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Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel
Celebrates 10 Years

On a beautiful late summer day, the Thomas More community gathered to celebrate the start of a new academic year at an outdoor Convocation. Below, student Abby Hightchew addresses the gathering.





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Make It **More.**

Thomas More University campus is alive with change and innovation as work to achieve goals created in our Strategic Plan - Lighting the Way, and the corresponding Second Century Campaign - Its time for More, are well underway. New facilities are being created, while old facilities are being transformed to give our students exceptional spaces to thrive during their time at Thomas More.

Potential students have undoubtedly noticed our work to enhance the student experience as enrollment again reaches record numbers. Our latest class of incoming Saints set several enrollment records for the University, including the largest number of first-year students. Additionally, with 41 international students, nearly 10% of the incoming class, the University saw its largest raw total and percentage of students from outside of the U.S. Residence halls have also seen a boost, with 451 students living on campus, the largest residential population in University history.

Other goals being met include raising the stature and reputation of Thomas More University. In early September, U.S. News & World Report announced its 2022-2023 Best Colleges guide. Thomas More University earned multiple spots on the badge-eligible list, seeing a nine-spot jump in Regional South Universities, and moving up three spots in Best Value. Through our continued focus on the themes of student success, academic innovation, and responsible stewardship, we have made immense progress in elevating our reputation and creating outside awareness of the high quality, Catholic Liberal Arts education offered at Thomas More.

As you read further into this edition of the Moreover, you will find more in-depth details about the many changes and innovations happening at Thomas More University. This is an exciting time for the Thomas More community as we grow the size of our campus and augment our academic space for teaching, learning, and innovation. Goals set by the Second Century Campaign are becoming a reality thanks to the support of our community. Our astounding progress in the past year has reminded me of the strength we possess when we come together to accomplish a shared goal. I look forward to our continued work toward achieving the goals set forth in our strategic plan, while always prioritizing the University's commitment to student success, academic excellence, and innovation.



Go Saints!

President Joseph L. Chillo, LPD.



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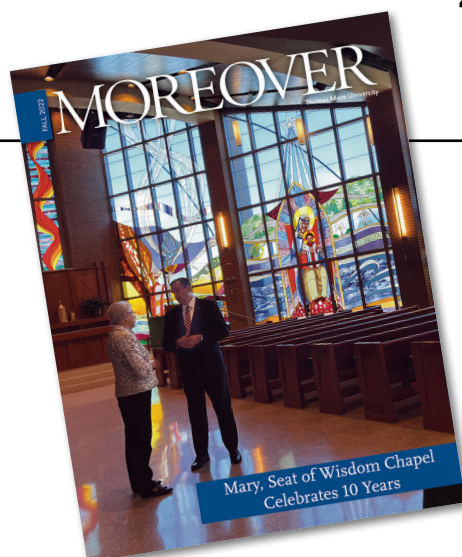
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Lighting the Way into the Second Century

responsible stewardship

The Second Century Campaign – It's time for More continues to surpass goals. Through the support of this capital campaign, academic, administrative, and physical changes are taking place on the University campus fueled by the initiatives set forth in the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan – Lighting the Way. The success of the Second Century Campaign ensures the University reaches aspirational goals developed through the strategic plan; to impact the community with the intention to be the premier Catholic university in the region. Primary to all work done, is ensuring that students at Thomas More are both successful in career and in life.

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Student success revolves around providing the support necessary academically, socially (i.e. through athletics, extra-curriculars, networking), personally, and financially. Financially, Thomas More ensures all traditional students receive some sort of assistance whether it is through scholarships, work ship, work study, or grant access. Finding new ways to increase opportunities for deserving students to receive scholarship dollars is always top of mind and there are several avenues at Thomas More for those who shine through academics, in service to the community, through leadership, in athletics, and now through innovation. The spring Moreover introduced the Dr. Anthony '65 and Geraldine '66 Zembrodt Center for Leadership, Entrepreneurship & Innovation. In partnership with Square1, the Center is pleased to announce that the first

student recipients of Innovation Scholarships are now on campus. Carson Floyd and Colin Wilmhoff, members of the Beechwood High School Materhorn1 team which won Square1's Final Pitch contest in spring 2022, are now Saints. Final Pitch is similar to a Shark Tank atmosphere with teams pitching entrepreneurial ideas to judges in a head-to-head competition.

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President Joe Chillo

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In addition to institutional scholarships, and thanks to the support of alumni, families, and local entities, the University has over 100 endowed scholarships which make a Thomas More education possible for many students. Through the growth in endowed scholarships, both in number and in value, the University was able to award 9% more in financial support year-over-year from academic year 2020-21 to 2021-22.

In a new development St. Elizabeth Healthcare introduced financial support by establishing an endowed fund that will benefit junior and senior nursing students who are willing to commit to work for the hospital after their graduation date. The scholarships are the newest blessing that has developed from this relationship between these diocesan partners. St. Elizabeth has been a valuable relationship throughout Thomas More's 100 year history, most recently as a resource in support of the athletic training/exercise science programs as well as providing financial support as a partner in procuring the Center for Health Sciences building on Barnwood Drive – current home of the health science programs. In recognition of the long-standing relationship, the University officially unveiled its first named college, the St. Elizabeth College of Natural and Health Sciences, on Sept. 30. “In naming the St. Elizabeth College of Natural and Health Sciences, we are solidifying the partnership of two mission-driven institutions that are committed to serving the regional community,” says President Chillo. “This partnership continues to be beneficial for our students. While obtaining a high-quality, Catholic liberal arts education at Thomas More, our students have opportunities to make valuable connections with St. Elizabeth Healthcare, that could lead to promising career placement.”

As the Center for Health Sciences building provided much needed space for the nursing and exercise science programs, so generous gifts have also improved the quality of the equipment used to educate these dedicated students. In July of 2022, the University officially named a nursing skills lab at this location the “Kathleen McLane Nursing Skills Lab” after the late Kathleen McLane, a devoted nurse who served the Northern Kentucky/greater Cincinnati community until her sudden, accidental death in 1982. The dedication of the lab was made possible through a gift from alumni Mary (McLane) '73 and S. Frank '73 Fritsch. This gift allows the department to update and expand the lab to better train nursing students. “Kathy was a dedicated, loving, and kind nurse who was always there for her patients, her colleagues, her friends, and her family,” recalls her sister, Mary. “She was a true caregiver in every way! She's remembered for her humble spirit.” A ceremony was held at the skills lab on what would have been McLane's 70th birthday, on July 30, 2022. Through the Kathleen McLane Nursing Skills Lab, McLane's legacy lives on, making an impact on the region's future nurses.

In addition to upgrades in equipment at the Center for Health Sciences, the Science Building on the main campus has also reaped the benefits of an excellent donation. Thanks to a gift to

the Second Century Campaign by the Dr. George A. and Delores E. Renaker Foundation, the biology department purchased an Anatomage Table. The Anatomage Table is the world's only virtual dissection table and the most technologically advanced 3D anatomy visualization system for anatomy and physiology education. The new table is already being integrated into labs for Fall 2022 courses. And not to be soon forgotten, recently retired biology professor Siobhan Barone was honored with the naming of the K. Siobhan Barone Cell Culture Laboratory. This naming was made possible thanks to generous contributions from her admirers and colleagues to the University, and is a testament to her work and dedication as part of the Thomas More faculty for 28 years.

There are many other areas on campus that have been in flux from summer into fall. One of those is the Science Lecture Hall which has seen over 50 years of students revolve through its doors. A complete overhaul occurred with upgrades to seating and updates to the technology available in this much used classroom. In the same general area, down the hall across from the Benedictine Library you will now find the President's Office as, true to his word, the Saints Center has been transformed back to a true student center with additional space available for study, meeting, collaborating, or just hanging out with friends and classmates.

At the June 2, 2022, meeting, the University's Board of Trustees selected Turner Construction Company as the general contractor of the new Academic Center. “The selection of Turner Construction Company as the contractor for Thomas More's new academic center moves our vision for expanded signature programs and new initiatives closer to becoming a reality,” says Judith Marlowe, Ph.D., chair of the Board of Trustees. “Upon careful review of the proposals submitted, Turner emerged as the company of choice given their experience with similar projects as well as the detailed preparation and analysis describing their proposed construction process. The academic center will increase our opportunities to foster engagement and collaboration that benefit not only our students, but also the community.” The University held a ceremonial ground breaking in spring 2022 and construction is now underway. When complete, the 35,000-square foot building will house advanced technology and state-of-the-art classroom environments, a 400-seat auditorium, a technology and prototype lab, the Dr. Anthony '65 & Geraldine '66 Zembrodt Center for Leadership, Entrepreneurship & Innovation, the Center for Faith, Mission, and Catholic Education, and the College of Business.

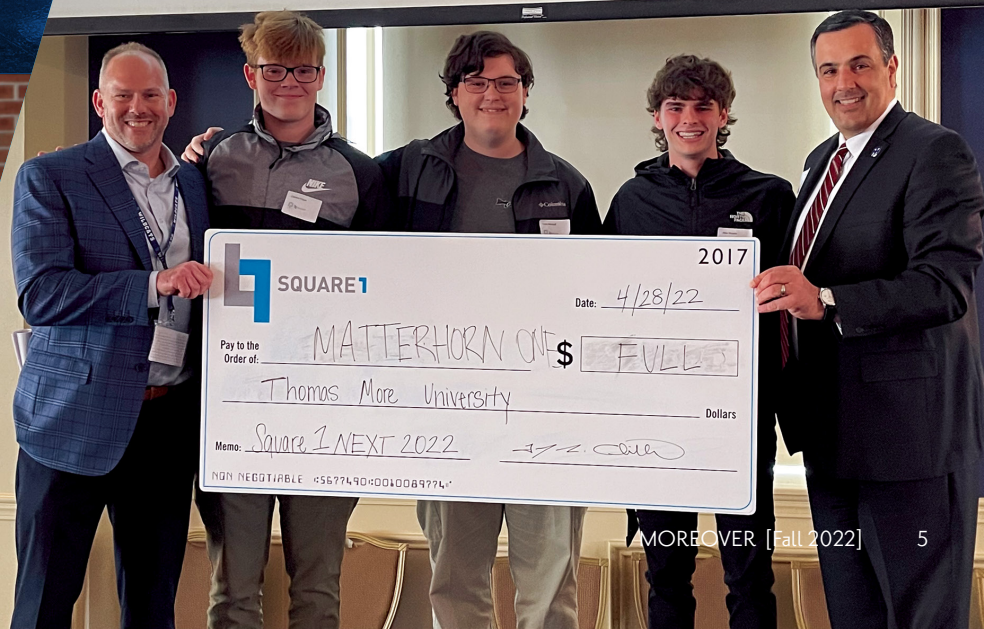
As the College of Business prepares for a new home, it has also been busy with ensuring there are experiential learning opportunities for business students through co-ops and internships. The Republic Bank Foundation Institute for Career and Graduate School Planning (ICG) is still an excellent resource for Thomas More students to pursue all manner of experiential learning opportunities, but the College of Business chose to place their focus on building relationships in the business community through the appointment of Debby Shipp as director of co-op and corporate



Left: The Kathleen McLane Nursing Skills Lab contains state-of-the-art equipment for the next generation of nurses. Below: A ceremonial ground breaking for the new Academic Building took place in spring 2022.



Left: Flags representing the countries of our 75+ international students are proudly displayed in the Saints Center, which has returned to being a true student center. Lower Left: The cheer squad helps Thomas More announce NCAA DII provisional status. Below: Scholarship dollars encouraging innovation were awarded to the winning Square1 Next Pitch team.



engagement. Her goal is to increase the corporate network and ensure the name of Thomas More is top of mind and synonymous with high-quality students for talent pipelines to regional businesses. Also, in an effort to add value to the relationship the University has with the region, Debby is building a catalog of professional development courses. These courses are offered to local entities as a way to provide continuing education to their employee base by tapping into the expertise of faculty and staff. In this way, the scholarship displayed by faculty and staff, as defined through academic study and achievement, is shared with a wider base in the community surrounding the University.

With the concept of scholarship as it relates to academic achievement in mind, what is the University doing to improve the overall perception of Thomas More as an excellent place to fulfill higher learning goals? The University has always enjoyed a stellar reputation for academics and plans to continue that tradition into the next century. One method is to

improve the position the University holds in the U.S. News and World Best Colleges Report. From 2021 to 2022 the University improved its position by nine spots in the best Regional South Universities category and moved up three spots in the Best Value category. More work is being done to share the great stories and work that Thomas More alumni, faculty, and staff take part in outside of the classroom in an effort to further improve this ranking.

The launch of the Center for Teaching, Learning, and Scholarship provides monthly workshops on a selection of topics intended to enhance faculty and staff learning and experience. Life-long learning enriches faculty/staff satisfaction both as individuals and as members of the college community. The University also received a NetVUE (Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education) grant which is being used to create a professional learning community on campus that will explore how vocation, community, and student success is defined and used across campus. More information about this exciting initiative is available on **page 29**. In addition to senior leadership working on the impact of vocation at Thomas More, leadership has also committed to a Kentucky-wide initiative being championed by the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education as it pertains to equitable student success. The Kentucky Council on Post-Secondary Education accepted an invitation to participate on behalf of the Commonwealth in a pilot program which explores strategies at the leadership level that impact diversity, equity, and belonging on a college campus. The initiative includes both public and private degree-granting institutions. Learn more in-depth information about this commitment on **page 27**.

While this initiative is at the statewide level, closer to home Thomas More is participating in the Dr. James E. Randolph Initiative. As explained when it was introduced in the spring Moreover, this initiative strives to increase diversity in STEM fields, specifically medical, healthcare, and in scientific research settings. Thanks to the hard work of faculty members William Wetzel, Ph.D., and Jyoti Saraswat, Ph.D., Thomas More hosts Holmes High School students on campus in November for a day-long

introduction to the different avenues by which acquiring a college education can secure a career in nursing, exercise science, biology, or/and chemistry. High paying jobs at STEM organizations can improve upward mobility for this segment of the population, as well as increase much needed diversity in the field. Five different Black students and alums (Antonio Booker '13, Jared Bulluck, Olivia Jackson, Dillon Powell '20, and Louis Walker III '16) from Thomas More were kind enough to participate in interviews which share their journeys to a career in STEM in support of the Randolph Initiative. This type of participation keeps the name of Thomas More in front of the community as a resource for making the region a better place where everyone can live and thrive.

In another turn of events which adds to the prestige of the Saints athletic program, it was announced in July 2022 that the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II (NCAA DII) granted Thomas More provisional membership, making

them the only Division II University in the Northern Kentucky/greater Cincinnati region. Participation in the NAIA for the past three years was excellent preparation as a pathway to DII, with the Saints playing out the 2022-23 year in the Mid-South Conference before moving to DII as member of the Great Midwest Athletic Conference. "The transition to the NCAA is significant as we continue to enhance our regional position as the premier Catholic Liberal Arts University," says President Chillo. "The experience that we create for our student-athletes is intentional

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President Joe Chillo

and designed for success in the classroom and on the field of competition. As we invest in our athletics program by adding new sports, full-time coaches, and renovations and expansions in facilities, this opportunity to elevate the position of Thomas More Athletics with the reputation and brand of the NCAA is a significant and transformational endeavor." More information about this transition to NCAA DII is available on **page 44** in Saints Sidelines.

One new sport added to the athletic program at the start of the 2022-23 academic year is esports. The program is part of the National Association of Collegiate Esports (NACE). Esports encompasses competitive, organized video gaming, which has emerged in recent years as one of the world's most booming business ecosystems. To read more about esports as part of the Saints intercollegiate teams, go to **page 47** in Saints Sidelines.

There is so much to be thankful for at Thomas More. Without the support of alumni and friends of the University, and the engagement of faculty, staff, and students, this region would not be what it is today. Northern Kentucky, southeast Indiana, and greater Cincinnati as a whole, benefit from the ties created by those who have been touched by this University. However you want to describe this symbiotic relationship, it has been a blessing for all.

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For more information about any of the initiatives that appear in this story, please visit more.thomasmore.edu. If you would like to provide support for any of these initiative, please use the envelope at the center of this Moreover or visit thomasmore.edu/give.

CAMPUS NEWS

1. ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

The 2022 Senior Academic Awards were presented on May 10, in advance of Commencement weekend (more about Commencement on **page 30**). A list of the graduating students and faculty award winners who were honored can be found at tmuky.us/22grad.

Undergraduate Academic Awards were presented on August 26 with over 100 students honored for their academic achievements and excellence during the 2021-22 school year. For a list of undergraduate students honored, visit tmuky.us/22undergrad.

2. WELCOMING THE NEWEST SAINTS

Classes for the new academic year began on Aug. 15, 2022. Academic Convocation on Aug. 24 marked the official welcome for returning and new Saints by the campus community. Another record class was enrolled as 455 first year students joined the ranks of Saints. Just a few interesting statistics about this new class include that 14.5% come from the Diocese of Covington and Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Also 41 international students, nearly 10% joined the expanding group making for the largest total number of international students ever on campus. To read more about this incoming class, the official release can be viewed at tmuky.us/22welcome.

3. EVA G. FARRIS ART GALLERY FEATURES A FORMER GALLERY DIRECTOR, A 1984 ALUMNUS, AND PARTICIPATES IN FOTOFOCUS 2022

The fall exhibition season for the Eva G. Farris Art Gallery had an outstanding lineup leading off with the show Reverent Boundaries by artist and former gallery director Carol Grape. The show meshed the concepts of civility with functionality as Carol explored the historical role of the handkerchief as it has morphed into the face mask of today.

Next, the gallery welcomed Thomas More alum Cody Goodin '84 and his exhibit The Madness in My Head. Cody is a textile artist and over the years has created an inner sanctuary which he calls Codyland. This exploration of the different characters and places in that world are fueled by imagination and intriguing for the viewer. For a Saints Spotlight about Cody, go to **page 32**.

The return of FotoFocus 2022 is a favorite in the region as galleries from as far north as Columbus and as far south as Louisville participate in this biennial nod to photography as art. The Eva G. Farris Art Gallery has participated since 2012 — the inaugural year of FotoFocus. Sarah Hoskins' exhibit Homeplace graced the gallery walls for three weeks from mid-October until early November. What began as a documentary project for Hoskins, turned into something else as her life became intertwined with those in the communities until she was no longer an objective observer.

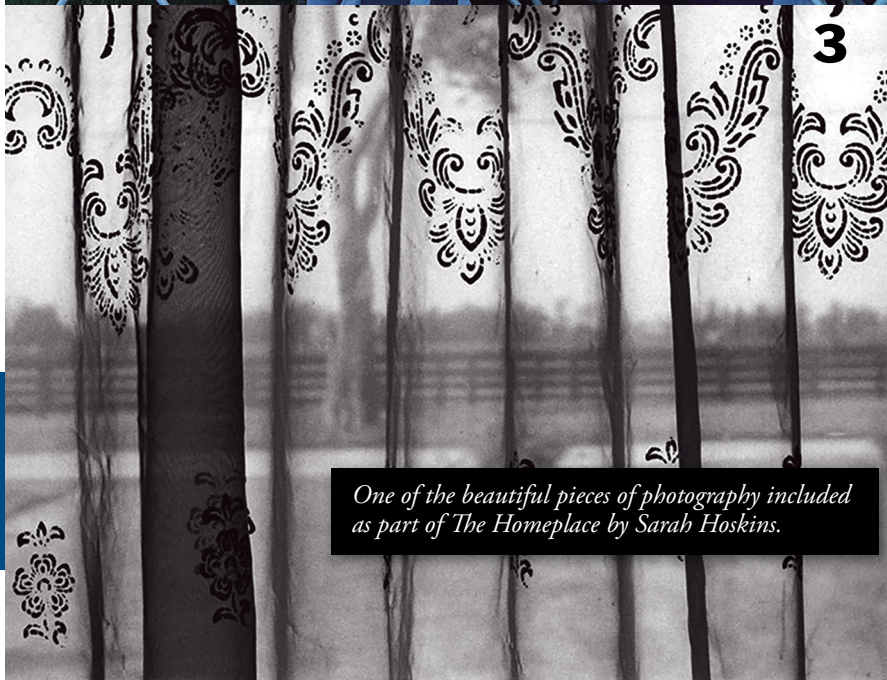
For the latest information on gallery shows, visit thomasmore.edu/artgallery.



Professor Caitlin Dwyer presents psychology undergraduate awards in fall 2022.



The faculty procession arrives to start the 2022 Academic Convocation in an outdoor ceremony.



One of the beautiful pieces of photography included as part of The Homeplace by Sarah Hoskins.



Citizen's Police Academy is Ideal Partnership for Criminal Justice

The Lakeside Park-Crestview Hills Police Department provides experiential learning for criminal justice students.

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Criminal justice students are getting real-world experience through a continuing partnership with the Lakeside Park-Crestview Hills police department. This partnership benefits both the students and Northern Kentucky police departments, who have faced diminishing applicant pools in recent years.

Seeking a hands-on career preparation opportunity for her students, Amy Thistlethwaite, Ph.D., professor of criminal justice, collaborated with Michael J. Paolucci, MSSL, sergeant at the Lakeside Park-Crestview Hills police department, morphing a version of the police department's Citizen's Police Academy into a six-week student academy program. The first cohort of students began in October 2019. "The idea was to cover a variety of topics within the police profession while incorporating a hands-on approach to not only allow the students to experience what it was like to be a police officer, but to give them an opportunity to see how they would perform in certain police functions," explains Paolucci.

The initial launch of the program was a success but was ultimately placed on hold due to the pandemic. Ellie Megerle, M.S., assistant professor in the sociology and criminal justice department at Thomas More, worked with Paolucci to get the academy up and running again in 2022, this time as a seven-week program embedded in the curriculum of Megerle's theory and philosophy of policing course. "It has been a really great joint effort, combining academics with real life experiences in law enforcement," says Megerle. Thirteen students participated in the



*Top: The 2022 CRJ210 class had a memorable experience during their Police Academy training.
Bottom: Students take a quick snap shot with their completion certificates and plaques.*



\$15K GRANT FROM DUKE SUPPORTS BFS

The summer internship program at the Biology Field Station relies on gifts and grants to support their STEM efforts and outreach. The Duke Energy Foundation has once again proven to be a valuable and reliable partner in this effort awarding Professor Chris Lorentz and the Field Station a \$15,000 grant to continue this excellent summer program. In 2022, 13 interns from eight different colleges/universities (five from Thomas More) took advantage of the excellent learning opportunity provided by a summer at the Field Station.



ROSARY RALLY

The Rosary Rally returned as a blessing to start the new academic year and sports season. This year the weather pushed the event indoors as students participated in this powerful prayer in the Connor Convocation Center. This is the seventh year for the Rosary Rally as athletic teams and contingents of students joined President Joe Chillo, Monsignor Gerald Twaddell, Director of Campus Ministry Andrew Cole, and other administrators in attendance.

student success

reintroduction of the course, gaining a unique perspective through closely working with officers. "My experience in the student police academy was a phenomenal one," declares Thomas More criminal justice major Tommy Ray. "The officers were more than helpful in assisting and aiding us in how certain police operations and investigations work."

The immersive experience allows students to go beyond basic police functions, examining every aspect of an officer's role, including practical scenarios in patrol operations, communications, legal issues, crime scene processing, DUI and drug investigations, hiring processes, and homicide case studies. "My favorite part would have to be meeting the SWAT team and seeing the K-9," says Alassane Diallo, a criminal justice student participating in the program. Students also visit the firing range and participate in a mock trial. "It gave me a better idea of what I would be going through in this profession," adds student participant Alison Whitley.

The Lakeside Park-Crestview Hills police department originally launched a Citizen's Police Academy in 2014, as academies of



2022 SAINTS SERVE

As Moreover went to press, the second annual Saints Serve occurred on Oct. 11. All students, faculty, and staff put aside their usual duties and joined forces to serve the local community, living out the mission of the University. Over 80 locations served by more than 45 different non-profit organizations were included in the outreach of service performed by Saints this year. Watch for a follow up story in the spring as we look forward to sharing the impact this day had on the community and the student participants.



TIKTOK ENGAGES PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS

Social media is a powerful tool when it comes to engaging with the outside world and telling the story of Thomas More University. It is no surprise that where young people gather digitally changes with each new platform's introduction. Use of TikTok has EXPLODED since its launch in 2016 with over a billion users in 150 different countries. Thomas More has recruited the help of a team of students as we explore this "newer" media and introduce potential students to what we have to offer in a fun and interactive way. Look for @thomasmoreky on TikTok today.

this type grew in popularity throughout the nation. The academy offers community members the opportunity to gain insight into some of the different facets of law enforcement while fostering a healthy dialogue between the community and the police department. The Citizen's Police Academy is a seven-week program that meets one evening a week to cover a range of topics related to modern day policing.

Through community partnerships and dedicated faculty, Thomas More remains at the forefront of offering experiential learning opportunities that best serve students and prepare them for a successful future. "This experience made me grateful for the officers who protect and serve our community," states student Tommy Ray. Megerle looks to continue the student police academy through the partnership with the Lakeside Park-Crestview Hills police department. "They made learning fun and created hands-on scenarios for us to do," expresses student participant Sarah Whaley. "This class allowed me to see how officers genuinely work and allowed me to ask real officers questions about the job."

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Living the Thomas More Mission

Cleves Scholars re-build the Compassion Pantry

SUBMITTED BY KIERA BOWMAN '22 AND SAMANTHA PALMER

In summer 2021, during a quiet day on the Thomas More University campus, staff members Kiera Bowman and Samantha Palmer started to brainstorm ideas to revive the Thomas More Compassion Pantry. They knew it would require a great deal of work, and that they would need help.

Similar to other programs during the pandemic, the Cleves Scholars faced challenges. Scholars were unable to meet their service hours, and all events had shifted to an online format. Kiera and Samantha had both attended universities that emphasized the importance of community service and were eager to bring that same energy to the Cleves Scholars program. It was the perfect time to try something new. Knowing what they wanted to build would be drastically different from what Cleves Scholars had done in the past, they developed a well thought out and meaningful plan to pitch to Cleves Scholars leadership. Armed with years of experience in service-learning and a lifelong passion for service to others, they began the process of creating the syllabus, stating their expectations, and merging the two goals of reviving the Compassion Pantry and expanding the character development and community engagement of those participating in the Cleves Scholars program.

Student buy-in and accountability would be a significant component of the plan since Cleves Scholars involvement had historically been voluntary. In addition, Kiera and Samantha wanted to be mindful of the scholars' time commitment. The actions necessary to revive the pantry were divided into seven distinct projects: Suggestion Box, Donations/Drives, Marketing, Survey Creation, Amazon Wish List, Management Manual, and Interviews, Videos, & Articles. The syllabus provided a week-by-week chart that guided the scholars from developing their team relationships, to implementing their projects, to presenting their results and reflections.

Fifty three first-year and sophomore scholars were divided into teams to focus on individual projects. Each team chose a leader and



You can be a part of the Compassion Pantry project through a donation that is shipped directly to campus and made available to students in need by visiting tmuky.us/pantrygift. Thank you for taking part in this community effort.



*Above Right: Photos from the opening project session at the launch of the 2021-2022 academic year as planning began in earnest.
Below: Group photo of all the Cleves Scholars who had active roles in resurrecting the Compassion Pantry on campus.*



IRL FEATURES U.S. AMBASSADORS AT LARGE

As Moreover heads to press, the IRL has an interfaith event which takes place on Nov. 3 featuring current Ambassador Rashad



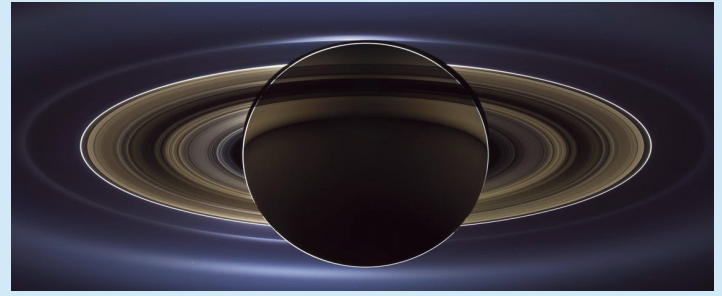
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Hussain and former Ambassador David Saperstein from the U.S. Office of International Religious Freedom. The ambassadors speak to "Comparative

Perspectives on International Religious Freedom." To listen/watch this event, visit thomasmore.edu/religiousliberty.

roles for their members. During the fall semester, the teams bonded and brainstormed project plans. Every scholar can agree that the most challenging part of this project was scheduling team meetings. Cleves scholars represented 21 distinct majors and 16 sports teams, plus various clubs, jobs, and volunteer responsibilities. Scholars worked cooperatively to find a common time to work, with two teams making an early start on implementing their projects. The donations/drives team held community-wide food drives, which allowed the pantry to open sooner than expected. The survey creation team also understood how the data they collected would help their fellow teams and created a survey and collected student responses to help guide the other teams.

During the spring semester, all teams focused on implementing their projects, and the Compassion Pantry opened in its new home, room 3302 on the third floor of the Administration building. Students began using the pantry and leaving helpful ideas in the suggestion box. Community members ordered from the pantry's Amazon wish list and packages began to arrive on campus. Over time the pantry added a microwave and full-sized refrigerator to meet ongoing student needs. The marketing team created an Instagram account, and the scholars shared its content to spread the word about this new student resource. The management manual team collected valuable information from each team and built a pantry manual to explain how to keep the pantry running. In addition, the interviews, videos, & articles team



LECTURE SERIES RETURNS TO OBSERVATORY

Astronomy outreach returns with Wes Ryle, Ph.D., physics professor and director of the Thomas More Observatory, releasing dates for the fall 2022 lecture series/night sky viewings with the promise of spring 2023 dates to follow. Professor Ryle covers topics that range from Jupiter's rings to International Returning to the Moon Night and invites special guest speakers as the topic warrants. Observatory lectures/night sky viewings are free and open to the public, and are appropriate for all ages. No reservations required. For details, dates, and topics, visit thomasmore.edu/observatory.

academic innovation

met with each team and documented their journeys. One scholar, Belle Wilson, decided she wanted to do even more to support her classmates. She worked with Kevin McCarthy from Aramark to plan and run two meal swipe donation days. Her efforts allowed Compassion Pantry to collect 100 meal swipe "donations" that students used to eat in the campus dining room.

In April, the scholars, staff, and faculty gathered for the Cleves Compassion Pantry Showcase.

During the showcase, the teams shared their results as presentations that described the outcome of their service-learning projects. The presentations included a reflection on their personal and team journeys, and discussed the impact the projects had on their community.

Kiera and Samantha reflected on this year-long service-learning project saying, "It is still difficult to articulate how proud we are of the scholars and each other. We are eternally grateful for our supervisors who supported our idea and the scholars who brought our plan to fruition. We were confident that, when given the opportunity and guidance, these scholars will

continue to be successful in living out the Thomas More mission. We are honored to be part of their growth in discovering their place in the world and responsibility to others."

Together, Thomas More scholars and employees, have revived the Compassion Pantry, an essential component of a healthy community. It is now available to all students experiencing food insecurity or are in need of hygiene products.

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Reflections from Cleves Scholars

"As someone that sometimes doesn't know if they will be able to get lunch at school that day, this project has been especially important to me. I know that people other than myself have this issue and it is great to know we are helping."

"This experience has shown me how much we care for each other at Thomas More. It showed me how we, as college students, can make a big difference and create a program to help others as long as we work together and put our minds to it."

"I think the compassion pantry is an amazing part of Thomas More and it shows just how much staff and students care about the well-being of all staff and students."

Visit tmuky.us/22compassion for the full story and a video on the work of the Cleves Scholars with the Compassion Pantry.

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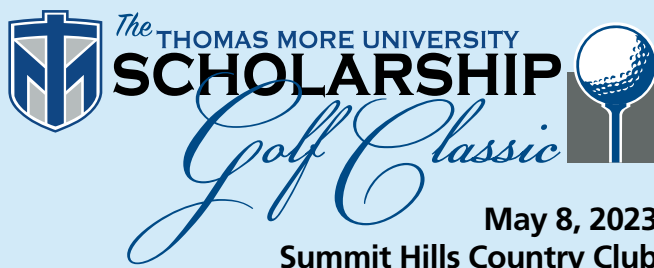
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Associate Director of Development

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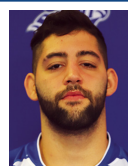
Save the Date



May 8, 2023

Summit Hills Country Club

The Scholarship Golf Classic is scheduled for Monday, May 8, 2023. Take your business to the golf course and help ambitious students realize their dreams. More details to follow as foursome and sponsorship opportunities are available for this yearly outing which benefits The Fund for Thomas More. To learn more call 859.344.3344



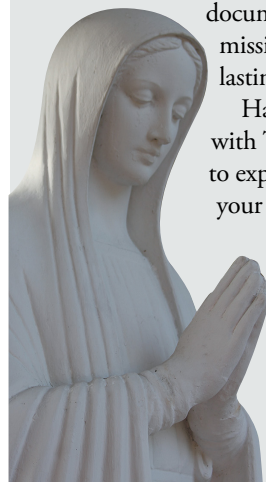
"Thomas More scholarships allow me to succeed as a student and a rugby player. These made it possible to pursue my dream to graduate in sports entertainment and marketing." - Tomas Casares '24

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responsible stewardship

Focus of New Pilot Program is on Equitable Student Success

Thomas More senior administration joins a Kentucky-wide initiative with a goal to drive equity-focused student success.

SUBMITTED BY LYNNA KELLEY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PR

In January 2022, Thomas More University joined in a pilot initiative introduced by the John N. Gardner Institute for Excellence in Undergraduate Education (Gardner Institute) and the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB). The initiative, called the Governing Board Equity in Student Success Project, is an effort to significantly and equitably improve retention, graduation, and employment rates for all students but especially for those who hail from low-income, rural, and historically marginalized backgrounds. The initiative hopes to tap into the power of higher education governing boards to oversee, envision, and drive equity-focused student success transformation with and through the senior administration.

Following a rigorous selection process, the Commonwealth of Kentucky was invited, and the Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) accepted the offer to become a partner in this initiative, opening the door for Thomas More's participation. Kentucky was selected as the demonstration site because the Commonwealth met specific criteria, including a population of students with high levels of financial need and a large number of rural and BIPOC (Black/Indigenous/People of Color) students. The Commonwealth also has a sophisticated statewide data sharing process in place among the public and private institutions. All Kentucky degree-granting institutions (public/private, 2/4 year) were invited to participate with financial support for the project coming from a generous grant from Ascendium Education Group, a grant-making agency committed to helping degree seekers strengthen their opportunity for social mobility.

The commitment for Thomas More's institutional team, made up of leadership and Board members, starts with participation in an Academy over the course of the next 2+ years. It examines board-level policies and practices, and learns about promising national practices both in board-level governance and in institutional efforts to improve success for all students. It is hoped that by enhancing the knowledge and skills of the governing board members of Kentucky's higher education institutions and senior administrators that these critical leaders build capacity for oversight of institutional initiatives that lead to equitable student success and completion outcomes. "Thomas More University is excited to participate in the inaugural Academy on Governing Board Equity in Student Success," says Interim Vice President for Academic Affairs Jay Langguth, Ph.D., "This initiative brings together trustees, academic affairs representatives, student life leaders, and human resource



President Joe Chillo, with other leadership and Board members, is committed to participation in the Governing Board Equity in Student Success Project introduced by the Gardner Institute.

administrators with the goal of strategically increasing access and equity on campus. I am pleased and humbled to be selected to join in this important project."

"This is a unique opportunity for Thomas More University at this critical juncture as we chart the course for our next century," says Judith A. Marlowe, Ph.D., Chair of the Board of Trustees. "The guiding principle underlying the Academy's program design intentionally brings university governance and operational leadership together to focus strategically on equity throughout the student experience. It is a novel approach that acknowledges that this collaboration is essential in order to achieve meaningful results that support educational success. It is truly an honor to participate in such an innovative project!"

The second part of the commitment is the Retention Performance Management – Governing Board Focus Process in which a deeper student success improvement experience is facilitated by the Gardner Institute for a subset of seven institutions which were involved in the Academy. The Retention Performance Management process engages in an institution-wide self-study of retention data to create and implement an evidenced-based, equity-focused retention plan specific to each institution and requires another 2+ years of work by the institution's teams. The research findings for the entire project will be presented nationally to inform work in other states and regions.

The Governing Board Equity in Student Success project was introduced in Kentucky at the annual Governing Board Professional Development Conference held virtually on Sept. 14, 2021. Thomas More University is one of the post-secondary institutions recruited last fall and officially invited to join the Academy in 2022. We look forward to the new knowledge and skills learned by Thomas More's team as they take full advantage of the Academy portion of the project and implement it to best achieve success for not only our students, but as an example for institutions across the U.S.

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KUDOS TO THOMAS MORE FACULTY AND STAFF ON THEIR ACCOLADES, PRESENTATIONS, AND PUBLISHED WORKS

College of Business



Robinson

Malcolm Robinson, Ph.D., professor, business administration and economics, contributed to moneygeek.com with recommendations on finding the best health insurance. To read Malcolm's expert advice, visit tmuky.us/robinson4. Malcolm also interviewed with wallethub.com about the best way to find car insurance. If you're in the market, you may find some of Malcolm's information helpful. Visit tmuky.us/robinson5 to hear what he has to say.



Rudnick

Jack Rudnick, Jr., FACHE, Ed.D., professor, business administration and economics, was invited to serve, and completed an assignment, as a peer reviewer for The New England Journal of Medicine (NEJM): Catalyst Innovations in Healthcare. The mission of the NEJM (Catalyst Innovations in Care Delivery) is to further the health care delivery transformation conversation among health care executives, clinical leaders, and clinicians. NEJM articles provide real-life examples and actionable solutions to help organizations address urgent challenges affecting health care today.

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences



Enzweiler

Father Raymond Enzweiler, Ph.D., Be.L., associate professor and department chair, theology, was honored with the Good Shepherd Award in spring 2022. The Good Shepherd Award is the highest honor bestowed by the Pontifical College Josephinum upon bishops and clergy. The award is presented annually to an individual who exemplifies in his life and episcopal ministry the qualities of a good shepherd, especially in the promotion of vocations and in support of the Josephinum and its seminarians.



Garriga

Maria C. Garriga, Ph.D., professor, languages and culture, had the article "Advancing Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Initiatives by Contextualizing Institution-Wide Metrics" appear in the summer issue of the journal The Department Chair, volume 33, number 1, pp. 26-27.



Hansel

Pauletta Hansel, artist in residence, participated in the April Literary Club Poet Laureate Series at the Literary Club in Cincinnati, Ohio. As a seasoned writer Pauletta Hansel has nine different poetry collections. The newest is "Heartbreak Tree," a poetic exploration of the intersection of gender and place in Appalachia, published in 2022 by Madville Publishing. Others include "Friend," "Coal Town Photograph" and "Palindrome," winner of the 2017 Weatherford Award for best Appalachian poetry, all from Dos Madres Press. She is 2022 Writer-in-Residence for The Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County. Her writing has been featured in "Oxford American," "Rattle," "Appalachian Journal," "The Anthology of Appalachian Writers," "American Life in Poetry," "Verse Daily" and "Poetry Daily," among others. Pauletta was Cincinnati's first Poet Laureate (2016-2018) and past managing editor of "Pine Mountain Sand & Gravel."



Hebert

Raymond G. Hebert, Ph.D., professor, history, and executive director of the Wm. T. (Bill) Robinson III '67 Institute for Religious Liberty, is one of only three Northern Kentuckians on the prestigious Thomas D. Clark Foundation Board. Founded in 1994 by 12 prominent Kentuckians, the Foundation Board is a private non-profit foundation which offers an endowment to support the publication of books about Kentucky. In 2022, Ray chaired the Foundation's Medallion Book Award Nomination Committee that unanimously recommended Alicestyne Turley's "The Gospel of Freedom: Black Evangelicals and the Underground Railroad" for the Medallion Book Award and Randy Wykoff and the late

F. Douglas Scutchfield's "Appalachian Health: Culture, Challenges and Capacity" for the Henry Clay Public Policy Book Award.



Stephen Oldfield, assistant professor, creative media, had a short documentary which he produced, directed, shot, and edited entitled "Armor at the Arnold," selected as a finalist for the Johns Hopkins Film Festival. The documentary looks at the burgeoning sport of armored combat. The documentary also was part of the competition at the Arnold Sports Festival in Columbus, Ohio. Oldfield shared the process with his documentary film class and journalism students during the spring 2021 semester. Oldfield also contributed an article about up-and-coming artist and alum Michael Thompson '21 to Spectrum News 1 for the 2022 Juneteenth holiday. To watch the coverage and read the article, visit tmuky.us/juneteenth.

Greg Procaccino, assistant professor, creative media, and director of the theatre and Villa Players, directed "Burning the House Down" at the 2022 Cincinnati LAB Theatre's New Works Festival this past July. Cincinnati LAB Theatre is now in its ninth producing season.

St. Elizabeth College of Natural and Health Sciences



Saraswat

Jyoti Saraswat, Ph.D., associate professor, mathematics and physics, was one of three Thomas More employees to appear in the Movers & Makers magazine July issue as Notables in Higher Education. To read the article, visit tmuky.us/notables.



Shiv Sharma, Ph.D., assistant professor, chemistry, published two articles in spring 2022, “Interfacial behavior of Proteinase K enzyme at air-saline subphase” in the Journal of Colloid and Interface Science (Impact Factor 8.128) and “Methods of detection of β -galactosidase enzyme in living cells” in Enzyme and Microbial Technology (Impact Factor 2.287).

Sharma



Harold J. Smith, Ph.D., associate professor and department chair, mathematics and physics, published a research paper titled “On a family of symmetric numerical semigroups with embedding dimension three” in the International Journal of Contemporary Mathematical Sciences, Vol. 17 (1), pp 9-15, 2022.

Smith

Staff



Annabelle Bautista, dean of student engagement and diversity, was chosen as a member of the inaugural cohort of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Encounter Kentucky, a leadership program focused on helping participants develop a deeper sense of belonging in the community. The three-month program began in September and included 25 professionals representing businesses and organizations across Northern Kentucky and Greater Cincinnati. Annabelle also represented Thomas More in the July issue of Movers & Makers magazine as a Notable in Education. To read the article visit tmuky.us/notables.

Bautista



John Ernst, Ph.D., director of the Benedictine Library and advisor of Alpha Lambda Delta (honor society for first-year academic success) chapter at Thomas More University, was one of five chapter advisors nationwide selected to receive the Executive Director’s Advisor Award from national Alpha Lambda Delta. To read the release, visit tmuky.us/ernst.

Ernst



Kevin Reynolds, Ed.D., vice president, institutional advancement, was one of three employees at Thomas More to appear in Movers & Makers magazine July issue as Notables in Higher Education. To read the article, visit tmuky.us/notables.

Reynolds



Justin Vogel, dean of enrollment, is a member of the 44th Class of Leadership Northern Kentucky announced in July by the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce. Leadership Northern Kentucky is a 10-month course that assists participants in learning about the region’s strengths and challenges.

Vogel

NETVUE GRANT FUNDS VOCATION IN CAMPUS

Thomas More received grant funding through the Network for Vocation in Undergraduate Education (NetVUE), which allows the University to create a professional learning community comprised of eight faculty and staff, with a team of four leaders. The work of this group will have a major impact on Thomas More students as they explore how vocation, community, and student success can be defined and implemented across campus.

NetVUE, an initiative administered by the Council of Independent Colleges (CIC), is a nationwide network of colleges and universities formed to enrich exploration of vocation among undergraduate students. The NetVUE professional development award is for use over one full academic year to support professional development activities that strengthen vocational exploration and discernment programming for students. Initiatives this learning community could potentially touch and revise include the core curriculum, restructuring advising, and developing a more robust first-year student experience. “Because of these initiatives,” explains program lead Kim Haverkos, Ph.D., dean of the College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, “now is an excellent time to explicitly embed vocation and calling into the school culture.” This funding is a natural extension of that work, allowing intentional integration of vocation and calling into University programs.

“The professional development funded through the NetVUE grant will move forward initiatives from our Strategic Plan - Lighting the Way, through shifting and sustaining the ways that our mission is lived out on campus,” says President Joe Chillo. “This project enables our faculty and staff to enhance their knowledge and skills needed to guide our students in understanding their place in the world and their responsibility to others.”

The professional learning community began in July 2022 with plans to meet a total of 15 times throughout the academic year. Each participant of the program will develop a deliverable that incorporates an aspect of vocation, community, and student success into course programming to be implemented in the 2023-24 academic year. An assessment to measure the effectiveness of this implementation on student engagement will be implemented and participation will be strategic and ongoing, with the leadership team working to embed professional development into the culture of faculty and staff.

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS ADDS NEW ROLE



Debby Shipp has been appointed director of co-op & corporate engagement for the College of Business. She provides oversight, programmatic development, and additional support for the implementation of this program specific to the College of Business. Her goal is to ensure the success of Thomas More students through connecting them to career opportunities. Debby also designs and offers professional development curricula to local entities. She plays an important role in advancing partnerships with local, regional, and national corporations that benefit Thomas More students and alumni. “In the fast-paced, competitive world of business, real-life experiences are an essential part of every student’s preparation,” says Bruce Rosenthal, Ph.D., dean of the College of Business. If you have co-op/internship needs and would like to connect with Thomas More students, please contact Debby at shippd@thomasmore.edu or call 859-344-3603. For the full release on this program, visit tmuky.us/22shipp.

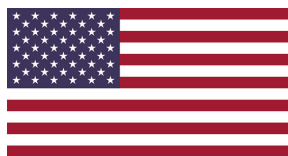
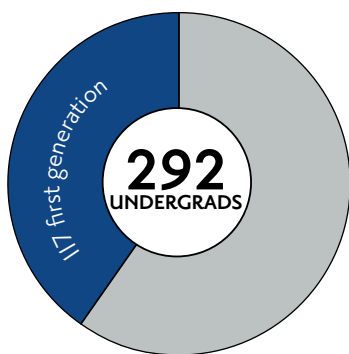
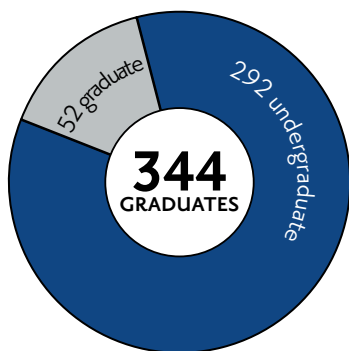
Shipp

CLASS OF 2022

SUBMITTED BY LYN KELLE, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PR



350
TOTAL DEGREES



12 Veterans or Active Military among graduates



137
played sports at some point in their college career

student success

In a break from the walk-through in-person ceremonies Thomas More held during the height of the pandemic, 2022 marked the first traditional ceremony since 2019. The University honored their newest alumni with a day of commencement fun, as more than 340 students gathered with family and friends to celebrate their hard work.

"This community is proud of you and excited for the future you are going to pave with your new, well-earned degree," said President Joe Chillo in a message to graduates. "As you go out into the world, serving as great leaders in your future endeavors, I know that you will succeed because of the education and Saints experience you've received here at Thomas More. You have made an impact on this campus, and now you are equipped to make an impact in our community and world."

Three hundred forty-four students received 350 degrees at two ceremonies that honored the achievements of the entire class of 2022. Degrees were conferred upon 292 undergraduate and 52 graduate students, with 117 undergraduate students being the first in their family to achieve this goal. The class had representatives from 10 states and four countries, with 12 military veterans among their ranks.

"Not only did we persevere through the demands of pursuing higher education," said Brianna Hoegermeyer in her commencement address, "but we also advocate for minorities, feed the hungry, and participate in cleaning up our environment. We thrive, even through COVID-19. Our community did not let the pandemic stop us. I want to recognize the faculty and staff that have been unwavering in their dedication to their students and to the community at large."

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To read the full press release and view a photo gallery of Commencement 2022, visit tmuky.us/commence2022.

In a break from previous Commencement Exercises, mortar boards were decorated to reflect the joy of an in-person celebration.



STUDENT AWARDS



Bishop John Iffert celebrates his first Commencement as Thomas More chancellor.



Garren Colvin '86 is awarded an honorary degree.



Fangman

THE PRESIDENTIAL AWARD

Honoring the top senior from each college who exemplified the mission of the University and the importance of service to others.

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES

CAITLIN FANGMAN

Elementary Education

ST. ELIZABETH COLLEGE OF NATURAL & HEALTH SCIENCES

BRIANNA HOEGERMAYER

Biology (concentration in cellular and molecular biology)



Hoegermayer



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COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

VICTORIA M. RAQUE

Accountancy, Business Administration, and Ethical Leadership

THE FIRST GENERATION STUDENT AWARD

Honoring one student from each ceremony who demonstrated leadership in curriculum, promotes a life of faith, and is the first person in their family to attend college.

EHMET BARRETT THORNTON-AYRES

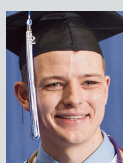
Psychology (minor in history)



Thornton-Ayres

MAX HENNESSEY

Accountancy, Business Administration



Hennessey

THE DEAN'S GRADUATE AWARD

Honoring the top student among the graduate programs who exemplifies the mission of the University.

JESUS AVILA '18

Master of Business Administration

Avila also earned an undergraduate business degree in 2018.



Avila

LIFELONG LEARNING AWARD

Recognizes the student who epitomizes what it is to be a member of the Thomas More accelerated program.

MELINDA SIMPSON KELLAM

Bachelor of Business Administration



Kellam

FACULTY AWARDS

OVERALL FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR

AMY THISTLETHWAITE, PH.D. SOCIOLOGY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE

UNDERGRADUATE FULL-TIME FACULTY MEMBER

DEBRA (DEE) ALLEN, PH.D. SPECIAL EDUCATION

PART-TIME FACULTY AWARD WINNER

CHRISTOPHER BRYSON '93/'00/'15 BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

THE THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES AWARDED AN

HONORARY DOCTORATE OF MEDICINE TO

GARREN COLVIN '86

Garren has served as president and chief executive officer of St. Elizabeth Healthcare since June 2015, having joined St. Elizabeth Healthcare in May 1983 as a co-op student while attending Thomas More.



SAINTS SPOTLIGHT

Cody Goodin '84, Textile Artist

SUBMITTED BY LYNA KELLEY,
LYNA KELLEY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PR

Cody Goodin '84 exhibited a solo show in the Eva G. Farris Art Gallery this fall and Moreover invited him to discuss his time at Thomas More and his journey as an artist.

What drew you to Thomas More as a student?

CG: Well, to be perfectly honest, it was very close to home. My guardian, my grandmother, who raised me at the time, felt that it would be a good school to go to because she had heard lots of good things about it. I had actually attended a little summer camp workshop experience with the science department when I was in high school, so I kind of knew about it, and so that's how I ended up going there.

What stands out in your mind about your student experience?

CG: Actually, there are several things. The biggest thing I think that I took away, aside from my education, was the community experience. Everyone, especially the instructors, were very accommodating, welcoming, interested, and invested in their students. I made a lot of good friends through my experience at Thomas More. And then my education was, I think, very superior to some that might come out of universities (Thomas More remained a college until 2018). Because our department was so small, you had as much instruction as you wanted or as much as the teacher felt like putting up with. So, it was a very intensive but very well received education. I am so happy that I got the education that I did.

Have you stayed in contact with former classmates?

CG: Oh, yeah, mostly through Facebook because they've all moved to other parts of the country. I do have a few friends that are still here locally, and we do stay in contact with each other. I haven't had the opportunities to really get together so much. We have from time to time, but life gets in the way.

Tell us about your career path since graduation and how Thomas More may have affected your decisions.

CG: My career path is not necessarily typical. One thing that people may see when they read my biography is that I'm additionally an impaired artist. So being legally blind through most of my life, I was not able to drive a car. Typically, artists will do a couple of things. They will do a lot of art shows where they travel around the country and try to sell their work. That was something that was just not possible for me. So, I started making art and I wasn't super concerned about selling tons of it because I felt like I didn't know who I was as an artist. The education was absolutely wonderful, but I think you don't have enough life behind you to realize

what you want to do. So eventually I found my way through art materials retail. I was in that for 30+ years. I introduced myself to so many different artists, and through that experience, I was able to participate in a lot of different shows. I ended up getting a studio away from home; I have a studio at home and one away. That has allowed me to experience the art world, but in a much different way than I think most students think they're going to. I didn't want to live out the typical thought of what an artist is: a starving artist that can never make money. I didn't want to do that. So that's why I got a day job, and the day job allowed me to pursue my art as a secondary career. The bonus for me was working in an art materials retail environment. I have lots of art materials to play with. Over the years, I developed a huge knowledge base about materials, how they function, and what you use them for. I became sort of like this walking encyclopedia of art materials and art material processes.

That served me very well in my pursuit of art.

Can you tell us about your exhibition which appeared in the Eva G. Farris Gallery?

CG: It's called The Madness in My Head. I really racked my brain. Once Liz Neal (director of the gallery) offered me the show, I kept thinking, what am I going to do? What do I want to say? And I thought, this is an opportunity to show a retrospective of my life. The art runs a range of interests and things that I do. I'm predominantly a textile-based artist, but I do have some sculpture. It chronicled my life as an artist and shows what I do with my art. I use my art a lot for personal healing and for uplifting myself and asking questions about life. It's very storytelling in a way. I do not consider myself a predominantly intellectual artist, I'm very much interested in art from the heart and how it affects the viewer or the audience, and how it affects me.

Any advice for current students?

CG: First and foremost, be authentic to yourself. Don't push yourself into anything when you're not ready. Don't think you've got it all figured out once you graduate, because you don't. You've got so much life ahead of you. Experience as much

as you can. Be gentle on yourself and just do it. Take time, a day or an hour or a week; do as much as you can to feed that creative process. Some people are lucky, they go into a particular branch of art that gives them employment right away, like graphic arts. But fine artists who paint or sculpt or whatever it is that they do, aren't always so lucky. It takes a lot of persistence, especially if you're trying to get gallery representation. Nowadays, there's way more opportunities to show your work than there was when I graduated. There was no internet, it was all word-of-mouth and whatever show you could get in. Now you've got the internet, you've got social media, and there's so many art institutions here in Cincinnati that didn't exist back when I was a student. So just be yourself, do the work, show up everyday or as often as you can to your studio or create a clip, then just do it.

MOREOVER

To listen to Cody's interview, visit tmuky.us/goodin. For more about his art, visit Instagram page [instagram.com/codyart](https://www.instagram.com/codyart).



"Take Me To Your Leader," Cody's favorite piece in his show *The Madness in My Head*.



Call to All Artist Alums

Be a part of the 2023 Alumni Exhibition | Jan. 12 - Feb. 9

The Department of Creative Media shouts out to all alumni; we are looking for submissions for an exhibit which is open to anyone who ever took an art class at Villa Madonna or Thomas More. This exhibit will showcase the work of alumni artists and will include, but is not limited to: drawing, printmaking, painting, fiber art, sculpture, mixed media art, photography, and more.

For more information, visit the Eva G. Farris Gallery webpage: thomasmore.edu/artgallery or contact Gallery Director Liz Neal at neale@thomasmore.edu. Submission deadline: Jan. 6, 2023.

Passion for the Arts

SUBMITTED BY JUDY CRIST, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Recently retired English Professor Sherry Cook Stanforth dropped Moreover a line this summer. She attended the opening of Sanctuaries by Michael Thompson '21. Via email Sherry explained, "I wanted to send you these wonderful pictures from the Cincinnati Art Museum. I saw so many great creative Thomas More students, it felt like a family reunion. Rachel Whitehill '19, Matt McLaughlin '19, Elizabeth Butler '22, Madison Light '19, Rose Gibson '20 and so many others showed in great spirit for Michael's opening!"

"Michael (and friends) celebrated the Art Museum's opening of the grant-awarded Sanctuaries project, which is part of a larger series, Truth and Inspiration, sponsored by Artswave and Artswave's Black and Brown Artists Program. The program's mission includes inspiring the larger public to participate in 'reconciling the moment and imagining a more just and equitable future for



Taking advantage of a selfie moment in the Art Museum: Sherry Cook Stanforth, Madison Light (background), Michael Thompson, and Manuel Iris with daughter Olivia.



(Left to right) Rose Gibson, Michael Thompson, Sherry Cook Stanforth, Madison Light.

the Cincinnati region through the arts. Michael's exploration of local artists' sacred spaces included Thomas More student Sebastian Carlos, as well as former Cincinnati Poet Laureate and friend of the Creative Writing Vision program Manuel Iris. Michael's paintings were inspired by ethnographic research, creative empathy, and place making as a source for 'a living relationship system.'

Sherry went on to explain her personal connection and passion for this project: "I worked with Michael as he formed his grant application. We'll collaborate on the book project arising from his Sanctuaries grant in the next phase, and we are also collaborating on events that I am offering through the Originary Arts Initiative as the year rolls forward. Michael will be one of my retreat/workshop leaders and Ariel Long '20 is also getting involved at this level, already serving as the regional journal Pine Mountain Sand & Gravel editorial intern for this year." Sherry has been busy since retiring with the launch of the Originary Arts Initiative, as a part of the Urban Appalachian Community Coalition, and keeps her Thomas More creative community abuzz. "Thomas More alumni have been attending the Place Keepers open mic virtual event, offered on the final Wednesday of each month through UACC. Michael, Rachel, Ariel, Rose, Rachel Boyer, Alyssa Dowdell '22, Ethan Kohl '21, Courtney Barnoski '21, etc., have all shared work." For more information on the Originary Arts Initiative, contact Sherry at originaryartsinitiative@gmail.com.

MOREOVER

Join the Fun!

Alumni events are a great way to reconnect, network, and socialize. Mark your calendars for these upcoming events!

DECEMBER

ADG UNIVERSAL NIGHT

Friday | Dec. 2, 2022

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARY, SEAT OF WISDOM CHAPEL

Friday | Dec. 9, 2022 | 5 p.m. Mass

Immediately following mass, join the Alumni Association for a reception in Steigerwald Hall. Light bites and wine will be available.

FEBRUARY

JUSTICE DONALD C. WINTERSHEIMER '53 LAWYERS LUNCH

Sunday | Feb. 5, 2023

Additional details TBA

ST. THOMAS MORE'S BIRTHDAY

Feb. 7, 2023

Additional details TBA

MARCH

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Friday | March 3, 2023

Additional details TBA

BISHOP WILLIAM A. HUGHES AWARDS DINNER

Wednesday | March 29, 2023 | 6-9 p.m.

The Bishop William A. Hughes Award was established to honor those who have made significant contributions to Catholic higher education. Honorees TBA.

APRIL

ALUMNI WINE TASTING

Wednesday | April 19, 2023 | 7-9 p.m.

Join alumni and friends in an event full of networking and education. Sip wine and sample fare that is local to the Greater Cincinnati Region

SUSTAINABILITY CELEBRATION DAY

Friday | April 21, 2023

Additional details TBA

MAY

SCHOLARSHIP GOLF CLASSIC

Monday | May 8, 2023

Summit Hills Country Club

For additional information for any of these events, call **859.344.3344**.



ALUMNI AWARDS
THOMAS MORE UNIVERSITY
Alumni Association

Honoring Outstanding Alumni

Do you know someone who deserves to be honored at the next Alumni Awards celebration? Nominations are now open.

The Alumni Awards were established 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. Awards include: citizenship, service, professional achievement, emerging leader, and lasting influence (faculty/staff). For more information, visit tmuky.us/alumniawards. For a complete list of previous award winners, visit tmuky.us/pastawards. The awardees will be honored during Homecoming Weekend 2023.



SAINTS SPOTLIGHT

Brian Ruschman '00 Alumni Association President

SUBMITTED BY LYNNA KELLEY,
LYNNA KELLEY, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS AND PR

Moreover caught up with Brian Ruschman, newly appointed president for the Alumni Association for a Saints Spotlight. Brian is the current president of C-Forward and was happy to share about his Thomas More experience.

What drew you to Thomas More as a student?

BR: Oh gosh, there were many things. I attended a smaller high school (Bishop Brossart), so I knew I wanted to stay local. I also liked the smaller class size and student-to-professor ratio. Those were two determining factors. I also had quite a few relatives that had gone through and I had heard their stories and knew how successful they were from going here and really used that to know that Thomas More was the right decision. Following in the footsteps of relatives and my Catholic upbringing made Thomas More the easy selection.

What stands out in your mind about your student experience?

BR: I've got to say the approachable professors. They were great. There was an atmosphere created by them that fostered learning. It was one where we felt like a family; everybody had a desire to learn and to better themselves. And I loved the mozzarella sticks!

MEET YOUR ALUMNI TEAM

Courtney (Neltner) Kleier '17

Courtney returns to Thomas More as director of alumni engagement. Vice President of Institutional Advancement Kevin Reynolds, Ed.D., could not be more pleased with this development and had this to say about the news: "We are thrilled to have Courtney back on campus. She has done amazing work in the community as an alumna and we know she will be a great addition to our team, leading strategies to engage the more than 16,000 alumni from Villa Madonna College, Thomas More College, and (now) Thomas More University."

Kleier served in Institutional Advancement as a summer intern after earning undergraduate degrees in English, history, international studies, and Spanish from Thomas More in 2017. She went on to graduate among the top of her class from the University of Kentucky's Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce in the winter of 2018. She returned to northern Kentucky in 2019 and was an integral part of the Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce public affairs team. Brian Ruschman '00, president of the Alumni Association Board, looks forward to working with such an accomplished alumna. "I am very excited about the selection of Courtney as the next director of alumni engagement. Our Board has set ambitious goals for increasing alumni engagement and we think that Courtney will be an excellent leader in these efforts. Courtney had a phenomenal impact in her work for the Northern Kentucky Chamber and I have no doubt that she will bring similar vivacity to this new role."

When Courtney is not busy engaging with Thomas More alumni, she enjoys reading and exploring with her Saints Sweetheart husband Paul Kleier III '16, daughter, and basset hound.



Courtney (Neltner) Kleier '17 and Bri Agner.

Brianna Agner

Brianna joined the Institutional Advancement Department in March 2022 as assistant director of alumni engagement and programming. Bri received a Bachelor of Arts in business and organizational communication from the University of Akron in 2018 and, while working on her master's degree at Ohio University, she served as a graduate assistant with the Alumni Association. Bri earned her Master of Education with a focus in college student personnel from Ohio University in 2020. Bri is excited to plan events for the Thomas More community on and off campus. She enjoys working with alumni and friends, and learning what it is that they love about the University. In her off time, you'll find Bri outdoors hiking or biking. She also loves being involved in and volunteering with the Greater Cincinnati community in support of local events and businesses.

Have you stayed in contact with former professors or classmates?

BR: I haven't stayed in contact with any professors. I have stayed in touch with a lot of classmates. In Northern Kentucky it's kind of hard not to. I see them around all the time, and like I said, I see a lot of my relatives and we talk about Thomas More. There's a lot of stories that go around. There were nine cousins that went to school right around the time I was here. We are a close-knit family and are extremely grateful that we got the education that we received at Thomas More.

Share a short history of your career path since graduation. Did Thomas More affect any of your career decisions?

BR: My degree was a bachelor's in computer information systems and an associates degree in business. I worked in technical positions for three large companies straight out of college: Kroger, Procter & Gamble, and Cincinnati Insurance Company. I started my career at C-Forward in 2006, and have been there ever since in different capacities. I like the small business aspect of what I do. We are a company that is helping small businesses every day be as productive and successful as they can. A technical background, paired with some lessons in business, prepared me well for my current role where I talk to business leaders about how technology can make them the most productive. We discuss protecting their data and focusing on business plans to ensure they are the most successful they can be. C-Forward holds a philosophy that if the businesses

around us succeed, we all succeed. Our vision is to provide quality, cost-effective and innovative information technology services that help our employees, customers and community succeed. I believe that Thomas More's mission aligns with this attitude.

As Alumni Association president, what are your goals?

BR: I hope to get many alumni engaged that haven't been here for a while. I had been off campus for quite a while and I'm back now. I've really been refreshed in my love of Thomas More and what I've learned here. There's going to be a lot of new faces on the Alumni Board, and there's no doubt that they were going to come in with some great ideas on how to achieve a vibrant alumni community. In addition, I kind of envision a more present Alumni Association that's ingrained with Thomas More staff and current students. I believe that a mentoring relationship between students, professors, faculty, and alumni can only have a positive influence.

Do you have any advice for current and future students?

BR: Yes. I think it's so important to study hard but to also enjoy this time of your life. Make it a point to attend some activities. Cheer on your classmates at sporting events. College is a special time in your life that shapes what you're going to do for the rest of your life. I'm reminded of a quote that I love that says "the best way to predict your future is to create it" and Thomas More University gives you the best opportunity to create your future.

MOREOVER

To listen to Brian's interview, visit tmuky.us/ruschman.

MOREOVER [Fall 2022]

We'd love to share your engagement/wedding news!

Send your good news (and a digital picture) via email with subject line "news" to alumni@thomasmore.edu or visit tmuky.us/alumninote online.

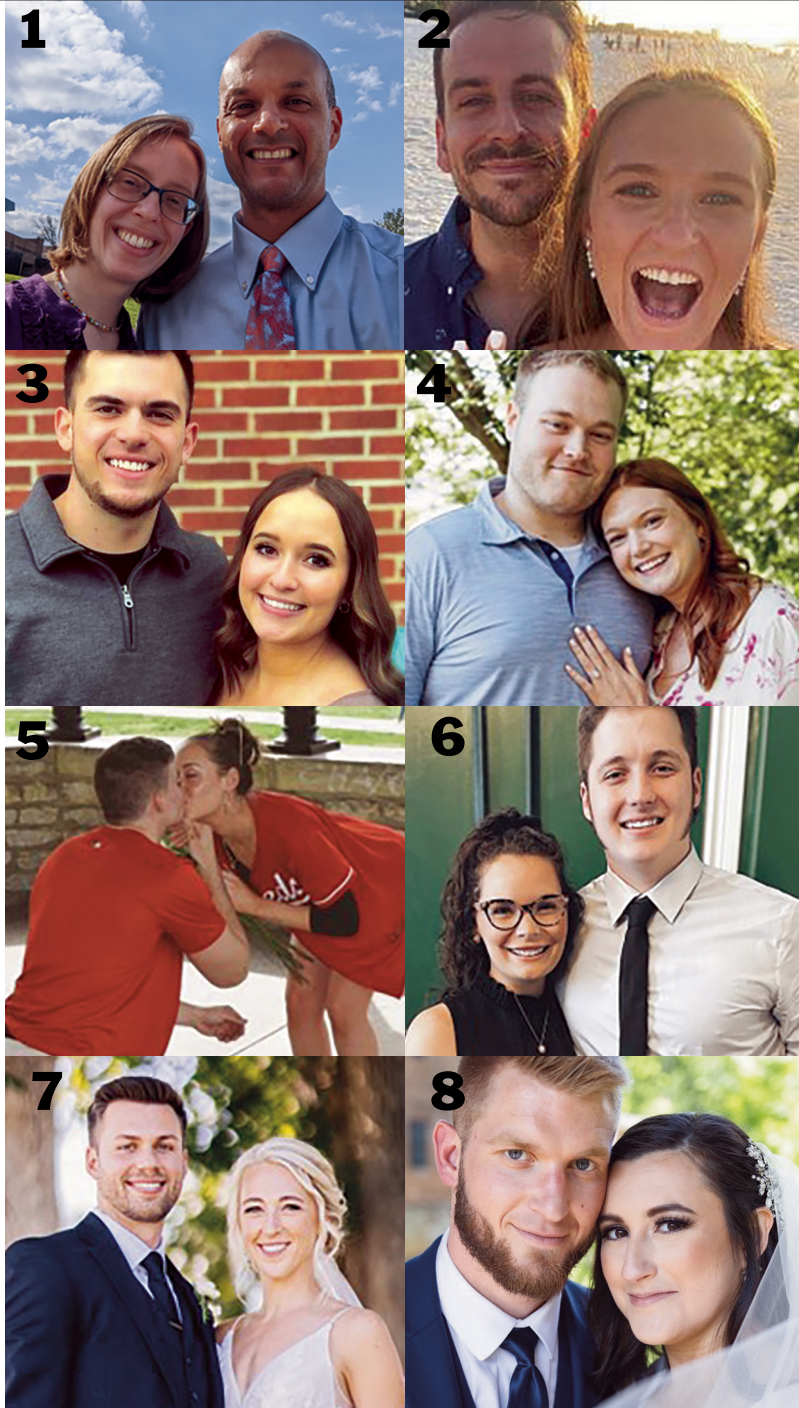
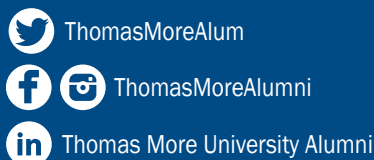
ENGAGEMENTS

1. **Quinton Jefferson '04** and Anna Pranger announced on Jan. 22, 2022
2. **Sergio Pascual '16** and **Tori Gilman '21** announced on June 13, 2022
3. **Sean Lawrence '19** and **Hayley Reynolds '20** announced Feb. 12, 2022
4. **Jacob Wessler '20** and **Paige Schuliger '21** announced June 18, 2022
5. **Jessica Lightfoot '21** and Collin Johnson announced April 23, 2022
6. **Ty Grimes '21** and **Julia Ikerd '21** announced April 9, 2022

MARRIAGES

7. **Abby Stadtmiller '18** and **Jacob Hensley '19** married on June 18, 2022
8. **Adam Guard '19** and **Teresa (Urban) Guard '20** married on May 28, 2022

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Are You & Your Spouse



If you met your spouse while attending Thomas More (or Villa Madonna), send your anniversary date by email (alumni@thomasmore.edu) or phone (859.344.3545), so we can congratulate you both for years to come! New Alumni Director **Courtney (Neltner) Kleier '17** and husband **Paul Kleier III '16** are Saints Sweethearts. They celebrated their wedding day on May 4, 2019! ♥♥♥





SAINTS SPOTLIGHT

Leo Calderon '80

Director, Esperanza Latino Center
Excerpt from Part 1 of 2

SUBMITTED BY DAVID KLENK '22,
GRADUATE ASSISTANT INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT

Saints Spotlight caught up with Leo Calderon '80 who received the 2022 Horizon Award as a result of his dedication, integrity, and honorable service in the Northern Kentucky region. Leo is a founder/director of the Esperanza Latino Center in Covington.

Could you tell us a short history behind your career path and any important turning points?

LC: My career began with me attending Thomas More. It was Thomas More who really gave me an opportunity to get a higher education degree in criminal justice. I became a police officer across the river (in Ohio). Later on, I began to work at Northern Kentucky University (NKU), and worked on my master's in public administration. Dr. Leon Boothe, who was the president of NKU at that time, gave me the opportunity to work in his office as his executive assistant. It was then that things really changed for me.

What accomplishments are you most proud of during your time as director of the Latino Student Initiatives at NKU?

LC: Twenty years ago, in the spring of 2001, a colleague of mine decided to establish an office to cater to and provide services to the growing Latino community. We were one of a kind in the region providing bilingual services. Back then we only had 57 self-reporting Latino students; by self-reporting I mean undocumented students, permanent residents, or U.S. born. I was getting phone calls all the way from Tennessee and basically, what people were asking, is what is the admission process - just general information. Since then, we have had, in 20 years, an over 1,000% increase of Latino students at NKU. I could go on and on in terms of the programs that were provided, the scholarships established to recruit and retain Latino students, but what I'm most proud of is the ability to help students achieve their dream to get an education and seeing them succeed. Some of the students are currently attorneys, educators, social workers, they're Ph.D.s, diplomats, and so forth.

You helped found Esperanza Latino Center with Irene Encarnación. Tell us about the work that is done at the Center.

LC: Irene Encarnación and I worked together for 30 years at NKU,

and she was part of the reason that our students were able to come to NKU. You only need a couple of collaborators like her and you get things done. In this case, the Latino community was drastically increasing in the region. I'd always wanted to go into something like this and it just presented the opportunity to do it.

Back in 2018, I was part of the Peace and Justice Community Committee of Northern Kentucky. We were an adhoc committee to look at establishing a Latino Center and Professor Encarnación was part of that, she was one of the founding members. There were four of us who put our energy and finances together, and we opened the doors (to Esperanza Center) in January of 2019. It's been a wonderful experience. That was the reason we started, to try to meet the needs of the growing Latino community. I approached the mayor of Covington, Joe Meyer, and he was very receptive to that idea. What is it that we do in Esperanza? We provide English classes, Spanish classes, GED classes. We were open during the COVID period, providing assistance, i.e. financial assistance, to those individuals who cannot afford to pay their bills.

As a student, how was your experience at Thomas More?

LC: I have very fond memories of Thomas More. One of the things that I found so appealing was the genuine hospitality from the faculty and the staff. I happened to live in the dorms and I still remember the lady who ran the dorms, Ms. McClure. She was like the grandma to all of us. I also met my wife Kathy, she came from Louisville. We got married in our second year and had a baby, Sara. We stayed on course to graduate in four years. Thanks to support (from the government), we were able to continue our education and provide food for our daughter. Thomas More also played a critical role in giving me the opportunity to work (for the college), that's how I was able to receive a bit of money to continue our education.

Do you have any advice for any current students?

LC: I do, enjoy your time at the University. Maximize those opportunities. Follow your dreams, follow your passions, and if possible, share those wonderful talents that you have by helping other organizations or by creating your own organization. Have an impact. Get outside your comfort zone and just enjoy yourself. Life's too short.

MOREOVER

To listen to Leo's entire interview, please visit tmuky.us/calderon. To watch/read part two, visit tmuky.us/calderon2.

To find out more about the work of the Esperanza Latino Center and to support their efforts, please visit esperanzanky.org.

LITTLEST SAINTS

Jessica (Knaley) Fleming '16 and husband Ethan welcomed baby girl, Harper Fleming, born on June 3, 2022.

Are you a proud parent of a little Saint? Please share a favorite digital photo of your little blessing(s). Email alumni@thomasmore.edu with names (include mom and/or dad) and class year!



Ellen (Gamel) Engel '14 and husband Andrew shared this photo of adorable daughter Kiera (born on Jan. 4, 2022) and handsome brother Henry enjoying the 4th of July.

1950s



Members from the class of 1956 met over Homecoming Weekend in 2021 at the Highlands Country Club for a class reunion. It was a special celebration and time to connect with former classmates. In attendance were (from left): Joan Zumbiel, **Thomas Zumbiel '56**, **Br. Donald Smith '56**, **Dorothy Kennedy '56**, President Joseph Chillo, **Jean Hengelbrok '56**, **Nancy Kuchle '56**, **Robert Schultz '56**, and Laura Chillo.

1960s



Terry Mann '68 was inducted into the Newport Central Catholic High School (NCCH) Athletic Hall of Fame in February 2022. **Dennis Kehoe '66** and **Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer '68, CDP**, were also honored at the ceremony receiving the Fr. John Hegenauer Community Service Award for their commitment to NCCH.

1970s



Congratulations to **Charles (Carl) Biery Sr., '70**, who received the Fire Service Support Member Award for recognition and support

of first responders in the eight-county Northern Kentucky area. Carl volunteers with the American Red Cross for the Central and Southern Ohio Region, which encompasses 47 counties in the tri-state area. Biery serves as a disaster manager/supervisor and responds to calls from first responders for assistance to families affected by natural disasters. In April, Biery celebrated 53 years as a volunteer with the American Red Cross, during which he has been to over 4,000 disasters. In 2014, he authored a book called "Eyewitness to Disasters" about his American Red Cross exploits.

Sr. Aileen Bankemper '72, OSB,



was installed to a second term as prioress of The Benedictine Sisters of St. Walburg Monastery on June 4, 2022. As a blessing on her second term the Sisters prayed, "God of our past and our future, bless Sr. Aileen as she continues her service as prioress. Send forth of the gifts of your Spirit. Fill her heart with compassion and understanding for the members of this community. Strengthen her and uphold her."



Congratulations to **Elery M. (Rusty) Shoemaker '79, Ed.D.**, senior team leader, corporate INPO/WANO AC, Atlanta, Georgia, for completing his doctorate with a concentration in organizational leadership from NOVA Southeastern University in March 2022.

1980s



Leo Calderon '80 received the 2022 Horizon Award during the Annual Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Dinner in September. Leo received the award as a result of his dedication, integrity, and honorable service to the Northern Kentucky region through his extraordinary community leadership.

In addition to his work at Northern Kentucky University as director of the Latino Student Initiatives, Leo also helped found the Esperanza Latino Center, which serves the Hispanic population in our region. To learn more about Leo and his work, please see the Saints Spotlight on **page 37**.



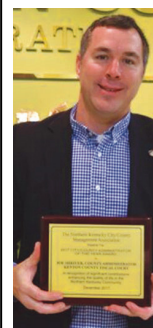
The Eva G. Farris Art Gallery on the Thomas More campus hosted **Cody Goodin '84** in a solo show entitled The Madness in My Head from Sept. 15-Oct. 3, 2022. Cody is a local artist who has worked in a variety of mediums since graduating from the University. To learn more about Cody, his art, and his journey as an artist, read the Saints Spotlight on **page 32**.

1990s



The Northern Kentucky Chamber of Commerce named **Wonda Winkler '90**, president and CEO of Brighton Center, as the Northern Kentucky Young Professionals Legend

Award recipient in June 2022 at the Next Generation Leader Award celebration. Wonda was recognized for her 30 years of nonprofit leadership and involvement in the community. To read the release, visit **tmuky.us/winkler**.



Joe Shriver '94 retired from his role as Kenton County Administrator and Deputy Judge/Executive effective July 31, 2022. Joe began his retirement after serving Kenton County for 24 years. Joe served under four judge-executives from 1999-2022, served as the chief operating officer for the third-largest

county in the state, consolidated Animal Control Service county-wide, assisted in the construction of a new \$40M detention center and the establishment of a world-class substance abuse program within it, coordinated and served as the lead on the broadband expansion project with Cincinnati Bell (altafiber), and much more. To read more about Joe's accomplishments, visit tmuky.us/shriver.



Mike Woolf, Jr. '95, assumed the role of athletic director at Ryle High School in Hebron, Kentucky in spring 2022.

2000s



Kimberly Halbauer '00, Kentucky regional president for Fifth Third Bank and current member of the Thomas More Board of Trustees, made the Louisville Business Courier's Power 50 list of the most influential people in Greater Louisville's business community.



Congratulations to **Joe Durrett '05/'08**, past alumni board president, on completing his second Boston Marathon.

Gee Horton '06 was featured in a Cincinnati Enquirer article in June 2022, where readers got a glimpse into how and why Horton became an artist. Gee also graced the cover of the September Movers & Makers lifestyle magazine with two other Black performing artists, and was profiled in an article that focused on Black artists in Cincinnati. To read the article, visit tmuky.us/mmsept.



Peter Rodish '07, a Liberty Mutual Sales Hall of Fame member, retired after 39 years. He became one of only 11 people in the history of the company to achieve 30 Liberty Leaders (Top Sales Club). Pete returned to college as a non-traditional student and finished his degree through Thomas More's accelerated degree programs.

2010s

John Bovard '11, joined NFL star Kyle Rudolph and Nick Holmes in forming a company to buy West Chester Township-based Gamemaster Athletic. Visit tmuky.us/bovard to read more about the business venture of these three Elder High School classmates.

Winter Okoth '12 was awarded by the American Society of Tropical Medicine & Hygiene (ASTMH) an ASTMH/BMGF Annual Meeting Travel Award. This prestigious and highly competitive award allows Winter to attend the Society's Annual Meeting which encourages participation by those working in the tropical medicine field. Winter is active in malaria research and takes action to combat the disease worldwide through educating and lecturing. She presented at the Australasian Vaccines & Immunotherapies Conference in May 2022 and won the Best Early-Mid Career Researcher Award. Congratulations to this accomplished scientist.



Kate Rowekamp '12 was featured in the Journal-News as a local artist doing great work in 2022. Over the summer, Kate led summer camps and

classes at the Fitton Center for Creative Arts in Hamilton, where she is director of education and outreach. Kate was also one of four artists from across the country who was selected to complete an artist's residency at Annmarie Sculpture Garden and Art Center in Solomons, Maryland, as part of its Artists in Action program. In addition to her art outreach and residency this summer, Kate's piece "Thrift Shop" was accepted into the competitive, juried 76th Annual Ohio Exhibition hosted by the Zanesville Museum of Art as part of an online exhibit which ran from June 23 until Sept. 9. To read the complete Journal-News article on Kate, visit tmuky.us/rowekamp.



Patrick Kolks '14 was named the new head baseball coach at Oldenburg Academy in Oldenburg, Ind. Previously, Kolks served as the varsity assistant for seven seasons. To read the complete release, visit tmuky.us/kolks.

Dr. Gina (Heim) Roessler '14 was matched for a fellowship in Vascular Surgery at the University of Louisville from 2023-2024. Roessler will complete her 5th year of surgical residency in June 2023. She and her husband, Lee Roessler, gave birth to their first child in September.

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At the 91st National Convention, the ADG Thomas More University Rho Chapter tri-state alumni won the National Alumni Chapter of the Year award for the fifth year in a row. ADG strives to live and support the alumni and active chapter through social and scholastic engagement, spiritual and service activities, and school spirit. Congratulations to the Rho alumni.



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Sam Borst Jr. '18 was honored along with other members from the 69th Air Defense Artillery Brigade's 1-44. This courageous group received army commendation medals with a "C" device for their actions in defending Al Dhafra Air Base in Saudi Arabia in February 2022.



Santoshi Mahendra '18 was honored to be the keynote speaker at The Beacon of Light Humanitarian Awards Gala on April 9, 2022.

Each year, Lighthouse Youth & Family Services honors leaders making an impact in the community. "Thomas More, the TAP program, and especially the James Graham Brown Honors program were fundamental to me being able to be where I am today," said Santoshi.



Abby Owings '18, assistant coach at Eastern Kentucky University, was honored by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) as

she was named a WBCA Thirty Under 30 honoree for the 2021-22 season.

2020s



VonLehman CPA and Advisory Firm announced that **Taylor Jolly '20'22** officially joined their team as a full-time audit staff accountant.

Taylor has been with the firm since December of 2018 working as an audit co-op. She completed her master's degree from Thomas More in spring 2022 graduating for a second time from the University.



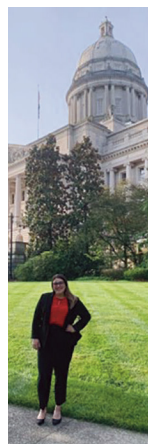
Kaela Saner '20

published "Broken I Am Free." Kaela shares her journey of brokenness and during this journey, she discovers who God is in the midst of darkness.

She tells the reader, "Overcoming your brokenness is the process of becoming whole again by healing, forgiveness, and redemption." To order a copy of Kaela's book, visit tmuky.us/saner.

Rachel Blumberg '21

entered her second year of law school at Northern Kentucky University Chase College of Law. She will serve as Justice Michelle Keller's intern at the Kentucky Supreme Court. As an intern, Rachel will be conducting research, drafting opinions and briefs, and participating in campaign duties for the upcoming election.



Julia Stahl '21 and Abby Link '21

traveled to visit **Jake Darpel '20** in Washington, D.C., where he graduated from George Washington University with a master's degree in public policy. It was their first time seeing each other in over two years. Julia was recently accepted into the University of Kentucky's Master of Library Science program. Abby completed her first semester in the Master of Community Planning program at the University of Cincinnati DAAP program and completed a summer internship with Planning and Development Services of Kenton County as their Planning Intern.

Michael Thompson '21 was a presenter at TEDxUCincinnati in March 2022, where his talk challenged current narratives in BIPOC (Black Indigenous



People Of Color) creativity. Michael also was the focus of news coverage by Spectrum News 1 for the Juneteenth federal holiday this past summer. To read the Spectrum 1 News article about Michael as an up-and-coming artist, visit tmuky.us/juneteenth. Still building momentum in his role as an artist, Michael celebrated the opening at the Cincinnati Art Museum of his grant-awarded Sanctuaries project, which was sponsored by Artswave. Sanctuaries is part of a larger series entitled Truth and Inspiration. For more on Michael's development in the artistic realm, as told by Professor Sherry Cook Stanforth, see the sidebar on **page 33**.



Emily Mohs '22 was named Female Student-Athlete of the Year by the Mid-South Conference in July 2022. Emily became the first Thomas More Saint to earn this

honor. In her final volleyball season at Thomas More, Emily was named second team NAIA All-American, AVCA Southeast Region Player of the Year, AVCA Southeast All-Region, Mid-South Conference Player of the Year, and first team All-Mid-South Conference. Read more about Emily's achievements in her Link NKY feature at tmuky.us/mohsmc.

CLASS NOTES! Send Yours Today

Have you gotten married? Job change? Promotion? Starting a family? We want to hear what you have been doing! Send your note using the envelope at the center of this issue of *Moreover* or send via email with subject line **class note to alumni@thomasmore.edu** or visit tmuky.us/alumninote online.

RELIGIOUS JUBILEES

Congratulations to the following religious community members who are Thomas More graduates. They celebrated milestones in 2022. Thank you for your commitment and service as you minister to the needs of our community.

Jubilee of Joy – 75 years

Sr. Rose Mary Rizzo '54, CDP

Jubilee of Grace – 70 years

Sr. Mary Eileen Bertsch '59, CDP
Sr. Martha Ellen Cheevers '60, CDP
Sr. Marilene Cullen '61, CDP
Sister Christa Marie Fox '64, SND
Sister Mary Paul Ann Hanneken '65, SND
Sr. Mary Jo Hummeldorf '60, CDP

Iron Jubilee – 65 years

Sister Marylyn Ehrman '63, SND

Diamond Jubilee – 60 years

Sister Mary Rita Geoppinger '68, SND
Sr. Margaret Jacobs '75, CDP
Sr. Mary Joyce Moeller '66, CDP

Golden Jubilee – 50 years

Sr. Cindy Fehrenbach '78, CDP



In Memoriam

"This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in Him may have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day." - John 6:40

Dr. Harry Beck '54, April 1, 2022

H. William Bohman '58, March 17, 2022

Timothy Kloenne '67, Feb. 11, 2022

Douglas Lange '75, May 8, 2022

Sister M. Norene McCormack '73, March 31, 2022

Andrew Schaeffer '66, Dec. 30, 2021

Barbara Urlage '62, Sept. 15, 2022

John Wilz '72, Feb. 25, 2022

Kirk Wisher '65, April 28, 2022

Jeffrey Wyrick '90, July 21, 2022

Farewell to friend and benefactor **Eva G. Farris** (Dec. 18, 1918-Sept. 6, 2022) through whose support the Art Gallery was created. Thank you and God Bless!

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Athletic Hall of Fame Welcomes the Class of 2022

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Nine standout athletes became members of the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2022, including NCAA DIII football career interception record holder Zach Autenrieb '13, D3Baseball.com All-Midwest Region baseball standout Andrew Thole '12, women's basketball two-time DIII National Player of the Year Sydney Moss '16, women's volleyball two-time PAC Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year Kelsey Castiglioni '15, men's soccer PAC Player of the Year Dan Miller '11, women's soccer three time D3Soccer.com All-American and PAC Player of the Year Olivia (Huber) Bryant '16, three time All-PAC softball player Jamie (Wisnall) Leavitt '08, men's tennis PAC Player of the Year Michael Selm '07/'09, and men's basketball standout Dave Meyer '67. In a special recognition, the 1980-81 men's basketball team was awarded the honor of Team of Distinction.

As Moreover went to press, the inductees were scheduled for a celebration on Oct. 14 recognizing their achievements, just one part of Homecoming festivities. Need more details on these standout athletic careers? Here's the skinny:



Zach Autenrieb '13 - football

- Four-time 1st Team All-PAC selection
- Four-time D3Football.com All-South Region selection
- PAC SAAC Scholar-Athlete of the Month
- Capital One Academic All-District II Team
- PAC Player of the Year
- Finalist for the 2012 Gagliardi Trophy
- Beyond Sports Network All-American 1st Team
- AFCA All-American Team
- AP Little All-American Team
- 2012 Commonwealth Collegiate Defensive Player of the Year
- Thomas More program records:
 - Most interceptions in a game, in a season, in a career
 - Most interception return yardage in a season
 - Most career yardage
 - Longest interception return in a game
- NCAA DIII career interception record: 32 for 434 yards



Olivia (Huber) Bryant '16 - soccer

- Four-time All-PAC selection (three 1st team | one 2nd team)
- PAC Player of the Year
- CoSIDA Academic All-District II Team
- CoSIDA Academic Second Team All-America
- NSCAA Scholar All-East Region selection
- NSCAA All-American
- Three-time 1st Team NSCAA All-Great Lakes Region selection
- Three-time 3rd Team D3Soccer.com All-American
- Led NCAA DIII in scoring her junior season
- Ranked 4th in NCAA DIII with assists nationally
- PAC records held in senior season: career goals, assists, points
- Thomas More program records:
 - Most career points, single season record goals scored
 - Most career assists, most assists in a game
 - 2nd in most shots in a game
 - 3rd in most points in a game



Kelsey Castiglioni '15 - volleyball

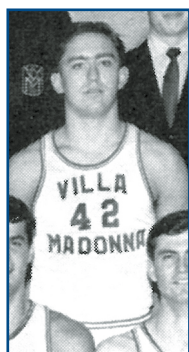
- Two-time PAC Women's Volleyball Player of the Year
- PAC Freshman of the Year
- Honorable mention AVCA All-American and All-Region
- Four-time All-PAC selection (two 1st team, one 2nd team, one honorable mention)
- Senior year:
 - Led the PAC in digs per set
 - PAC 2nd in total digs
- PAC-best with 63 service aces
- Thomas More program record:
 - 6th in career digs

ABCA - American Baseball Coaches Association
 AVCA - American Volleyball Coaches Association
 AFCA - American Football Coaches Association
 AP - Associated Press
 CoSIDA - College Sports Information Directors of America
 NABC - National Association of Basketball
 NSCAA - National Soccer Coaches Association of America
 PAC - Presidents Athletic Conference
 SAAC - Student-Athlete Advisory Committee
 WBCA - Women's Coaches Basketball Association



Jamie (Wisnall) Leavitt '08 - softball

- Three-time All-PAC selection (two 1st-team | one 2nd team)
- Thomas More program record:
2nd for most career saves
4th in career ERA
5th in career wins and strikeouts
- Pitched a total of 423.5 innings; overall career record 39-25



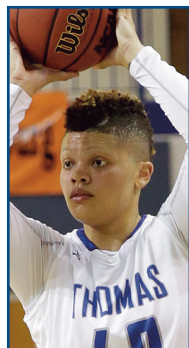
Dave Meyer '67 - basketball

- Started all four seasons for VMC
- Sophomore season (1964-65 knee injury cut season short):
Averaged 8.7 points per game, with 61 total points and 45 rebounds
- Junior year:
Leading scorer, rebounder, team MVP, leading vote getter on the All-League Team
- Senior year:
Led the team in rebounds, assists, and average points per game
Won the prestigious Breinack Award



Dan Miller '11 - soccer

- Four-time All-PAC Selection (two 1st team | one 2nd team | one honorable mention)
- PAC Player of the Year
- NSCAA/Performance Men's NCAA DIII 2nd Team All-Great Lakes selection
- Thomas More program records:
2nd in assists in a season, goals in a game, assists, points
3rd in career assists



Sydney Moss '16 - basketball

- NCAA DIII National Player of the Year - three times
- WBCA Player of the Year
- D3hoops.com Player of the Year
- Women's DIII News Player of the Year
- First Team All-American by all three organizations twice
- Two-time PAC Player of the Year
- 1st Team All-PAC
- NCAA DIII record:

All-time points scored in a game

- Thomas More basketball program records:
All-time points scored in a game
Most field goals in a game, 3-point field goals made, points in a season
2nd 3-point field-goals made in a season, rebounds in a season
3rd in free throws made in a game



Michael Selm '07/'09 - tennis

- 53-8 overall record during four years at Thomas More at the number one spot in singles
- 1st male athlete in Thomas More history to win a PAC Men's Tennis Championship
- PAC MVP honors
- PAC regular season title
- PAC Player of the Year for the first time in school history
- Three-time All-PAC selection (one 1st team in singles | two honorable mention in singles and doubles)
- Tennis team captain and team MVP every year



Andrew Thole '12 - baseball

- Three-time All-PAC selection (two 1st team | one 2nd team)
- PAC Baseball Player of the Year
- D3Baseball.com First Team All-American
- First-ever D3Baseball.com All-Midwest Region selection team
- Two-time ABCA All-Mideast selection
- Led NCAA DIII in HR (17) in 2011
- Thomas More program records:
Most homeruns in a season, career RBIs
2nd for career games played, home runs

Team of Distinction: '80-'81 Basketball

- Record of 21-13 | 10-6 in the KIAC
- 12-2 at home including a perfect 8-0 in KIAC
- Averaged 77-7 PPG without the three-point line
- Defeated Berea in KIAC first round to appear in the Semifinals
- Defeated neighbor NKU (Feb. 14, 1981)

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Saints Receive Provisional Membership

Thomas More becomes the only NCAA DII school in region. **#LetsGoSaints**

In summer 2022, Thomas More University was granted provisional membership in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II. “The transition to the NCAA is significant as we continue to enhance our regional position as the premier Catholic Liberal Arts University,” says President Joe Chillo. “The experience that we create for our student-athletes is intentional and designed for success in the classroom and on the field of competition. As we invest in our athletics program by adding new sports, full-time coaches, and renovations and expansions in facilities, this opportunity to elevate the position of Thomas More Athletics with the reputation and brand of the NCAA is a significant and transformational endeavor.”

Thomas More currently competes in the Mid-South Conference of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The Saints have been in the NAIA for the past two academic years and will retain NAIA membership until completion of the 2022-23 academic year.

In preparation for applying to the NCAA, the University approached and was unanimously approved in summer 2021 for provisional membership in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (GMAC). With the successful bid in 2022 to rejoin the NCAA as a Division II competitor, the University looks forward to competing in the Great Midwest and being eligible for conference championships and tournaments beginning in the 2023-24 academic year.

Following the mandatory transition period, the University would then become eligible for NCAA Championships during the 2025-26 year. “I’m very excited for the new opportunities and challenges that this transition will have for our student-athletes and our athletic department as a whole,” says Athletic Director Terry Connor ’92. “I think it will be a great step in the right direction for our community with all the growth it has to offer.”

“The Great Midwest congratulates Thomas More on securing NCAA Division II provisional membership status and thanks the DII Membership Committee for the decision,” says Tom Daeger, Commissioner of the GMAC. “President Chillo and his entire administration have done a terrific





Top: July 14 was a great day as media were invited on campus for the announcement that Thomas More received provisional status as a member of NCAA DII.

Above: Athletic Director Terry Connor speaks with media after the announcement. GMAC Commissioner Tom Daeger can be seen answering questions in the background.

job in preparing for this moment and Thomas More will be an outstanding NCAA Division II member. We look forward to working with them as they begin the provisional process and are excited to see the impact the Saints will have within the Great Midwest and NCAA Division II."

Thomas More announced a major comprehensive fund raising campaign in fall 2021 in support of a five-year strategic plan that includes enhanced athletic facilities for

many of the Saints intercollegiate sports teams. In March 2022, the University and the Florence Y'alls Baseball Club announced a partnership that resulted in the renaming of the home of the Florence Y'alls to "Thomas More Stadium." The stadium also becomes the home of the Thomas More Saints baseball team starting in spring 2023. Additional plans are in place for other facility upgrades that will positively affect additional Saints sports teams.

Standout Saints

FOOTBALL

Drew Bartolovich
Mid-South Conference Character
First Award

BASKETBALL

MEN'S

Garren Bertsch
Honors Court
Luke Rudy
Honors Court
Logan Swackhammer
Honors Court

RUGBY

MEN'S

Matias Caramuti
Drafted to a professional team
in Major League Rugby
Tomas Casares
Drafted to a professional team
in Major League Rugby

SOFTBALL

Elana Harrison
Second Team All-Region
National Fastpitch Coaches Association

VOLLEYBALL

WOMEN'S

Emily Mohs
Mid-South Conference
Athlete of the Year



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Bartolovich



Bertsch



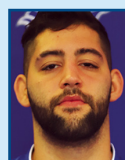
Rudy



Swackhammer



Caramuti



Casares



Harrison



Mohs



Griffin

GRIFFIN PROMOTED TO HEAD MEN'S TENNIS COACH

Ron Griffin has been an assistant coach for the Saints men's and women's tennis programs since January of 2021. A California native, Ron had an incredible high school career, going 124-6 overall and finishing his last three years undefeated, which remains a southern California MVL record. In his collegiate career, Ron competed in every spot in both doubles and singles play before becoming the number one doubles and singles player in his final two seasons at Monmouth College in Illinois. He graduated in 2018 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology and exercise science, and became a United States Professional Tennis Association (USPTA) certified professional in January of 2018. Ron achieved success as a teaching pro at the Match Play Tennis Academy in Southern California. He returned to Kentucky in 2019 and became the full-time teaching pro, tournament director, seasonal director, and head stringer at Five Seasons Sports Club. To read the release, visit tmuky.us/griffin.



Phipps

PHIPPS JOINS MEN'S SOCCER AS HEAD COACH

Scott Phipps has an extensive coaching career and comes to the Saints after seven seasons as the head men's soccer coach at Alderson Broaddus University. He had great success coaching seven All-Freshmen team members, two Freshman of the Year, nine All Conference first team members, nine All-Conference second team members, two All Conference honorable mention players, 2015 Defensive Player of the year, 2016 Offensive Player of the year, two ECAC second team members, five NSCAA All-Region players, and the ECAC Rookie of the year. Alderson Broaddus qualified for the Great Midwest Athletic Championships in six straight seasons (2014-2019), winning the Great Midwest Athletic Conference (GMAC) Championship in 2016 and earning a bid to the GMAC championship game in 2015. Scott earned GMAC Coach of the Year and coached the conference defensive player of the year. "We are thrilled to announce Scott as the new coach of the men's soccer program," says Terry Connor. "He brings a long history of success and experience to the program and we look forward to seeing it translate here at Thomas More." To read the release, visit tmuky.us/hipps.



Pickett

PICKETT NAMED AS HEAD GOLF COACH

Robby Pickett joins the Saints from Lake Erie College in Painesville, Ohio, where he was the head men's and women's golf coach for the last year. At Lake Erie, he helped guide Tony Bodziony to the Great Midwest Athletic Conference individual medalist honors and both programs had above a 3.25 team GPA for the year. Prior to Lake Erie, Robby was an assistant coach at Denison University for a year before COVID shortened the season. Denison's men's and women's programs were ranked inside the top-20, and had two All-Americans and four All-Region selections.

SAINTS ATHLETES POST EXCELLENT GRADES FOR 2022 SPRING SEMESTER

The Thomas More athletic department congratulates the 344 student-athletes who registered a 3.0 or better cumulative GPA in the spring semester. Additionally 191 made the Athletic Director Honor Roll list with a 3.5 GPA or better.

BASEBALL EARNS ABCA TEAM ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Saints baseball team was one of just two Mid-South Conference schools and 29 NAIA schools to earn the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Team Academic Excellence Award. To be honored, you must be a high school or college team, your head coach must be a current ABCA member, and your team must have achieved a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale during the 2021-22 academic year. Congratulations to these excellent student-athletes!

MEN'S BASKETBALL REPRESENTS AT NABC ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Saints earned the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Team Academic Excellence Award and three members were named to the NABC Honors Court. To be honored, the team GPA must be 3.0 or higher and for student-athletes to be recognized, they must be a junior, senior, or graduate student and have finished the 2021-22 school year with a 3.2 cumulative GPA or higher. The athletes recognized are graduate students Garren Bertsch and Luke Rudy, and senior Logan Swackhammer. This is the second time in their careers that Bertsch and Rudy earned the honor, with the other coming during the 2019-20 academic year. The Saints were also team recipients during the 2019-20 year. Congratulations to all on their excellent work!

Robby played collegiately for three years at Allegheny College, where he was named to the Great Lakes All-Region Team, All-NCAC First Team Selection, and SAAC Male Athlete of the Year. He was named as a medalist at the 2015 Gatorade Collegiate Invitational, which was the second-best finish in school program history. At Allegheny, Robby earned a bachelor's degree in economics after which he earned an MBA from Ohio Dominican University, where he was a graduate assistant for two years. To read the release, visit tmuky.us/pickett.

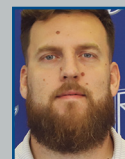
ELSWORTH JOINS SAINTS AS HEAD BOWLING COACH

Dylan Elsworth bowled collegiately at Urbana University and Ball State University, and comes from a long line of family bowlers and coaches in the state of Indiana. "I am honored to take on the role of head coach at Thomas More University and develop the program into a fun bowling environment for student-athletes," said Dylan. To read the release, visit tmuky.us/elsworth.

Esports Joins Athletics

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SAINTS NAME ESPORTS COACH



McBride

Derrick McBride becomes the Saints head esports coach with competition expected to start in spring 2023. Derrick is a Northern Kentucky native, who attended Gateway Community and Technical College and University of the Cumberlands, graduating in 2022 with a degree in business finance. He plans to begin his master's program while at Thomas More.

Derrick started his coaching career in basketball in 2013, switching to esports in 2019. He helped establish the program at South Dearborn and in 2020 became the head esports coach at Beechwood High School in Fort Mitchell, Ky. He helped lead the Tigers to the 2021 PlayVs Cup Championship in Madden and the 2022 KHSAA State Rocket League Championship.

"Being a brand-new program at Thomas More, I am excited that I get to build the program from scratch and turn a vision into a reality," said McBride. "The collegiate esports scene is in its infancy, but I strongly believe there is so much potential. I am excited to begin competition and show future students why Thomas More is the place to be! My family and I cannot thank Athletic Director Terry Connor and President Chillo enough for this opportunity."

as part of an intercollegiate esports team, while also receiving a high-quality liberal arts education.

Athletic Director Terry Connor, looks forward to the addition of esports to the University's roster of athletic programs: "I am excited to see Thomas More expand its athletic offerings and give even more students the opportunity to participate in intercollegiate sports through introducing the esports program."

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Mary, Seat of Wisdom Chapel: A Symbol of Our Catholic Identity

Moreover invited former President Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer '68, CDP, to campus to discuss with President Chillo the journey by which the Chapel at the center of campus became a reality.

Sr. Margaret Stallmeyer: I think a chapel had been something that was wanted for about 30 or 40 years, even before I got here (Thomas More). There were two sets of plans for a chapel in the President's Office, which had never been used. One of them was across from where the new building is going to be and it was to be an art building with the chapel attached to it. I can't remember where the other one was. It's hard (to imagine) if you haven't been on this campus without the chapel, but it would take a few minutes to realize this was a Catholic campus. You know where the old chapel was, you had to hunt to find the old chapel. I think people through the decades wanted it, Bishop Foys was very strong on it. In fact, Bishop Foys said to me when I asked permission for the football field, that that would be the last permission he gave me before a chapel was built (Sr. Margaret and President Chillo both laugh).

President Joe Chillo: That's an interesting blend: to blend the chapel and the football field. I think you're right that when you first arrive on this campus, it's hard to imagine it without the Chapel. It's one of the first buildings you see and the importance in signifying the Catholic traditions of our institution.

SMS: It really does, yes. We were so blessed with having Robert Hayes Architects. Actually, Bob Hayes who is now deceased, had started to design this with his son Joe, when Joe was in architecture school. They came (brothers Joe and Ehmet) and said to us, "We'd like to do this in honor of our Dad."

PJC: Oh, that's great, what a touching tribute.

SMS: It was, and then they said this is what (we have planned) and kept working. So, things just started falling into place, and people throughout the diocese were excited about it. There were, you probably noticed on the plaque, a number of parishes that supported the project. The Hayes' vision wasn't just for a chapel, it was for a gathering space on the campus, which you can see when you look at how it's designed.

PJC: That's how it's used today. One of the things we see is how students are intentional about using this space. It gives them the opportunity to celebrate Mass, but at the same time, it gives them a quiet place to be reflective. We see students day in and day out using the Chapel for that particular reason. We've seen how the impact of COVID affected the campus and it gave us the space, and our students the space, to really have that spiritual development at a time that was really challenging; that we were all going through.

SMS: Yes and then I think the outside spaces are just fabulous. You're using those a lot for Convocations and other things.

PJC: We are. We've used the Chapel intentionally as a symbol because I think it's critically important at Catholic institutions, how we symbolize our traditions and our values. We start with that almost on day one with Convocation and it's great symbolism for our students to understand where they are and certainly their place at our university.



Sr. Margaret and President Joe Chillo talk about the role of the Chapel as a symbol of Thomas More's Catholic traditions and values.

SMS: I think it's also a symbol for people that this University is alive, right? That we are alive and we're looking at what's going on and we're trying to make sure that we're adapting so our students are prepared.

PJC: I think that's a big part of it. When you look at the position that the University occupies, being a diocesan institution is critically important to our identity, but also the role that we preserve in education at a Catholic higher education level. How do we integrate those values and traditions for our students to make sure that they're going to be successful, not just in a career, but how do they become successful in life?

SMS: Successful people; good community members. Good husbands, good wives.

PJC: It's fun when you start talking with alumni, with the ones who are second and third generation. For over 100 years, the institution has had an impact in the area and we're watching that impact now in different generations. Talking with some of our younger alumni, they'll say, "Well, my mom went to Villa Madonna College and graduated from there and I'm here now," or as we heard from one alum recently who arrived when the campus opened in 1968 and talked about how the campus looks vastly different. I think that speaks to the success this institution has had over that period of time, but also the intentionality of our role as a Catholic liberal arts institution and what does that mean today in the 21st century.

SMS: This was a good beginning here (motions to the Chapel).

PJC: It was and we're continuing on with the progress. When you build on a good foundation, it makes life a little bit easier.

SMS: This University, no matter what name it was, whether it was Villa Madonna College or Thomas More College, and now University, has always had a good reputation in the community.

PJC: It absolutely has. The academic reputation has been stellar but we've been very fortunate to have leaders like yourself and the role that you have played to make sure that the beacon of light was always shining on the University. You've done an extraordinary job and we've been very fortunate to have you.

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REDEMPTION THROUGH FORGIVENESS

"What can I do right now to exemplify God's love?" I'm sure we ask ourselves this question quite a lot. The follow-up question is usually, "How can I allow God's love to work through me?" Well, let us take a look at some of the greatest role models. Saints like St. Paul and St. Peter were not perfect people. But, God worked through them and they spread His Word. God's love moved them, and they had some of the most important roles in the early Church.

St. Maria Goretti is my favorite Saint because even in the face of adversity, she remained faithful to God and only aimed to please Him. Through all the tragedy that she faced, she had nothing but love in her heart. Her love and forgiveness was so powerful it led to the conversion of the man who attacked her. How many of us have struggled with forgiveness in the past? Follow in Maria's example and open your heart to God and let His love wash over you.

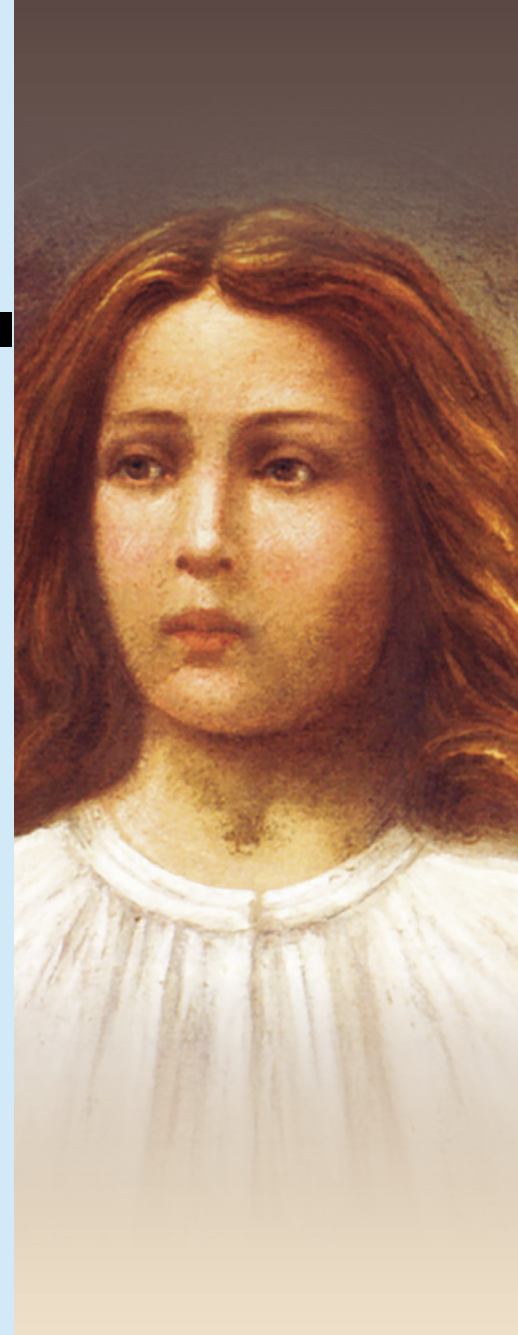
Loving your neighbor is one of the most stressed commandments. Maria has shown us how to love and how to be redeemed through forgiveness. Just as Maria forgave, God continues to forgive us for our sins. He wants us to take His hand and walk with Him.

For Maria, even though she was only 11-years-old, she lived a faith-filled life. Regardless of your age, how often do you prioritize God? When your time comes, can you say with certainty that you will be with God in paradise? St. Maria Goretti urges ALL of us to take a step back and make the conscious choice to love. It is through this decision that we can draw closer to God and make the first step to becoming a Saint.

For those who trespass against you, do not let hate harden your heart. Instead, lift them up in prayer and allow God to transform their souls. Ask for strength and grace during times of pain and strife.

"Yes, I too, for the love of Jesus, forgive him...and I want him to be with me in Paradise. May God forgive him, because I have already forgiven him."

- St. Maria Goretti



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