank in the basement. We spent a lot of time organizing donations.

"The second half of the week's morning shifts were spent organizing a Santa Shop for parents to pick out gifts for their children. That took place in Casa Teresa, which was also our group's living quarters for the duration of the trip. Not seeing other people most mornings, with the

Above: Father Gerald Twaddell blesses the travelers before they head out to El Paso, Texas, over the Christmas break.

Below: TMU border travelers take time for a selfie during a rare break.



exception of each other, was difficult. We felt as if we weren't making an impact or providing real help, but before the week was out we realized our jobs were just as important as those of the other members of our group. To keep an organization going, the behind the scenes work must be done.

"Because of their Spanish speaking skills, Brother Alphonsus, Michael, and Dr. Camp transported migrants to the airport or bus stops where they would leave El Paso to join family located in other areas of the states. The responsibility of the hotels and shelters the migrants stay in is to give relief, comfort, and food before sending them to join family. The majority stay for about two days, while some leave within a few hours. It was incredible to hear the experiences members of our group had with the migrants as they walked with them through the airport or a greyhound bus station, giving directions on what to do in Spanish. It was hard, sometimes, to hear the stories these migrants told with some having been kept in detention facilities for upwards of two weeks. Michael estimated that he took several hundred trips to the airport, with mornings being more hectic than evenings."

Reflection from Jakob:

"As Dakota said, there were two shifts to our days and while Dakota described the morning, there's a whole other half that needs to be spoken for. The evening shift, for most of our crew, was spent at the Soluna Hotel, one of the Annunciation House sites. This hotel is used by volunteers from Annunciation House to basically run a travel agency. We would perform intake for the migrants right off the bus from the detention center, get them in contact with their family in the US, and provide toiletries. We would assign them a room and provide any extra toiletries that they needed. The phone call they made was to let their family know it was okay to buy a bus or plane ticket so that they could finally reconnect with family in the US in the coming days.

"This was very impactful to me because the people we were helping were so thankful to have their own room, to be able to shower without a timer, to have a chance to brush their teeth, and put on a new pair of underwear and socks. The thought of them being reunited with their families was a major reason the work never became boring or tedious. While for Dakota and me there may have been a language barrier, the migrants we were helping knew our intentions were good and were happy to converse with us, even if it was as short a conversation as, 'Hola! Como estas?'

"Once we had provided the people with rooms and got them in touch with their families, we would order food to be brought in and feed them in the hotel's cafeteria. For me, the prayer before the meal might have been the most impactful thing about the trip. As prayer was being said by one of the volunteers, there was a joining of hands among all the migrants and volunteers, and the crying would begin. The presence of Christ in that moment was the clearest that it has ever been in my life with everyone praising and thanking God for the endurance, strength, and hope that he had given to the migrants and their families. With the conclusion of prayer, the feasting began with Dakota, Michael, and I, along with other volunteers from the organization, passing out food to the migrants.

"Their thankfulness for our help was never underappreciated. Every migrant that I served looked me straight in my eyes and said 'thank you.' While this may not seem like much, it was eye-opening to see how grateful these people truly were towards all the volunteers. After dinner, our nights usually continued with one last trip to the airport or bus station to drop migrants off to head out of El Paso and towards their new life in the states. Every night when we got back to our resting place, we reflected on the emotional and physical journeys we had endured that day."

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ONE ALUMNUS SHARES WITH MOREOVER THE LASTING IMPACT OF HIS BORDER STUDIES TRIP

My name is Matt Clark. I graduated from Thomas More in 2011 with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and an associate degree in sociology. I am currently a full-time firefighter and paramedic for the City of Norwood, Ohio, and a member of the Hamilton County Police Association SWAT team. I am writing to share a story that I feel TMU and Dr. (James) Camp would appreciate.



My four years spent at Thomas More were filled with dedication to academics, championships in athletics, and experiences that will stay with me forever. Specifically, the Border Studies program that I went on in the spring semester of 2011 was more than a class credit and has continued to make an impact on my life to this day in unexpected ways. Aside from the realization of global and national epidemics of poverty, social injustices, and deprivation, we saw firsthand that core values, such as love and faith, form the solidarity needed to survive.

The interaction between each of us and the people that we helped recently made an impact on my life and some of our residents locally. I was working at the firehouse, and we had an emergency call for a woman who was ill. While en route to the scene, dispatch notified us that they were having difficulty communicating with the patient due to a language barrier. Upon arrival, we walked into the home to find a woman surrounded by her family clenching her stomach and screaming in pain. The scene was very chaotic as the children were crying in fear for their mother's health and the husband was trying to console everyone. Using the Spanish and the skills I learned on the border, I was able to interact with them and determine the best treatment for the patient while building a sense of trust with the family. Because of my understanding of their culture and the compassion they felt as I worked my way through interpretation, I was able to mediate the situation and treat the patient.

The confidence I had in my ability to effectively communicate with the family is a direct reflection of the experience I had on the border with Dr. Camp's program. While everyone else was searching for the English-to-Spanish app on their phones, I was able to create that personal interaction. As simple as it sounds, the lack of fear I had to give my best attempt at communication at a personal level and not through a device showed the family that they were not alone in this situation and there was a common ground between us. I share this story because I think that it is important for students to continue to have experiences outside of the classroom and be able to see other cultures. I hope that the programs in Mexico and Jamaica continue for many years to come.

Education that cannot be measured by a test but is measured by valuable life experiences, confidence, and core values has been proven to be the education that lasts for a lifetime.

Thank you,

Matt Clark '11



The naming of the Benedictine Library at TMU was the result of a \$4 million gift (the largest in school history) by an anonymous donor to endow the Success Center. At his request, the library was named for the University's founding order.

How Do You Raise a Million Dollars? Development in a Changing World

SUBMITTED BY GRADY JONES, INTERIM VICE PRESIDENT FOR INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT



The big question in university fundraising is, "How do you raise a million dollars?" Having spent a number of years as a vice president for advancement, there have been times when another institution would receive a million dollar gift and someone would ask, "Why don't we ever get that kind of gift?" The answer is, "Sometimes we do but it is more difficult than it looks."

The answer is simple, institutions who spend many years doing the right things eventually get million dollar gifts. Institutions who spend years doing all the wrong things don't. The key, of course, is to know you are doing the right things.

Million dollar gifts are seldom the result of an impulsive action by a donor. It is more characteristic that a long prelude of engagement with the institution has occurred.

Often there is confusion in the difference in process between philanthropy and sales. Because of the urgent need for money, the approach becomes, "Find someone with a lot of money, convince them how special we are, and get them to write a big check." The problem is that fundraising is not like selling a product. The only payoff for the donor is the opportunity to feel good.

Working hard and seeing donors is a good idea; however, to sustain successful fundraising there must be some attention to process. It is great to see a lot of people but are they the right people? Working hard is a virtue but are you working hard to raise a \$1,000 or are you working hard to raise \$100,000? Time is a commodity for fundraisers. It must be used with the appropriate donors.

There is a reason the work has been called "development." Major gifts take time, patience, and establishing a genuine relationship with someone who has the capacity to give. One of the key factors is for the donor to know that you are listening to their ideas, concerns, and issues. It is important to help the donor fulfill their personal philanthropic mission. If the institution is focused completely on its own needs the donor may not share that vision and has no reason to continue the relationship. The process is not about getting a single gift; instead, it is about creating a lifetime donor.

Fifty years ago, most large, public universities did very little fundraising. They did, however, accept checks from loyal supporters who would approach a president and say, "Use this money wherever you think it will do the most good." That was a time when people still trusted all American institutions. Those days have passed.

Donors with major giving capacity want to have a voice in

how their gift will be used. The sophistication level of donors has increased significantly through the years. Most importantly, they want institutions to be accountable.

Raising major gifts requires an institutional commitment to an ethical process. It is not about one person having great sales skills; instead, it is about an institution that understands and cares about its donors and wants to create a partnership over time.

Recently, I received a message about a donor who had made a \$3 million gift to a school where I worked several years ago. I just smiled and thought, "That's how you do it!"

Twelve years ago, the donor and the college president met at a social event. That meeting led to a private luncheon and the beginning of a relationship with the institution. The donor had moved from the upper East Coast to the South. He had previously served as a trustee at another institution. He was an obvious candidate to serve on a board in his new location.

He agreed to serve on the Board of Trustees, but in the beginning there were no large gifts, despite the fact he had capacity. He did not become a significant donor until he became comfortable with the operation of the institution. Gradually, the gifts became more substantial. After 12 years the donor made the \$3 million gift to a specific program to which he and his wife had become attached.

So, "How do you raise a million dollars?" You identify a prospect with capacity. You cultivate the prospect by engaging them in the life of the institution. You solicit one gift at a time. You steward the relationship over time. And, you never stop the cultivation.

Getting the right development professional impacts giving. Some fundraisers have better skills than others and produce larger gifts on a more consistent basis.

It is also true that institutions have to be conscious of making sure fundraising relationships are not built only on the personality of the fundraiser but that the fundamental relationship is being built with the institution. Fundraisers are not permanent but institutions are.

"How do you raise a million dollars?" First, start using best practices today. It will be the basis for the million dollar gifts you get in the future. Second, look back at the people with whom the institution has created a connection during the past 15 years and evaluate which of those donors have the capacity and affinity to make a major gift.

Remember, time is the most precious commodity in fundraising. You can't change how it was used in the past but you can commit to capitalize on the opportunities it presents for the future. Every day counts, so you can't wait to begin doing the right things. [MOREOVER](#)

The Fund - Your Chance to Make a Difference



"Thomas More has been nothing but a blessing to me and will always have a special place in my heart."

Whitney Johnson '21



"I am proud to be an active alumnus of Thomas More University."

Tom Cox '99



"TMU has given me an education that is unlike any other."

Taylor Anne Walz '19

Your continued support truly impacts our mission of challenging students of all faiths to examine the ultimate meaning of life, their place in the world, and their responsibility to others.

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This spring, we invite you to take part in the **\$80,000 matching challenge** put forth by TMU's Board of Trustees. Invest in TMU as we seek to raise a total of \$160,000 to underwrite scholarships, which will support deserving students who desire to attend Thomas More University.

Double your gift today! Thank you for your support!

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PLEASE WELCOME THE NEWEST ANNUAL FUND OFFICERS: MICHAEL ORR '15 AND AND KRISTEN WEBER '17

Two familiar faces are new to Institutional Advancement. Michael Orr '15 and Kristen Weber '17, both graduates of TMU, have teamed up as the University's annual fund officers.

Michael graduated in 2015 with a Bachelor of Arts in history and an associate degree in English. As a James Graham Brown Scholar, he worked as an admissions ambassador for three years and was president of the Phi Alpha Theta History Chapter. As a student, Michael also held leading roles in productions with the Villa Players and completed various internships. Prior to his new position as an annual fund officer, Michael worked with McGohan Brabender in Dayton, Ohio, as a financial analyst.

Kristen graduated in 2017 with a Bachelor of Arts in communication and an associate degree in sociology. She served as president of Student Activities Board, was a member of Lambda Pi Eta, and spent a year as a public relations work study for the University. Prior to her new position as an annual fund officer, Kristen was a case manager for Ohio National Financial Services in Cincinnati, Ohio.

As annual fund officers, this dynamic duo will be teaming up to build donor relationships through stewardship, creating campaigns to increase donor participation in The Fund, and assisting with large-scale events centered around development for TMU.

If you would like to learn more about Michael and Kristen, introduce yourself, ask questions about giving to The Fund, or have compelling ideas about philanthropy at TMU, reach out to them at **ormm@thomasmore.edu** and **weberk@thomasmore.edu**.



For a photo gallery of pictures from Thomas More University events, go to **pages 30-33**.



**mary's
meals**

a simple solution
to world hunger

“Love Doesn’t Measure,
It Just Gives” – *Mother Theresa*

SUBMITTED BY JUDY CRIST, DIRECTOR OF CREATIVE SERVICES | PHOTOS PROVIDED

Thanks to the connections and generosity of past Chair of the TMU Board of Trustees Marc Neltner, Thomas More University had the good fortune this past February of hosting a man who is making a difference in the world, literally. Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow is the founder and CEO of an organization called Mary’s Meals. You’ve never heard either name? Don’t feel bad, I had not either, and I would like to think that is because here, in the US, we do not need their help.

Mary’s Meals (MM) is a global movement of people who are united by the belief that no child should endure a day without food. This organization offers hope to the poorest of children by providing them with a daily meal in their place of education. There are many areas in the world where children are starving and either have to choose (or don’t have the choice) to beg, work, or steal food for themselves and/or their family instead of going to school.

These are the places where this work began more than 25 years ago.

To understand how this came about, you need a short history about this man. MacFarlane-Barrow grew up in Argyll, Scotland. In 1983, as a teen, he and his family made a pilgrimage to the Marian shrine of Medjugorje (Bosnia-Herzegovina) which renewed his family’s Catholic faith and led his parents to convert their guesthouse

into a retreat center or ‘Family House of Prayer.’ In 1992, Magnus and his brother Fergus were enjoying a pint in their local pub when they saw TV news reports of the Bosnian conflict. Having visited the region and having personal relationships with people being affected, they felt moved to help those suffering and organized a local appeal.

Food, clothing, medicines, and donations of money arrived at their home. They took a holiday from the fish farms where they worked, bought a second-hand Land Rover, and joined an aid convoy to deliver the donated goods to Medjugorje. Believing their good deed was done, the brothers returned home to find that public donations had continued to flood in, filling their parents’ shed. MacFarlane-Barrow decided to give up his job and take a gap year. He sold his small house so he could drive aid out to Bosnia-Herzegovina for as long as the public kept donating. The public did not stop and MacFarlane-Barrow never

returned to his old job.

After 10 years of delivering aid to Bosnia and other areas of extreme need, MacFarlane-Barrow met a young woman named Emma in Malawi, who was dying from AIDS. As they sat on her dirt-floor hut surrounded by her six children, he asked her 14-year-old son, Edward, what his dreams were in life. Edward’s reply was, “To



Top: Excited school children ready to eat food provided by Mary’s Meals.

Above: Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, founder and CEO of Mary’s Meals.

have enough food to eat and to go to school one day.” This simple reply inspired MacFarlane-Barrow with the idea that by providing a daily meal in a place of education, there would be a two-fold outcome: chronically hungry children would receive daily sustenance and gain an education that can provide a route out of poverty. Thus, MM began with feeding 200 children in one school in Malawi and has since expanded to more than 1,400,000 children in 18 countries, including Malawi, India, Kenya, Lebanon, South Sudan, Haiti, Syria, and Ethiopia.

This wonderful story, the journey that resulted in this simple concept which spread from one school to thousands, is outlined in MacFarlane-Barrow’s book “The Shed That Fed a Million Children.” With the news that this man with this incredible story would be visiting campus, a group of us started a book club and read his account in preparation for the lecture event. Imagine our joy when we were given the opportunity to speak with him for a short period of time before the larger presentation. The following are a sampling of his answers to our interview questions. For the complete interview, visit tmuky.us/macfarlanebarrow.

Elizabeth: What is the number one need right now for MM?

M: I always start with prayer. The truth is there isn’t just one thing, there are many different ways to support this mission. Not everyone has to do it in the same way, there are many people who get involved and take part in our mission that are not people of prayer and that’s fine. I think MM is a fruit of prayer and not just in the sense that that is where it began, it’s the fruit of prayer every day.

Judy: Many of the places you serve have rampant corruption at the government and at the local level. Do you worry about this corruption? How do you safeguard against it?

M: Yes, absolutely we are concerned about corruption. When you choose to work in the world’s darkest places where the need is the greatest then there is corruption. It’s a daily reality for us on many different levels: buying food, delivering food, recruiting people; we are constantly striving to put systems and processes in place that safeguard, whether that is financial control or stock control – those systems need to be very, very robust. I would say more important (for us) is our approach of local ownership and empowering people.

Below: Bookclub and members of Campus Ministry with MacFarlane-Barrow (sixth from right), from left: Nancy Shaughnessy ’76, Greg Warner ’17, Andrew Cole, Board Chair Marc Neltner ’85, Heather Konerman ’22, Leslie Bauer ’19, Elizabeth Champ, Melanie O’Brien ’07, Caitlin Dwyer, Lynnette Guzzino, Judy Crist, Michael Orr ’15.

When you think about the food and the risk of food being stolen – that’s a real risk because when people are very, very hungry it is a massive temptation! Because our project is locally owned with the volunteers being parents, aunts, and grandparents, they are not people who will take lightly someone who is trying to misuse the food meant for their own children. So, we wrap around those (volunteers) other processes which are very robust like monitoring every school twice a week for stock but at the heart of it, our local ownership is even more important for safeguarding.

Lynnette: Here at TMU, we are constantly asked to assess and relay outcomes. How does MM assess or measure success? Every time a child received a meal is success in itself but does MM have a way to quantify success?

M: It’s funny, I just came from speaking to a business class (several TMU classes were visited) where I talked about this. It’s an interesting balance because MM is a work of love and for that reason there are some things you can’t measure. I believe it was Mother Theresa that said “Love doesn’t measure, it just gives.” There are also things that we should (measure) when we can. In recent years we have been carrying out an impact assessment looking at the impact of MM on school communities and individual children over the last five years. It is a serious undertaking as an independently verified piece of work; we want to create a body of evidence that proves that we are not just telling nice stories. We are reaching the end of that study and it’s producing amazing data. I’m going to Washington, D.C., next in order to present (Mary’s Meals) to the World Bank. They are very interested in impact assessment and they recognize, when it comes to school meal provisions, there’s been very little done in the developing world. We are creating a body of evidence of the long-term impacts for them and also for our own learning. We don’t want to become lazy or complacent in our thinking. We want to keep challenging ourselves by asking is it really working? Is there something we can adjust in the model to do this even better? So we sit down and do surveys in the communities we serve (completed by an independent organization not affiliated with MM). One thing I never thought much about is the anxiety that hunger causes in children and parents. Horrendous anxiety about whether I am going to have something to eat today or tomorrow, and that can have such a negative impact on a child’s life. You create a baseline and, I can’t remember exact numbers, but that survey came back at 60 percent (experiencing anxiety); a year later, after MM was introduced, it came back less than five percent.

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“...Mary’s Meals is a fruit of prayer and not just in the sense that that is where it began, it’s the fruit of prayer every day.” – *Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow*

MARY’S MEALS CONTINUED FROM PAGE 17

Nancy: Please tell us about your experience in Medjugorje. What would you say to skeptics that don’t believe in the apparitions of the Blessed Mother appearing to the visionaries?

M: I was in Medjugorje recently and there was a group there who asked that question to one of the visionaries. Her answer was “not everyone has to believe, it’s not obligatory. Don’t spend lots of time and energy trying to convince someone about whether it’s true or not.” I believe absolutely with all my heart. In terms of my own experience, I went there as a youth quite early on and that was a real blessing because it was before it became a site of international pilgrimage and was still the same quiet village. We were a bit of an oddity being from the outside and that was a blessing because the visionaries invited us in as they were having their apparitions. I find it very hard to put into words the important things about my experience which include things of the heart: my experience of God as a loving Father, my sense of being worthy in His eyes, that He has a plan for me. It was very profound – a life-changing experience.

Caitlin: You are very clearly a family man and this work requires you to spend time away from your family. How do you achieve work/life balance? How is your family involved in this work?

M: I think the perception is that I am away from home more than I am. I probably have never travelled more than 25 percent of the time. The toughest part of the job is the travel but that is a tiny sacrifice compared to a lot of sacrifices that people are making. It’s the hard bit of the job, I don’t enjoy it but on the other hand there is the blessing of how we deal with it as a family – I met my wife (Julie) as a result of this work and she is equally as passionate as I am. We’ve done this quite deliberately as it’s gone on with the kids as well. For us as a family it’s not about ‘Dad’s off doing the Mary’s Meal thing,’ it’s we are, as a family, doing the MM thing. We talk about it, it’s a family thing and the kids absolutely love it. I’ve always been quite protective of them in that regard because everyone we meet, especially in Scotland, wants to know about MM and me, and though this has been my calling in life, I certainly don’t expect them to devote their lives to it. Maybe God will ask one of them to do something with MM but that is not the expectation. This is a family mission

and the other way around it is that MM isn’t a family business. We deliberately created an organization that we don’t have control over and is a global movement.

Leslie: Can you tell us how you became a speaker and writer?

M: I never intended to do either of those things, especially the speaking part! How gentle God has been because if at the beginning, when I made the decision to give up my job, I had been aware that talking to big audiences, media things, or whatever was going to be involved, I think I would have run away and hidden. I was very, very shy, and it would have been a really awful thought to have to do public things. I would have avoided it at all costs. God definitely has a sense of humor! I hated it the first few times but gradually grew into it. I still get nervous but I also love it because what could be better than telling the story of MM? I see the joy it brings. Just coming here and hearing your stories about being inspired to do different things because of the story, that is a beautiful thing. That’s also why I wrote the book. At first I had this fear of it wrongly being thought that this was about me. The reason I got to the point of writing the book is I saw more and more how this story is really an important one. It is really important that people know about this amazing thing that God has done and to give glory to God. There are some secondary things too, obviously spreading awareness of MM but less obvious is protecting the organization; the values of what MM is in essence as we grow beyond those of us who founded it. I think recording the truth of how MM was born and how certain events and experiences shaped our way of doing things is one very important way of protecting those values.

Heather: You trust so much. How do you trust? What do you think of when you trust?

M: It’s not something I find very difficult. I would say that’s probably because of the experiences I have everyday. God has never, ever let us down; very much in the sense of the providence of God. He might not do that in a way we always expect or when we expect it but he never lets us down. I don’t know what that means in terms of how MM will unfold. It’s really interesting; I challenge some of our co-workers and board members. Our board is a typical board, accountants and people from business backgrounds; they are performing the role they should do, i.e. saying “are you sure it’s wise to make that investment?” I’m coming from the place where MM has come from based on all our experiences ... We should be making decisions in a slightly different way than other organizations, if we really believe in God’s providence. We’re not being irresponsible, we have reserves, but at the end of the day we feel the best kind of reserves we can have is food in the belly of a hungry child.

And so the interview ended. Such a simple concept and yet this idea is making a significant dent in child hunger in the world. In the US, we take for granted that children who go to school will eat a meal. There are safeguards in place to provide reduced/free breakfast or lunch to those in need. This is not the case in much of the rest of the world. Thanks to this movement started in a shed in Scotland by MacFarlane-Barrow, almost a million and a half children are eating at least one meal a day while being educated, creating the potential for a better future for themselves and, as a result, their children. What a great story of charity and love, of doing God’s work in the world.

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*Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow
outside the original shed.*

KUDOS TO TMU FACULTY AND STAFF ON THEIR ACCOLADES, PRESENTATIONS & PUBLISHED WORKS



Barbara Amato, academic coach for the Institute of Academic Excellence, part of the TMU Success Center, participated as a national judge for the Mensa Foundation's U.S. Scholarship Program, scoring essays for American Mensa. This was her fifth year as a judge.



Robert A. Arnold, J.D., Ph.D., professor, College of Business, was elected mayor of Wilder, Kentucky in November

2018. He is pictured with Kentucky Governor Matt Bevin at a new mayor's ceremony. In this new role of service, Arnold will continue to help build strong connections with the community.



Angela Crawford, Ph.D., dean, College of Business, attended the Accreditation Council for Business Schools & Programs (ACBSP) Dean's Symposium in fall 2018. She also

conducted a design thinking workshop for the Greater Cincinnati Chapter Association for Talent Development Conference held in October 2018. Crawford presented at the IABC Heritage Conference in Richmond, Virginia, with Lisa Gick, president of the Curious Agency. Their workshop was called "Engaging Conversational Energy to Deliver Possibilities and Innovation from All." In addition Crawford co-wrote a paper titled "Optimizing Frontline Shift Composition for Increased Customer Satisfaction and Firm Performance." The paper was one of the winning papers for the Third Annual Organizational Frontline Research (OFR) Competition and the authors were recognized and received their award at the OFR Preconference Symposium held in February.



Caitlin Dwyer, M.T.S., instructor/lecturer, College of Arts and Sciences, had her review of Helen Alvaré's book "Putting Children's Interests First in U.S. Family Law and Policy: With Power Comes Responsibility" (Cambridge University Press, 2017) published on humanumreview.com.

The article, entitled "Free Love at the Price of Children's Well-being," covers the position Helen Alvaré, professor of law at George Mason University's Antonin Scalia Law School, takes on the legal and sociological effects of the U.S. government's

promotion of the sexual expressionist position through judicial decisions, laws, and executive orders (beginning in the 1960s) as they pertain to child welfare, sex, and marriage.



Christine Griffiths, Ph.D., ATC, assistant professor and chair of sports sciences, College of Education and Health Sciences, announced that the TMU athletic training program received national accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education (CAATE).



Lynnette Guzzino, J.D., associate professor, College of Business, **Jodie Mader '98, Ph.D.**, associate professor, College of Arts and Sciences, and **Anthony Schumacher, Ph.D.**, assistant professor, Institute for Ethical Leadership and Interdisciplinary Studies, were honored at the Greater Cincinnati Collegiate Connection's (GC3) 31st Annual Celebration of Teaching held at Northern Kentucky University in October 2018. The Celebration of Teaching collectively honors and acknowledges the faculty award winners at the GC3 member colleges and universities. Guzzino also moderated an event titled "How to Lead a Multi-Cultural Workforce" at the Metropolitan Club in Covington, Kentucky, in September 2018 and was nominated for ACBSP's International Teaching Excellence Award with winners being announced in April 2019.



Jesse Leong, assistant director, choir activities, was appointed the recipient of the Julius Rudel/Kurt Weill Conducting Fellowship by the Kurt Weill Foundation of Music. Leong will serve as assistant conductor to Ted Sperling, artistic director of MasterVoices, for that organization's presentation of Weill's "Lady in the Dark" in April 2019 at New York City Center. For more information on this award, visit tmuky.us/leong.



Chris Lorentz, Ph.D., professor, College of Arts and Sciences, announced the "Environmental Monitor," a publication for environmental professionals, published an article highlighting the 50 years of research performed at the Biology Field Station. To read the article, visit tmuky.us/monitor.



Steve Oldfield, M.A., instructor/lecturer, College of Arts and Sciences (left in photo), appeared as a guest on WVXU's Cincinnati Edition with Michael Monks and WVXU Media Writer John Kiesewetter talking about the film business in Cincinnati and this year's Oscars.



Malcolm Robinson, Ph.D., professor and chairperson of economics, College of Business, is featured on wallethub.com with his predictions for US economic performance in 2019. To read more about Robinson's predictions, visit tmuky.us/robinson19.



Wes Ryle, Ph.D., associate professor, College of Arts and Sciences, announced that TMU was awarded a grant from the NASA Kentucky Space Grant Consortium of which Thomas More is an affiliate member and Ryle is campus representative. For more information on the announcement, visit tmuky.us/nasagrants.



Charles J. Zimmer, Jr. '11 Ph.D., assistant professor and chair of information systems, College of Business, received his doctorate in computer science and engineering from the University of Cincinnati in December 2018. Zimmer's dissertation was titled "Development and Evaluation of a Cost-Effective Concussion Diagnostics System Using Virtual Reality."



Sherry Cook Stanforth, Ph.D., (second from left) with family band, Tellico, performs at the 2019 Caden Blincoe Outloud Festival on the TMU campus. The band has three generations and includes her parents and children.



SAINTS SPOTLIGHT

Creative Writing Vision Director/English Professor

Sherry Cook Stanforth, Ph.D.

What originally brought you to Thomas More University?

SS: My path to Thomas More reflects unusual circumstances. I was hired by Dr. Ray Hebert (then the academic dean) to perform as a folk musician at the Caden Blincoe Outloud Festival. I knew Caden, and he requested that I come. Another colleague and longtime friend, Julie Daoud, already had a teaching job with the English Department. The day of the festival, I came in carrying a two-month-old daughter, an inquisitive toddler, and my instruments. I left with a job interview in the works—oddly in my cherished areas of creative writing and ethnic literature. I have been here since 2000, and I continue to hold the deepest appreciation for my colleagues and the work of designing creative, reflective experiences for people.

What inspired you to create the Creative Writing Vision program in 2004? What are some of the program's signature events that you spearhead?

SS: Honestly, I had a vision and followed it. The name of the program reflects my belief that our quiet inner callings are often powerful invitations to invent new designs. Since I was very young, I have always wanted to bring diverse groups together for the sake of creativity and meaningful reflection. When a grant opportunity arose with PNC's Schroth Charitable Trust, I applied and gained three years of support that sustained a writer-in-residence, visiting artists, and a list of public arts programming opportunities. The "vision" would not have happened without help from my friends at Thomas More and in the author-artist community. Currently, the Creative Writing Vision design supports 30-40 program sessions a year, including two regionally awarded artists-in-residence (Pauletta Hansel and Dick Hague), community writing courses, a visiting authors series at Joseph-Beth, on-campus arts programs (e.g. Writer's Table, Outloud Festival, Words Celebration and Craft Immersion Workshops), day-long and overnight retreats at our Biology Field Station, teacher/pedagogy workshops, K-12 arts experiences such

as "Adventure in the Humanities" and "Meet the Author" sessions.

In recent years, Creative Writing Vision has expanded its reach toward young people in collaboration with the Cincinnati Arts Association (Aronoff), Cincy WordPlay, The Covington Center for Great Neighborhoods, and the Urban Appalachian Community Coalition (UACC). A primary CWV goal is to pair creative young people with practicing professionals. At this year's Outloud Festival, four talented TMU students shared the stage with four poet laureates; these students are also collaborating with me on UACC's grant-based Urban Appalachian Leadership Project to design and implement educational programs.

What draws you to Appalachian music and culture?

SS: I grew up in an Appalachian music tradition, performing around the region with my family. In these busy times, my parents, children, and I are still trying to carry on this music through our band, Tellico. I am proud of my Appalachian heritage, which includes connections to North Georgia, East Tennessee, the Snowbird band/Tellico Plains Cherokee, and good old Clermont County, Ohio. I love okra, hominy, yellow crook neck squash dusted with cornmeal and fried in cast iron, mountains, old-time jam sessions, late night table talk, horses and dogs, grandparents, creeks, sycamores, ghost stories, metaphors and parables, wild healing plants, bees, and other critters.

There is a rumor going around that you collect black widow spiders—please explain yourself.

SS: This is true, although I lost my land rights when friends with a south-facing rock wall moved away. These days, it is not as easy for me to find specimens. I love the natural world, and I have shared black widow spider viewings in my nature-based school programs and TMU courses. The intent is not to worry people, but to show them the amazing beauty and value represented by a (slightly) toxic creature in the web of life. Spiders, along with other feared species play a significant role. As ecologist Barry Commoner has offered, "Everything is connected to everything else." Once people understand an "other" in their community, they may be able to appreciate what that life has to offer.

To read more of Sherry's spotlight, visit tmuky.us/stanforth.



THE VALUE IN A CATHOLIC LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION

Kathleen S. Jagger, Ph.D., MPH, acting president, was co-leader for a session at the National Association of Catholic Colleges and Universities Conference for chief academic officers in February 2019. The title of the session was "Making the Case for the Value of Liberal Arts Education in the Catholic Tradition." Jagger says, "I was excited to be able to engage the academic leaders of Catholic colleges and universities from across the US in examining the intersection between the Catholic Intellectual Tradition and the Liberal Arts Tradition ... and how together we can make a robust case for this being one of the unique advantages of a Catholic liberal arts education."



Taking a break from golf for the selfie station at the 2018 Scholarship Golf Classic. Proceeds benefit financial aid for TMU students.



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

Wednesday | May 1 | 5:30-7:30 p.m.

ALUMNI WINE TASTING

Headquarters Historic Event Center, Newport, Ky.
To RSVP, visit tmuky.us/19winetasting

Monday | May 20

TMU SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC

PRESENTING SPONSOR REPUBLIC BANK Member FDIC

Summit Hills Country Club, Edgewood, Ky.

For additional information, contact Taylor Walz
at walzt@thomasmore.edu or **859-344-3344**,
or visit tmuky.us/golfclassic

JULY

Friday | July 12 | Two sessions

ATHLETIC GOLF OUTING

PRESENTING SPONSOR
ST. ELIZABETH HEALTHCARE SPORTS MEDICINE

A| Jolly Golf Course, Alexandria, Ky.

For additional information, contact Zach Guard
at guardz@thomasmore.edu or **859-344-3536**

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OCTOBER

Thursday | October 17 | Early evening
U(TOPIA) FEST

Family Friendly Block Party - Crestview Hills Campus

Friday | October 18 | Luncheon

50 YEAR REUNION CLASS OF '69

Formal invite to come - Crestview Hills Campus

Friday | October 18 | Evening

ALL CLASS REUNION

Details to come - Crestview Hills Campus

Saturday | October 19 | 11 a.m.

HOMECOMING

Football Game: Saints vs. Lindsey Wilson

Alumni Tent - Endzone of BB&T Field

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.



MEET ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT DIRECTOR: BAILEY BUNDY

I am honored and humbled to serve as the liaison between you and your alma mater. Whether you graduated from VMC or TMC, you are valuable to this institution. While areas of the school have evolved, the mission and values will forever be rooted in tradition. It is my desire to meet as many alumni as possible - as you can tell, getting to interact with and getting to know YOU is extremely important. The alumni network is the backbone of our institution and without you, TMU's school legacy, tradition and values could not exist. I look forward to connecting with you. Please do not hesitate to contact me by calling **859-344-3545** or email me at alumni@thomasmore.edu. Go Saints!





“... it is important to find ways to give back to others, having been helped by the kind gestures of so many people in a wide variety of ways throughout Madeline’s childhood thus far.”

Fashion with a Mission: Too Qute Boutique

SUBMITTED BY SARAH FISTER-BREWER '99 | PHOTOS PROVIDED

As a young child, I loved to pretend I was the owner of “Sarah’s Store” with a plastic Fisher-Price cash register, my dad’s old credit cards, and a calculator. Fast forward 30+ years and I have realized my dream of owning a small business with the fall 2017 opening of my online store, Too Qute Boutique. The boutique has many purposes - it enables me to utilize my personal passion, create my own schedule around the needs of my family, and most importantly, it gives me the opportunity to teach my daughter with developmental disabilities (Madeline) job skills in an environment that she enjoys.

Madeline was born with a rare chromosomal deletion called 2q23.1 MDS and has a variety of special needs which include but are not limited to epilepsy, apraxia of speech (she is nonverbal), gait disturbances, and coordination issues. Within the 2q network, individuals are lovingly referred to as “2qties”, hence the name of the boutique “Too Qute.” My mission is to create a future job for Madeline, who is now 14 years old and loves all things fashion-related!

*Above: Madeline helps with unloading supplies for Too Qute Boutique.
Below: Sarah, Madeline and family take a moment for a photo.*

When Madeline reaches the age of 21 and is no longer eligible for special education services, my hope is that she will help run the boutique. If the business grows sufficiently, an added bonus would be to employ other individuals with developmental disabilities. In the short term, by helping with the boutique, Madeline gets



physical and occupational therapy that is far more enjoyable than the usual outpatient-based programs she has participated in since infancy. Opening boxes, unwrapping items, packaging orders, and stamping thank you notes provide the opportunity to practice occupational therapy skills; physical therapy skills are gained by carrying boxes into the boutique among other duties. Since Madeline is nonverbal, helping in the boutique also provides an

opportunity to use her communication device, mainly as a way to tell me “yes” or “no” when she does or doesn’t like a fashion item I have ordered! Make no mistake - nonverbal individuals most

definitely have thoughts and opinions of their own!

An essential element of the boutique's mission is to give back to the community. I feel strongly that it is important to find ways to give back to others, having been helped by the kind gestures of so many people in a wide variety of ways throughout Madeline's childhood thus far. Too Qute is about much more than fashion – it is driven by love and a passion to build a meaningful life for Madeline and others with developmental disabilities. As a result of our desire to



Madeline and brothers, Daniel and William, hang out.

give back, I have used the boutique as a platform to raise money for nonprofit organizations such as the Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati, Challenger League (adaptive baseball), Mason Schools Foundation, and our local food pantry. Most recently, Too Qute donated 100 percent of the profits from the sale of Kind People are my Kinda People shirts to the Mason Schools Foundation, earmarked for teacher grants benefiting students with special needs. This fundraiser is ongoing as well as one donating 100 percent of the profits from sales of cozy socks to the Mason Food Pantry.

Shopping at Too Qute is meant to be an enjoyable,

Visit Too Qute Boutique at tooquteboutique.com or contact Fister-Brewer at 513-284-7982 or tooquteboutique@hotmail.com. Connect on social media on Facebook (Too Qute Boutique) and Instagram (@tooquteboutique)

personal experience, and I am always available to help customers in any variety of ways with finding

sizes, picking out gifts, etc. I take pride in our customer service and the personalized attention we consistently provide our patrons. Services include free gift wrap, a shopping rewards program, referral rewards, and coupons for customers. And, as always, Madeline is here to assist as our resident fashionista! She is known to greet customers with a smile and a squeal, as she gets great enjoyment from her role in the boutique.

MOREOVER



SAINTS SPOTLIGHT

Alumni Board President

Nicole Modafari '06, '08, Ph.D.

What are some of your best memories from your years as a student?

NM: Many of my best memories involved either getting to know or working closely with my study group members. We worked so well together and genuinely enjoyed one another's company! In fact, I remain friends with all of these individuals today (over 10 years later)! I also fondly recall learning from some of the best instructors possible: Dr. Chris Moyer, Dr. Jack Rudnick and Mr. Spencer Liles. They all taught with so much passion that learning truly became contagious! They all remain in my network!

As president of the alumni board, what goals do you believe the alumni association should strive to achieve?

NM: I think it is tremendously important that we work to best support existing students, fellow alumni, and the Office of Alumni and Parent Engagement by embodying the Value More-Engage More-Thrive More philosophy entrenched in the TMU Strategic Plan. If we can show existing students just how many alumni "cheerleaders" are rooting for their overall success and emphasize to fellow alumni just how valuable their continued engagement/connection to the University remains, we can hopefully give back accordingly. As northern Kentucky's first college continues preparations for its upcoming centennial celebration, I hope that both current students and esteemed alumni of TMU feel encouraged to connect through their common bond of loyalty to the University.

You returned to TMU as an adjunct professor—tell us how that transpired and what you're currently teaching.

NM: This is a great question that allows me to further brag about the excellent instructors at TMU! While I was pursuing my doctorate in strategic management at Sullivan University, Dr. Chris Moyer selflessly served on my dissertation committee. When approached with the request, he didn't "skip a beat" before gladly obliging. This is a true testament to the commitment to students that remains long after graduation day. It was following one of our meetings on campus that someone in the TAP Office mentioned potential adjunct opportunities based upon my area of study. The rest is history! Recently, I finished up teaching two Master of Business Administration courses: Leadership Practices & Negotiation and Strategy Formulation, Implementation & Evaluation.

What alumni events are you looking forward to in 2019?

NM: One of my historical favorites taking place in 2019 is the Alumni Wine Tasting. (Details for this event on page 21.) I'm also excited for the TAP 25th Anniversary on Thursday, April 4. This will be a great chance to connect and reminisce.

Do you have any advice for current students?

NM: Anyone who knows me well knows that I am always quoting movies. I'd have to base my advice off of a quote from Winnie-the-Pooh in Disney's "Christopher Robin" actually. He stated, "Yesterday, when today was tomorrow, it was too much day for me." Basically, take one day at a time. Make today your favorite day!



WOULD YOU LIKE A THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY DIPLOMA?

Alumni who are interested in updating their diploma to reflect Thomas More University have that option available. Please send your request to the registrar at registrar@thomasmore.edu (subject line - Update diploma to University) or call **859-344-3380**. The registrar's office will provide details for what is required.



YOUNG ALUMNI COUNCIL

The Thomas More University Alumni Association is forming a Young Alumni Council. The purpose of this group is to engage TMU's most recent graduates in providing relevant programming, networking opportunities, and social events to foster and sustain relationships between the college and alumni.

If you have graduated within the past 10 years and are interested in serving on the Young Alumni Council, please email Bailey Bundy at alumni@thomasmore.edu.



THE BEST OF THE BEST! ALUMNI ASSOCIATION AWARDS

The TMU Alumni Association is requesting nominations for the 2019 Alumni Association Awards. These awards were established in order to honor outstanding alumni and community leaders whose talents and expertise have made a significant impact on Thomas More University and the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati community. The categories include:

The Professional Achievement Award - Awarded to an alumni whose career has reached a level of excellence in his or her respective field of endeavor and is recognized as such by peers and other knowledgeable contacts.

The Citizenship Award - Awarded to an alumni who has made a significant impact on the welfare of his or her community through service and leadership. Nominees should exhibit a strong commitment to integrity, concern for justice, and service to others for which our spiritual patron and namesake, St. Thomas More, is so justly renowned.

The Thomas More University Service Award - Awarded to an alumni or friend of Thomas More University who has provided continued service to the University. This award recognizes extraordinary service in terms of time, energy, and expertise rather than financial support.

The Lasting Influence Award - Awarded to a faculty or staff member, past or present, who has provided a positive and lasting impact on the lives of students. Nominees should be noted as a role model for the University's mission and one who also served as an influence in the career choice of the students they served.

To make a nomination, please visit tmuky.us/alumniawards or call Bailey Bundy at **859-344-3545**.



In Memoriam

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

Donald R. Bauer '87, July 26, 2018

Theresa A. Disney '74, November 20, 2018

Betty Jo Fortner '88, March 1, 2019

George "Yatz" Gundrum '73, January 12, 2019

Sr. Anne Hagedorn, SCN '65, January 25, 2018

Thomas Kennedy '52, August 31, 2017

John (Jack) E. Kleymeyer '55, February 26, 2019

Maxine Klump '73, November 18, 2017

Sr. Julaine Middendorf, SND '65, January 19, 2019

John G. Parker '68, April 29, 2018

Charles Schneider '58, February 15, 2019

Donald Speakes '67, November 23, 2017

Robert J. Walsh '72, November 14, 2018

Mary Frances Whitson '71, August 25, 2018

Rosemary J. Geiman Wietholter '61, February 1, 2019

Jerome Wurtz '71, March 30, 2018

1950s



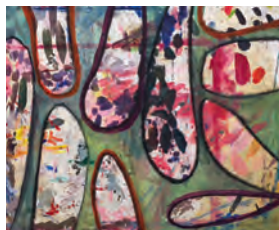
Brother Don Smith, S.M. '56 was recently honored by having his art work blessed and dedicated at the Calvary Cemetery Chapel in Dayton, Ohio. Smith designed and constructed two life-sized mosaic murals which are reflections of the Resurrection (left) and the Assumption (right).

1960s

Bill '68 and Jane (Elizabeth) '68/'10 Ehrman celebrated their 50 year wedding anniversary in June 2018. Bill and Jane met at freshmen orientation at Villa Madonna College and went on to be members of the first graduating class under the Thomas More College name. Congratulations to them both on 50 years of wedded bliss!

1970s

Artwork by **Jennifer Bucalo Baldwin '76**



"Playground Series: Huddle" was featured at the grand reopening of the 5th Street Gallery inside the Millennium Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio, in October 2018. Kudos to Jennifer!

D. Lynn Meyers '77

was recognized by the Cincinnati Business Courier as one of the 2018 Women Who Mean Business. Ten women across a broad range of fields were celebrated by the Courier for their achievements in transforming their organizations as well as the region. Meyers was selected because of her incredible work with the Cincinnati Ensemble as artistic director. This is the third year the Courier has celebrated women who help drive success in the region's business and nonprofit community. Congratulations to Meyers on this latest achievement. For more information, visit tmuky.us/meyers.



Tim Perrino '78, director of Cincinnati Landmark Productions, was instrumental



in the reopening of the Madcap Education Center in late 2018. The company completely renovated a former Cincinnati Bell building in Westwood and held a grand reopening in November. To see WKRC coverage and an interview with Perrino, visit tmuky.us/perrino.

1980s



Congratulations to **Dr. Michael Gieske '80**

who was a finalist in the Cincinnati Business Courier's 2019 Health Care Heroes awards. Gieske was nominated for

his work with St. Elizabeth Healthcare. To read more about the award and nomination, visit tmuky.us/gieske.

Send Your Class Note!

What have you been doing lately? We'd love to know! Email your news to ALUMNI@THOMASMORE.EDU, subject line: **CLASS NOTE**, or send in the envelope at the center of *Moreover*.

Jeffrey C. Mando '80

of Adams, Stepner, Woltermann & Dusing, PLLC, has been awarded "Defense Lawyer of the Year" by the Kentucky Defense Counsel (KDC).

To read more about Mando and his accomplishment, visit tmuky.us/mando.



David J. Peter '80, M.D., MBA, FACEP

joined the leadership team at Cleveland Clinic Indian River Hospital as Chief Medical Officer. For more information on Peter's role at Cleveland Clinic, visit tmuky.us/peter.



Bruce Hoffmeister '83

received the 2018 Capital CIO of the year Leadership ORBIE Award for his ability to innovate and to lead his organization. Hoffmeister is the global chief Information officer with Marriott International. Each year the Capital CIO Leadership Association (CapitalCIO) will recognize chief information officers in four key categories – Global, Enterprise, Corporate and Nonprofit/Government. Congratulations to Bruce. To find out more, visit tmuky.us/hoffmeister.



Sue Ellen Stuebing '84, vice president and chief development officer at Ohio member stations CET & ThinkTV, was awarded the PBS 2018

C. Scott Elliott Development Professional of the Year Award. Congratulations to Sue. For more on this award and Stuebing's role with the organization, visit tmuky.us/stuebing.



Children, Inc., presented **Garren Colvin '86**, president and CEO of St. Elizabeth Healthcare, with the 2019 Charity in Action Award at Raising of the Green, an annual gala to support the organization's work with children and families in our community.



1990s

Barry Henry '93 was named Printer of the Year by Printing Industries of Ohio and Northern Kentucky at Print Week 2019. Henry serves as the chief financial officer and vice president of finance for API, Alliance Printing and Thoroughbred Printing located throughout Kentucky and Ohio. For more information about this distinguished award, visit tmuky.us/henry.

Michelle Parvatiyar '99 joined Florida State University (FSU) in August 2018 as assistant professor of exercise physiology. In addition to teaching duties, she is performing research related to cardiovascular disease. For more about Parvatiyar's work and position, visit tmuky.us/parvatiyar.



William Purtell '99 joined Blank Rome as an associate in the Consumer Finance Litigation group. Purtell represents mortgage lenders in all aspects of trial and appellate litigation, both residential and commercial. For more information, visit tmuky.us/purtell.

Stephen A. Wright '99, a consultant at MCF Advisors, was recently selected to serve on the Board of Trustees with SQUARE1, a wealth resource for startups and entrepreneurs in the northern Kentucky region. To read more about Wright, visit tmuky.us/wright.

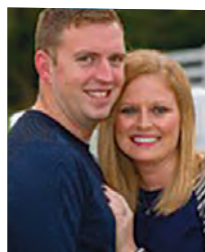


more than 2.5 percent of lawyers in the state are selected. Pieczonka is a partner at Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP where his focus is litigation, real estate and construction, product liability, and personal injury matters. To learn more about Pieczonka, visit tmuky.us/pieczonka.

Congratulations to **Katie Raverty-Evans '07** who was recently elected to the National Waste and Recycling Association (NWRA) Women's Council. To read more about Raverty-Evan's accomplishment, visit tmuky.us/ravertyevans.



Congratulations to **Johnna Reeder Kleymeyer '07** who is serving as the interim dean of the Haile/U.S. Bank College of Business at Northern Kentucky University. Kleymeyer was most recently the CEO of REDI Cincinnati, the city's top economic development group, which she helped found in 2014. To read more about Kleymeyer, visit tmuky.us/kleymeyer.



Patti Turner '09 and Aaron Talbert became engaged on July 18, 2018, in Maui, Hawaii. Congratulations to the happy couple who are set to be married on Dec. 7, 2019. Turner has taken an additional role as the SCL Program Coordinator at Bluegrass Behavioral Health Group and continues to work as a Behavior Support Specialist.



Phil Englert '12 spoke as a panel member in the fall at the Cybersecurity Summit in Washington, D.C., on the topic of Cybersecurity and Connected Healthcare. Englert is a senior specialist at Deloitte with more than 30 years' experience in healthcare technology management supporting operations, strategy, and security. To read more about Englert and the Summit, visit tmuky.us/englert.

Andrew Linkugel '13 is currently performing his residency in plastic and reconstructive surgery in St. Louis, Missouri, at the Barnes-Jewish Hospital and St. Louis Children's Hospital. Additionally, Linkugel was married in October 2018. Congratulations, Andrew!



Tyler Dorsey '14 was diagnosed with ADHD at the age of 11. In May 2018, she started a business called Focus Forward LLC (focusforwardlex.com) to offer life coaching for children and adults with ADHD, workshops for families and schools, and tutoring services for students. For more information on Dorsey and the work she is doing, visit tmuky.us/dorsey.

Thomas Arnzen '17, who is currently working towards a master's degree in computer science at Northern Kentucky University, was one of 75 Americans selected to participate in the 2018-2019 Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange (CBYX) for young professionals, a year-long fellowship for study and work in Germany. While in Germany, in addition to attending a two-month intensive German language course, Arnzen studied at a German university/professional school for four months, and completed a five-month internship with a German company in his career field (software development). Congratulations to Tom!

2000s

Nick J. Pieczonka '05 was selected for the 2019 Ohio Lawyers Rising Stars. Rising Stars recognizes the top up-and-coming attorneys in the state—no

2010s

Dan Fagin '11 was named the president and CEO of CJE SeniorLife, one of the largest assisted living centers in the Midwest. To read more about Fagin's new role, visit tmuky.us/fagin.




Young Man on Campus, the VMC Story of Wilbert Ziegler '53, J.D.



SUBMITTED BY JUDY CRIST, DIRECTOR OF CREATIVE SERVICES

It is interesting to see how quickly the dynamics of Villa Madonna College changed from one year to the next in the early days. As the (now) University pushes forward to the 100-year mark, it's easy for us to forget amid today's challenges that there were any number of challenges all along the way that could have derailed a fledgling college from making it to this juncture.

The subject of this issue's history column is Wilbert Ziegler '53. Will was a first-generation college student and says the decision to attend VMC in 1949 was not a hard one, "My parents had not gone to college. Dad went to one year of high school and my mother went to the eighth grade. Nobody else in our family had gone to college, and I had never been on another college campus. I went to Covington Latin School and it was just logical to walk another block and a half to college. There weren't too many other options; it was Xavier, UC or Villa Madonna College. The girls had Our Lady of Cincinnati (OLC) and the College of Mount St. Joseph available to them, but the boys did not."

VMC had been enrolling male students only since 1945 and the then all-male Covington Latin School was a tremendous source of students. According to Will, "In my class there were 10 of us that went from Latin School to VMC, that's why I was elected the first year to Student Council. By 1952, when I was a junior, there were 165 students in the school. Out of the whole school - 85 men, 57 women, and 22 religious - there were 28 Latin School kids. Nearly 20 percent of the school came from Latin School. We graduated 30 from VMC in 1953. I would guess we started with 35 and lost some to the military draft; there were no college deferments then. We'd be in class one day with our classmates and two days later some of them were missing, having to report for the draft."



*Wilbert L. Ziegler, A.B.
Majors: Philosophy and History-
Political Science*

When he was a 15-year-old, first-year college student, extracurricular activities made a big impact on Will's life and provided some interesting anecdotes. Will recalls there were quite a few formal dances, which were particularly popular with the women on campus. "We had the Thanksgiving ball and prom or a sweetheart dance in the spring. The women would make an effort to get a date for every girl in the school. So, for a month or so before each dance, efforts were made to match people up so that every woman got to go. My freshman year, they lined me up with Jo Ann Ballinger, who was two years older than me. I knew her only in the sense that we were both freshmen."

Will also was almost appointed by fellow Student Council members as the "fashion police" for the Thanksgiving Ball. "At the September/October meeting the big topic was modesty. We had a discussion regarding the wearing of off-the-shoulder dresses (issue of cleavage) and the Student Council was supposed to address that issue so people didn't arrive dressed immodestly. Charlie Deters (class of 1950, see history column fall 2018), to the best of my recollection, made a motion and it passed that we appoint somebody to stand at the front door to inspect whether those arriving were modestly dressed, and not let them in if they weren't. I was elected. I went home, told my mother, and she said 'NO.' Anyway it didn't happen.

"Another interesting thing I remember is a group of us (men/boys) were invited by the Sisters at Our Lady of Cincinnati to go to OLC one Saturday night. They had a dance for the girls and

Will (center) with classmates Jo Ann Ballinger '53 (also his first year prom date) and Donald Wintersheimer '53 (later to be Judge Wintersheimer).

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matched up maybe 10 or 12 of us from Villa Madonna. They played music and, it was funny, we were in this rather formal looking place and all around the parapet up above were Sisters looking down, watching the dancers. The dances at that time were the Virginia Reel, the Jitterbug, and waltzes. Just the boys were invited, OLC was an all-women school."

Will was also the business manager of the Triad, the student newspaper at the time. When asked how the reporters found their leads, Will's response was, "There were 140 full-time students in the school with one men's lounge and one women's lounge, where the men and women separately congregated. Sitting across from you was a guy who was a senior and across the room would be a junior, so you knew one another. You got to hear it all. I had four issues of the Triad come into my hands very recently, they were preserved by Tom Kennedy '52. Tom was the president his senior year and died within the past year. His widow Kathleen, who is also a graduate of the College (1958), passed them on to my sister, her classmate at VMC. My sister gave them to me. A light bulb went on in my head and I thought, 'I wonder if we (TMU) have an archivist?' (We do.) These were issued monthly. I think Judge Donald Wintersheimer '53 was the editor in our senior year. I don't know if at that time there was any idea of archiving. The College was only

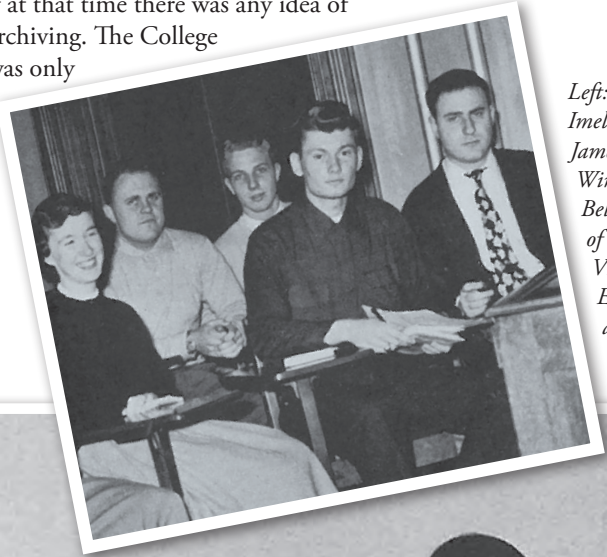
what? 25-30 years old? That's like telling an 18- or 19-year-old now that you might want to preserve things so in 70 years, you can look back at them."

When asked about his impression of attending classes downtown, Will remembers the scattered campus. "The halls that were truly Villa were Aquinas Hall, Bernard Hall, and Cabrini Hall - those were old houses. We also had the firehouse, I don't recall whether it had another name. It was a single bay firehouse with a classroom on the second floor, right behind the Cathedral. Across the alley was Cabrini. When you went around the corner on Scott Street facing Newport you had Aquinas and Bernard. Of course, there was the four-story administration building on 12th Street which had been the convent building. That was where you had the women's lounge, the men's lounge, registrar's office, the bulletin board, two classrooms, the library, and the president's office. A few classes were held in Saint Joseph's School. That building faces the back of the cathedral; it's one of the Catholic ACUE grade schools now. Either my senior year or shortly afterward, VMC acquired a saloon and called it Talbot Hall. It was on the southwest corner of 12th and Scott. That's what constituted our campus. Never having gone to college or having been on another campus, that's all I knew. We didn't think of ourselves as underprivileged. The education was so good, which of course we probably didn't appreciate that completely at the time; how would you know?

"When I started, tuition was \$75 a semester, by 1958 it had grown to \$100 a semester. All of the athletics were intramural; we had no teams that competed with other colleges. Each class had a basketball team and they played one another. We had one football game called the Finger Bowl, when the upperclassmen played the underclassmen toward the spring of the year. A number of guys had some equipment left over from when they played in high school which they brought and we would

Left: Student Council Members Imelda Wilson, Thomas Zimmer, James Lyon, Will, and Donald Wintersheimer.

Below: Will with other members of the 1953 Triad board: Virginia Molloy, Jerome Erpenbeck, Janet Groeschen, and Donald Wintersheimer.



interchange those. The Finger Bowl was a big deal for a couple of years but it didn't go on long. There was also one fraternity and one sorority. The fraternity was Sigma Alpha Lambda and the sorority was Alpha Lambda Mu.

"I remember too that, at the time I started, we did not have a cafeteria. You either packed your lunch or down at the corner of 12th and Greenup there was a saloon, Metz's Café. There were other bars and saloons that would have soup or something so I and some of the other students would go and sit at the counter. There was also a place at the corner of 12th and Garrard called Reckers, you could go there and buy lunch; it was more of a restaurant. That's where many of the students, male particularly, hung out between classes. The student council started the cafeteria on the second floor of Bernard Hall, maybe in 1950? Students did all the construction work, the Deters brothers were particularly good with that, doing it on their own outside of college. Villa hired a lady cook so we could get food there. At least there was some place we could get something to eat. It's mentioned in the "Triad" at one point that Student Council was pleased that the cafeteria had not lost money. The idea of a cafeteria emanated from the students, they had to get permission but all the work was done by the students."

Will did not recall taking many classes with the Sisters from the religious orders. He explains, "The Sisters weren't exactly part of the full-time class because they didn't come for four years. They would be there for some courses and then be gone. You didn't get the feeling they were part of the class. They didn't participate in any extracurricular activities. There were also some nurses in training from St. Elizabeth Hospital, who would come down to Villa to take individual classes. I think mostly in the science field, but they were not an integral part of the class either."

"The education we received was very, very good predicated on where you were able to go with it. It was probably narrow; I didn't recognize that at the time. We didn't have a lot of the extracurricular

activities and all of the different things that students are exposed to today. The choice of subjects was limited, with very few electives. Villa wasn't a very big college and could not offer a bunch of classes with only 150 students. The education was particularly to my benefit because it was heavy in history, philosophy, and English, which prepared me well for law school."



Will during his campus interview visit.

Faculty and staff made a lasting impression on VMC students. "All of our professors were either Sisters or priests," Will states. When asked if he had favorites, Will offers, "Sister Mary Camilla, Ph.D., CDP, was my philosophy teacher (philosophy was my major). And I recall Sister Mary Rosina, Ph.D., CDP. Those were the two. If we had had counselors, Sister Camilla would have been mine. Sister Albert with the history department was also well known to me. She was a Sister of Notre Dame and the Notre Dame nuns knew me from the time I was four years old. My dad was their chauffeur, the Sisters didn't drive back in the 1920s and 1930s and he took them to doctor's appointments and such. I was not very good in science and lucky to get through math, so I didn't relate with teachers in those fields. After Villa, I went on to law school and I didn't have a connection with the College until recently when I became a member of the TMU Board of Trustees."

It is always enlightening to hear from this generation, their thoughts on how the University has fared through the many years of change. "It's 15 times bigger than it was when I attended, but I don't know if over 70 years that's big growth or not," Will states. "I think the College, now University, has maintained its mission as it has grown and has matured very well. There are many challenges for Catholic education. There are and will always be, by nature, challenges to maintaining balance." Will's advice for current students includes, "Study hard and don't waste your time while you're here. Take advantage of all the off-the-beaten-path programs that might be offered to you. Don't just go down the single path of your major, but sample all the different experiences that the University can provide, take advantage of them because those are learning experiences in and of themselves."

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Monsignor Murphy Legacy Society

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The IRA charitable rollover has been made permanent with the recent tax law change. If you are 70 ½ or older, you are required to take a minimum IRA distribution (RMD). Normally, these distributions are subject to income taxes. However, for persons aged 70 ½ and older, the IRA Charitable Rollover provision allows you to transfer up to \$100,000 to charitable organizations each year directly from your IRA, without treating the distribution as taxable income. In order to qualify, contributions must go directly from your IRA to a public charity and be made from traditional IRAs or Roth IRAs.

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2018 PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

Acting President Kathleen S. Jagger, Ph.D., MPH, welcomed alumni and friends of the University to a Christmas gathering hosted in the beautiful home of Anthony ('65), Ph.D. and Geraldine ('66) Zembrodt on Panorama Drive just outside of Devou Park. The festive event, held in mid-December, is just one way of letting President's Society (and above) donors know how important and appreciated their continued support is to the University. Thank you to the Zembrodts for their fabulous hospitality!



Top: Tony Zembrodt welcomes guest as they gather round the Christmas tree. Above: Gerry Zembrodt (second left) welcomes the Esselmans into her home. Left: Listening intently to one of many stories told that day are Pat Runge, Susan Kling, Sr. Mary Ethel Parrott '69, SND, and Jeanne-Marie Tapke '91, Ph.D.

Happy Birthday Saint Thomas More!

IRISH MUSIC CONCERT

TMU celebrates the anniversary of the birth of St. Thomas More for a full week in February (his actual birthdate is Feb. 7). For the last 13 years, TMU and the Fenians of Northern Kentucky have entertained the community on campus with a free concert (thank you, Professor Ray Hebert, for cultivating that connection!). This year's concert featured Ceol Mhór, Murphy's Law, and Mick McEvilly and Mai Hernon McEvilly performing traditional and new music with Irish, Welsh, English, and American historical and cultural roots. To view a photo gallery of the performance, visit tmuky.us/irishmusic.



OUR FIRST, MOST CHERISHED LIBERTY

The Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson '67 Institute for Religious Liberty brought two thought leaders, the Most Reverend William Edward Lori, S.T.D., and Hunter Baker, J.D., Ph.D., to campus for its annual winter event held Feb. 7, 2019. Lori is the Archbishop for the Archdiocese of Baltimore and also the first head of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Liberty of the United States Conference of Bishops. Baker is dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and associate professor of political science at Union University in Jackson, Tennessee. He has written three books and is a research fellow of the Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission, as well as a Fellow at the Acton Institute. For more information about the February event, visit tmuky.us/irl1stliberty.



Archbishop Lori with local Knights of Columbus.





CAYDEN BLINCOE OUTLOUD FESTIVAL

There was an excellent turnout for the 27th Annual Outloud Festival and Creative Writing Vision Director Sherry Cook Stanforth, Ph.D., outdid herself by presenting four current and former poet laureates as the centerpiece of the event. Artist-in-residence Richard Hague, along with TMU student poets involved in the Urban Appalachian Leadership Project, introduced (photo at left) West Virginia Poet Laureate Marc Harshman, former Cincinnati Poet Laureate Pauletta Hansel, former Kentucky Poet Laureate George Ella Lyon, Stanforth, and Cincinnati Poet Laureate Manuel Iris. For more photos, visit tmuky.us/19outloud.



ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

TMU awards over \$16 million in scholarships each year to students. An important source of these funds is the endowed scholarships that friends, alumni, and corporate/non-profit entities have set up over the years. In March 2019, a luncheon was held where recipients had the opportunity to meet their benefactor and relay their gratitude for their generosity.



Congratulations Saints! 2019 National Champions!

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The feeling is still surreal. The feeling of being Division III National Champions in the Saints' final season with the NCAA. The feeling of sending off the current seniors with the 2019 National Championship after they were able to come in as first-year students and help win the 2016 National Championship - coming full circle, so to speak.

After winning round four of the NCAA tournament at home, the Saints started their journey to the Final Four and National Championship with a police escort out of campus on Wednesday, March 13. Our ultimate destination was Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia, which was the host site of the NCAA Championship, but first we headed to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, Virginia. Virginia Tech was kind enough to allow us to use their basketball facility to get a quick practice in before arriving in Salem later that night. The team went straight to dinner at a local restaurant called Mac and Bob's where team member Madison Temple was awarded the Josten's

Trophy by the Salem Rotary Club. After dinner, we headed to the hotel and prepared for Team Social Night which took place at the Roanoke Pinball Museum. The evening included pictures of the sun setting on the Roanoke Valley from the rooftop of the Museum and playing all different types of pinball machines. It was an absolutely fun-filled night.

Thursday was packed with activities starting with a trip to South Salem Elementary where three different third-grade classes enjoyed activities with the team. We had some friendly competition to see who could build something the tallest and just enjoyed the interaction with the kids. Later we visited the Cregger Center where the Final Four and Championship games were scheduled to be played. We had an opportunity to take our first look at the facility and take it all in before the competition started on Friday night. Coach Jeff Hans, Madison Temple, and Shelby Rupp went to a press conference and

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2018-2019

Saints Team

Seniors

Kelly Clapper (#12)
Shelby Rupp (#23)
Madison Temple (#24)
Michaela Ware (#1)

Juniors

Kaela Saner (#20)
Emily Schultz (#31)

Sophomores

Hayden White (#2)
Juliauna Howard (#3)
Briana McNutt (#22)
Kylie Anderson (#33)
Syarra Sellers (#42)
Allison Gribben (#44)

First Year

Caroline Buddenberg (#4)
Lucy Carrigan (#10)
Asyah Mitchell (#13)
Megan Buckner (#14)
Heaven Evans (#25)

Coaches

Jeff Hans - Head Coach
Davey Johnson - Assistant
Laney Lewis - Assistant
Tim Shields - Assistant



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then the team headed out to grab some lunch before practicing. Back at the hotel there were a few hours to relax before getting ready for the banquet that evening. At the banquet, the Saints had social hour with the other teams: Bowdoin College, University of St. Thomas (Minnesota), and University of Scranton. After social hour, Madison was awarded the WBCA Player of the Year and the four TMU seniors were given memorabilia basketballs. Each team performed a skit or presentation, with the Saints representatives, Madison and Emily Schultz, reading a poem that No.1 Saints fan, Molly Kamer, wrote for the team about the season. Molly, now 12 years old, has been following the Saints since 2014 and has been present for every National Championship the Saints have won. The night ended on that high note as everyone started to feel the hype and anticipation of the final post-season games set to begin the next day.

Friday, March 15 - FINAL FOUR GAME DAY! The team had breakfast at the hotel and a team lunch before leaving for the pre-game shoot around. After the shoot around, the team had a pre-game meal and headed back to the arena to watch the first game of the day between St. Thomas vs. Bowdoin. Bowdoin took care of business, earning their spot in the National Championship. Finally, it was our turn. We defeated ninth-ranked University of Scranton, 69-56, in the semifinals and were headed to the final game of the season! It was a great team win with kudos going to Madison, who finished the game with 20 points, nine rebounds, six assists, and two steals; Emily added 17 points and four rebounds; Shelby had 11 points, pulled down seven rebounds and blocked two shots, while recording three steals; and Kaela Saener scored 10 points and pulled down four rebounds. After the game and the ensuing celebration, we began to focus on the

Championship Game the next day.

Saturday, March 16 - NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP GAME DAY! The morning was similar to Friday with breakfast at the hotel and a pre-game shoot around. At the Cregger Center, we got game ready and prepared to take the floor. This was it – our chance to complete the perfect season. Four quarters later the Saints were crowned the winners of the National Championship game, with a score of 81-67 against Bowdoin. Kaela had the best game of her season, leading the team in scoring with 20 points. Shelby finished with a double-double as she had 17 points and 12 rebounds to go with four assists, and was named to the Championship's All-Tournament Team. Madison scored 17 points, had seven rebounds, four assists, and four steals and was named the NCAA Championship's Most Outstanding Player. Emily had 14 points and pulled down five rebounds and Briana McNutt finished with 11 points.

The feeling was so surreal! Confetti flooded the arena, everyone was making confetti angels and throwing it in the air, what an unbelievable feeling! All the Saints and Saints faithful were so happy as the celebration continued with the trophy presentation and net cutting. Coach Hans, Madison, Shelby, and Kaela were interviewed by Fox 19's Jeremy Rausch, who was awesome enough to travel six hours to cover the season finale. The rest of the night was one big celebration at the hotel where parents and friends were staying supplying a huge banquet room where a post-game party was held.

We left Salem the next morning and arrived back on the TMU campus with another escort of police cars and fire trucks to be greeted by friends, family, and fans. It was the perfect ending to a perfect weekend of basketball!

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Above: A timeout on the floor during the Championship game brings cheering Saints fans to their feet.
Right: Madison Temple completes the layup for two of her 17 points.
Below: Confetti fun for the Saints.



SAINTS SPOTLIGHT

Women's Basketball Coach

Jeff Hans



It's no secret that the women's basketball team has done great things with Coach Hans at the helm. Since coming to TMU in 2011, Hans has consistently led the team to post-season play, making regular season titles and tournament championships routine accomplishments. In seven different years his teams have appeared in the NCAA DIII Tournament, winning two National Championships. Hans was named 2019 ACAA coach of the year and celebrated win 200 this spring. So what does he think about on the average day? Let's find out:

What is your background and coaching experience?

JH: I have spent the last 20 years as a head coach or assistant coach at just about every level. The opportunity to be an assistant at NCAA Division I, II, and III institutions really helped prepare me for the opportunity to be the head coach at Thomas More. Those experiences allowed me to work with a variety of coaches and see how to build a championship culture.

What did the championship seasons teach you about coaching?

JH: I learned a lot from our players during the championship seasons. It was amazing to accomplish that for our players because of all the hard work and dedication they gave to each other. Trust is very important to a successful team, and they learned to trust each other on and off the court. Seeing that culture come together was special.

What brings athletes to TMU?

JH: Our student-athletes come to Thomas More because they want to get a great education and have a passion to compete at a high level in the sport they love. The small classes and attention our professors give our students help them be successful in the classroom. Athletically, the students know the coaches are going to push them to be the best player they can, but also balance their personal life.

When it comes to individual athletes and teams, how do you define success?

JH: Of course we want to be successful with wins and losses, but there is a lot more to our profession. I define our team's success at the end of the year as knowing that we played our best and continued to get better each day. Also, making sure that our team positively represents Thomas More in the community.

What are some of your favorite things about coaching at TMU?

JH: The people that I get to see and work with on a daily basis. It is great to have our students on campus and see them going to class. Most important are the faculty and staff at Thomas More. Those relationships are what make it easy to come to work.

What do you want to do once you wrap up your coaching career?

JH: When I decide to stop coaching, I will spend time with my family and enjoy a few hobbies (golf - if I'm still able to play). I would like to have a place on a lake!

Standout Saints

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Emily Mohs '22

(Cincinnati, Ohio/Seton)

- AVCA National Freshman of the Year
- AVCA First Team All-American
- AVCA Great Lakes Region Freshman of the Year
- AVCA Great Lakes All-Region
- ACAA Player of the Year
- ACAA Freshman of the Year
- First Team All-ACAA



Mohs



Mummert

Jenna Mummert '20

(Batavia, Ohio/Clermont Northeastern)

- AVCA Honorable Mention All-America
- AVCA Great Lakes All-Region
- First Team All-ACAA

WOMEN'S SOCCER

Maddy Kim '20

(California, Ky./Notre Dame Academy)

- AVCA Goalkeeper of the Year
- First Team AVCA



Kim

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Damion King '19

(Winchester, Ky./George Rogers Clark)

- ACAA Player of the Year
- First Team All-ACAA
- Finished 6th All-Time Scoring (1,465)



King

Ryne Callahan '19

(Morehead, Ky./Rowan County)

- 1,000 Point Scorer
- Second Team All-ACAA



Callahan

Brandon Horne '19

(Louisville, Ky./Male)

- 1,000 Point Scorer



Horne

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Madison Temple '19

(Cincinnati, Ohio/Anderson)

- Jostens Trophy Winner
- NCAA Division III National Player of the Year
- Google Cloud Academic All-America
- First Team All-American
- Great Lakes Region Player of the Year
- First Team All-Great Lakes Region
- ACAA Player of the Year
- First Team All-ACAA
- TMU All-Time Leading Scorer (2,184)
- TMU All-Time Career Assist Leader (585)



Temple

NKY HALL OF FAME HONORS FOR CONNOR



Congratulations to Director of Athletics Terry Connor '92, who joined his father and former DA/Coach Jim Connor '50 as a member of the Northern Kentucky Sports Hall of Fame in February 2019. Terry came to TMU in 1998 as the men's head basketball coach and was appointed full-time athletic director in 2005. He stepped away from coaching duties to run the Saints' athletic department, which now

includes 14 men's and 13 women's intercollegiate sports. Under his leadership, the Saints have won 62 conference regular season titles, 60 conference tournament titles, and made 70 appearances in NCAA Division III Championship tournaments with women's basketball claiming the 2016 and 2019 Division III National Championships.

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



GIVE CIVIL ENGAGEMENT A CHANCE

Valentine hearts are not enough. To truly love, that is to regard the other in an unconditionally positive way, we must listen and be open to the person. This is needed on a personal as well as global scale. In launching One Small Step, StoryCorps® suggests we are living through complicated days in these United States. The country is increasingly disconnected –our mutual distrust is amplified by everything from the corrosive effects of social media to the forces seeking to weaken the foundations of our democracy. Many people in American feel unheard, alone or distrustful. This project, currently being promoted by NKU Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement, is one way of bringing people together, one on one, to share their thoughts and feelings without judging or being judged.

The Northern Kentucky Justice & Peace Committee is studying this and other possible activities to promote civil dialogue. But it's not complicated. At the heart of every process are these basic guidelines:

- Invite someone whose point of view is different from your own to have a conversation over coffee or lunch.
- Don't persuade, defend or interrupt. Be respectful.
- Share some of your life experiences.
- What issues deeply concern you?
- Be curious. What have you always wanted to ask someone from "the other side"?

I am drawn to take action in this way. I haven't quite figured out who I will invite, or when, or the other specifics that need to be planned to really turn the idea into action. But writing this is my launch pad. Thank you for empowering me by listening.

A final thought from Rumi:
Out beyond ideas of right doing,
wrong doing,
there is a field.
I'll meet you there.

Sr. Dorothy Schuette, OSB

originally posted Wednesday, February 13, 2019

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

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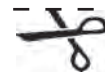
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