



The background of the cover features a collage of historical and contemporary photographs of Wheeling Jesuit University. At the top, five men in clerical attire stand behind a large, octagonal stone marker that reads "WHEELING COLLEGE JESUIT FATHERS". Below this, a group of people is shown in a classroom setting. At the bottom, four individuals are seated around a table with a floral centerpiece. The entire cover has a warm, golden-yellow tint.

# WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY CHRONICLE

Dedicated to the  
Class of 1959

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# A Dedication to the Class of 1959

*The history of Wheeling Jesuit University has been one of big dreams and clear vision.*

More than 450 years ago, St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus, conceived and initiated an educational tradition which integrates academic education, virtuous living and a commitment to public service. Fast forward 400 years, Rev. Clifford M. Lewis S.J. dreamed of a Jesuit institution in West Virginia that would "...provide independent enlightenment to tomorrow's problems." The Maryland Province of the Society of Jesus, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and dozens of co-founders, including the Class of 1959, had the courage and optimism to open Wheeling College for classes in 1955.

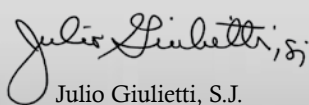
It is to our co-founders – the class of 1959 – that we dedicate this Winter Chronicle. As their Golden Anniversary quickly approaches in May, we congratulate them and thank them for setting the standards for the many generations of students, faculty and benefactors who have followed. Their dreams, their faith and their clear vision of what Wheeling College could mean to them, to Appalachia and to the World are testaments to their commitment and their refusal to accept anything less than success. Who would have imagined that a college with three buildings and no sidewalks in 1955 would prosper to become 50-plus years later, a University of international reputation and national distinction?


Unlike publicly supported institutions, attending a private college or university is a privilege, not a right. And, with that privilege come responsibilities. Anyone who has enjoyed a private educational experience has benefited from the financial support of someone, often unknown to them, who continues to believe in the mission of the institution.

The Class of 1959 and the other co-founders of Wheeling College have been exemplary in their lifetime support of their *alma mater* – by referring students, by remaining engaged in the life of the college and by their annual and planned gifts for its current and future financial well-being. They share a common bond with each other, and their bond extends to those who have yet to join them as Wheeling Jesuit University alumni. Their unwavering faith and courage a half-century ago is proof-positive that dreams can come true. It is to you, the Class of 1959, that we dedicate this magazine and congratulate you on the 50th anniversary of your graduation from Wheeling College.

Joining with you in service to the dreams of our co-founders, we are,

Very truly yours,

  
Julio Giubietti, S.J.  
President



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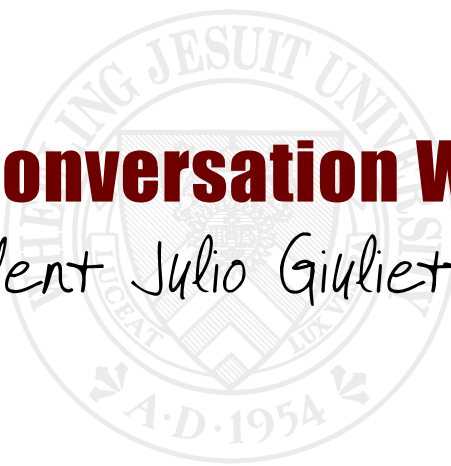
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# A Conversation With President Julio Giuliatti, S.J.



***Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy has closed and the University has shown interest in purchasing it. Can you tell us where that process is?***

Since last spring, Wheeling Jesuit has been in dialogue with the Visitation Sisters at Mount de Chantal about the purchase of their property which seemed to be for sale. WJU made a good faith offer, which allowed the Sisters to remain in their community, maintain their chapel and be assured of the continued safety of their community cemetery. Late in 2008, two other entities entered the picture and outbid WJU. As of now, the Sisters have sold the property to no one. I am in contact with both bidding entities and with the Sisters. They know that Wheeling Jesuit wants to be a good neighbor to any future owner. We are keenly interested in purchasing a piece of the property from any future owner where WJU could build a college of health care science.

***You have made a strong move toward the globalization of our University. Can you tell us any recent developments in this area?***

A university cannot call itself a Jesuit university without a keen involvement with a globalized society. The Office of International Programs, begun last August as part of a generous grant from a local benefactor, will now be identified as the Office of Global Outreach. The name change is more descriptive of its function and outreach, and will create more interest from partners like foundations, benefactors and federal agencies. The director of the Office of Global Outreach is Ryan Wall. The English Language Institute (ELI), under the able direction of Eileen Viglietta, is a part of the Office of Global Outreach.

From my long-standing educational relationships in Vietnam, and the strength of our University's health sciences, a major medical school in Vietnam and a group of private owners of sports

centers, have entered together into conversation with us about advanced training for Vietnamese health care workers. We would provide training in physical therapy and athletic training. They are interested in using WJU as a training site to advance health care in their country.

This summer, we are expecting about 100 new students in our ELI program. These students range from pre-undergraduate to graduate level. They will prepare to pass the TOFEL exam, which allows them to obtain a study visa for matriculation in the United States. Our experience during the last 18 months indicates that a good number of these students decide to study full time at WJU once they experience the quality of our programs, competency of our teachers, safety of the area and the welcoming environment of the University in general.

***You have spoken of the importance of marketing the WJU brand in a new way. What strides have you made?***

As part of the University's growth strategies and the needed administrative reorganization, I have appointed Becky Forney to serve as the University's interim director of marketing. Becky has been with the University for nearly 18 years in several positions involved with promotion and recruitment efforts of adult and graduate students. She is currently the associate dean for Professional and Graduate Studies. The success and growth of that aspect of the University is attributable to her efforts and talents. Becky will coordinate the University's marketing team, consisting of representatives from Public Relations, Admissions, Advancement, Athletics and the University's Web site, as well as serving as the University's liaison with the external marketing/branding consultants. Maureen Zambito, who has been working as director of University Relations, will now serve as the University's director of Public Relations, and assist Becky in her efforts.

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# **U.S. News & World Report Ranks WJU Top University in WV for 12th Consecutive Year**



**“This is the second year in a row that Wheeling Jesuit has moved up in the rankings. I’m very grateful to our faculty and staff who have worked so hard to provide excellent quality to our students and our region.”**

The 2009 edition of *U.S. News & World Report’s “America’s Best Colleges”* ranks Wheeling Jesuit University number 16 in the “Best Universities-Master’s Category” in the South, making it the highest ranked university in West Virginia in this category for 12 consecutive years. The University moved up in its ranking this year by two spots.

“This ranking reflects the high academic standards and the commitment to excellence that is a hallmark of Jesuit education globally, for more than 400 years,” said Julio Giulietti, S.J., University president. “This is the second year in a row that Wheeling Jesuit has moved up in the rankings. I’m very grateful to our faculty and staff who have worked so hard to provide excellent quality to our students and our region.”

“On behalf of the clergy, religious and faithful parishioners of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, I congratulate Wheeling Jesuit University for distinguished recognition in the *U.S. News & World Report* survey on higher education,” said the Most Rev. Michael J. Bransfield, bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston. “Under the guidance of the University’s president, the Rev. Julio Giulietti, S.J., WJU’s faculty and staff continue to find new ways to deliver a quality, 21st century education in the finest Catholic, Jesuit tradition.”

Wheeling Mayor Andy McKenzie said, “WJU is a celebrated institution and a key asset to the city. By setting these high standards, we are able to attract young people from many different cities to come to Wheeling, which is vital to our progress. We are very proud of our city’s namesake University and all it does for the local community.”

The rankings examine 572 universities in the “Best Universities-Master’s” category within four geographic areas – north, south, midwest and west. The institutions in this category provide a full range of undergraduate and master’s programs, according to *U.S. News*.



# University Announces New Campus Personnel

The University welcomed seven new faculty members  
at the start of the fall semester



*Gloria Dorris*

Joining the faculty for 2008-09 are: Gloria Dorris, nursing instructor; Michael Hoops '02, assistant professor of chemistry; Alison Kreger '98, clinical instructor in physical therapy; Rev. Felix Owino, visiting professor of philosophy; Jeffrey Rutherford, assistant professor of history; Christopher Stadler, assistant professor of political science; and Amy Walbert '04, visiting instructor in business.

Dorris, a graduate of West Virginia Northern Community College, earned her bachelor's in nursing at Ohio University and her master's in nursing at Case Western Reserve University.



*Michael Hoops*

Hoops earned his bachelor's of science at Wheeling Jesuit, his master's of science at Northwestern University and his doctorate at the University of Cincinnati.

Kreger earned her bachelor's, master's and doctorate in physical therapy at Wheeling Jesuit.



*Alison Kreger*

Owino graduated from the Apostles of Jesus Major Seminary, an affiliate of Urbana University in Rome, and went on to complete his master's and doctorate at Duquesne University in Pittsburgh.



*Christopher Stadler*

Rutherford earned his bachelor's and master's from the State University of New York and his doctorate at the University of Texas at Austin.

Stadler earned his bachelor's at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, his master's at University of Southern California and an additional master's and his doctorate at New York University.



*Jeffrey Rutherford*

Walbert earned her bachelor's at Washington and Jefferson College and her master's at Wheeling Jesuit University.

Also hired was a part-time instructor for the English Language Institute, Christine Alexander of Lafferty, Ohio. She is a graduate of Ohio University at Athens.



*Christine Alexander*

## Marketing Major Named Recipient of the DAR Scholarship

Marketing major Stephanie Elias is the recipient of the Blanche L. Reymann State Scholarship of the West Virginia Daughters of the American Revolution.

Elias is the daughter of Gary and Jennifer Elias of Wheeling. She has been on the WJU dean's list each semester and is a member of Sigma Beta Delta, a national honor society for business majors.

The recipient of the scholarship award must be a female student in need of funds who is entering her senior year in one of the West Virginia private colleges and universities. She also must be in the upper one-third of her class academically. The Reymann Scholarship rotates among the nine private colleges and universities in the Mountain State.



*Stephanie Elias*

In addition to her academic achievements, Elias is employed as a student worker in the registrar's office, is actively involved in the Student Government Association, serves as a representative on the student senate, student body treasurer and acts as a mentor to incoming freshmen. Her service activities involve visiting the children at West Virginia University Children's Hospital in Morgantown.

Established in memory of Blanche L. Reymann, a former West Virginia regent of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and a Wheeling chapter member, the scholarship investment was established by Reymann's three daughters: Elizabeth Spillers, Paula Steger and Nelda MacCorkle, DAR members.

## Psi Chi Inducts New Members, Marks 40<sup>th</sup> Year

WJU marked the 40th anniversary of its Psi Chi chapter by inducting seven new members into the national psychology honor society in September.

Juniors Megan Foutty and Jonathan Kolks; seniors, Scott Bonnette, Jenna Derrico, Laura Collins and Melissa Kahrman were inducted. Additionally, President Julio Giulietti, S.J. was honored and inducted as a faculty member based upon his graduate degree in psychology from St. Paul's University in Ottawa. This marks the first time a WJU president has been a member of Psi Chi. Each new member received a Psi Chi pin, a certificate and honor cord to be worn at graduation.

The induction ceremony was performed by psychology professor and department chair Dr. Debra Hull, assisted by club officers: seniors Bethany Kerwood, president; Amanda Stover, vice president; and Andrew Groves, secretary. Faculty members Drs. Bryan Raudenbush, Julie Osland and Michael Kirkpatrick also took part in the ceremony.



*From left, President Julio Giulietti, S.J., greets Psi Chi officers Bethany Kerwood (president) and Amanda Stover (vice president); and Andrew Groves (secretary) after receiving his Psi Chi cord, pin and certificate.*

During the past 40 years, 426 Wheeling Jesuit students have been inducted into the society, representing about 35 percent of all psychology majors and minors. Currently, the department is home to about 100 majors and 20 minors in psychology.

Psi Chi was founded in 1929 for the purposes of encouraging, stimulating, and maintaining excellence in scholarship, and advancing the science of psychology. Membership is open to graduate and undergraduate men and women who are making the study of psychology one of their major interests and who meet the minimum qualifications.



# Institute Begins Third Year of Programs

Now in its third year, the Institute for the Study of Capitalism and Morality (ISCM) launched its 2008 program with a talk by Dr. Andrew Bernstein in September.

Bernstein presented a program entitled: "Atlas Shrugged as the Culmination of the Romantic Novel." He discussed the philosophy of romantic fiction as he analyzed and compared Hugo's *Les Miserables*, Dostoevsky's *The Brothers Karamazov*, and Ayn Rand's *Atlas Shrugged*.



From left, Amy Walbert, Dr. Andrew Bernstein, Ted Pauls and Ed Younkens gather after the presentation.

Bernstein has published on a wide variety of philosophical and literary issues and his most recent book was released Sept. 16, 2008 and is entitled *"Objectivism in One Lesson."*

Bernstein lectures regularly at American universities, speaking on a broad range of intellectual topics. A popular lecture guest, he appears frequently on the radio on shows in Boston, Northern California, St. Louis and Detroit, and has been a talk-radio guest host in Los Angeles. He is a visiting professor of philosophy at Marist College and also teaches at SUNY Purchase College (State University of New York). His op-ed essays have been published in such newspapers as *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The Baltimore Sun*, *The Atlanta Constitution*, *The Washington Times*, *The Los Angeles Daily News*, *The Houston Chronicle* and others.

an examination of capitalism and the promotion of an in-depth examination of a free society. ISCM sponsors a series of programs, including lectures, seminars and undergraduate courses, to advance its mission of providing a deeper understanding of the moral, legal and economic foundations of such a society. It supports the growth and development of teaching and research, while establishing a forum for differing opinions to promote an appreciation of the concept, operation and effects of a Capitalistic system by engaging students and the community in programs and activities designed to stimulate discussion of these important topics.

Founded in the spring of 2006 as a result of a gift from the BB&T Charitable Foundation, Wheeling Jesuit's ISCM is dedicated to

## Stewart Wins Physics Scholarship

Senior Renee Stewart received the University's Medical Physics Scholarship for the fall of 2008, which was established by Wheeling Hospital's Urologic Research Institute and Elekta AB.

The daughter of Richard and Cathy Stewart '76, she is from the Philadelphia suburb of Audubon, Pa.

"We are grateful to Elekta for helping us to make this scholarship available to Renee, who was chosen as a recipient based upon her academic excellence and interest in medical physics," said Dr. Gregory S. Merrick, medical director of the Schiffler Cancer Center at Wheeling Hospital and founder/executive director of the Urologic Research Institute. "Elekta scholars will have increased opportunities for post-graduate study and better career prospects in the future as a result of this scholarship."

A biology and chemistry major, Stewart plans to become a medical doctor. She is the vice president of the WJU Chemistry Club and Alpha Epsilon Delta (pre-med honor society); treasurer of BetaBetaBeta (biology honor society); a member of Alpha Sigma Nu (National Jesuit honor society); and Gamma Sigma Epsilon (chemistry honor society); and a Pedro Arrupe Community Service Scholar.



Schiffler Cancer Center Medical Director Dr. Gregory Merrick and physics professor, Dr. Peter Ehni present the award to Renee Stewart.

# WJU Presents at Psychophysiological Research Conference in Texas

Wheeling Jesuit University students and alumni attended the Society for Psychophysiological Research Conference in Austin, Texas in October and were recognized for their work in psychology.

Led by Dr. Bryan Raudenbush, associate professor of psychology and director of undergraduate research, WJU students and alumni presented their projects at the conference. Those included:

- Effects of video game play on snacking behavior, caloric burn, and physiology: Nintendo Wii vs. Microsoft X-box, by Jared Bloom, Ryan Hunker, Kristin McCombs, and Tim Wright.
- Effects of chocolate consumption on enhancing cognitive performance by Alex Reed, Rosanna Drake, Lauren Mathews, and Daniel Felbaum.
- Effects of peppermint scent inhalation on smoking cessation, by Trevor Cessna, Drake, Felbaum, and Bloom.
- Effects of peppermint scent administration on reducing hunger ratings, food consumption and weight, by Reed, Jude Almeida and Ben Wershing.



*From left; Trevor Cessna, Kristin McCombs, Alex Reed, Tim Wright and Dr. Bryan Raudenbush.*

Students and alumni who actually attended the Texas conference were: senior Tim Wright, Kristin McCombs '05, Alex Reed '07 and Trevor Cessna '07. McCombs is also an adjunct instructor of psychology at WJU.

Cessna was the recipient of a \$500 travel award from the conference committee. He was one of only 16 students from North America who received this competitive prize. Cessna is currently in graduate school at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

The conference offered researchers at the undergraduate, graduate, and professional levels an opportunity to meet other professionals and students from across the globe and discuss research, news and careers.

## Psychology Club Service Project Offers Treats to Special Learners



*Sallie Minor reads to the children and guests at the Halloween festivities in Ignatius Hall.*

The University's psychology club invited students from the Augusta Levy Learning Center to campus in October as the college students treated the youngsters to Halloween goodies along with other learning activities.

Senior Tim Wright and Dr. Debra Hull, professor of psychology, organized the afternoon party with help from psychology majors. Kayla Lewellen and Danielle Longerbeam helped the children make pumpkin faces and Sallie Minor read stories while others painted faces. Caitlin Beam, Amanda Stover, and Julianna Arner made special treats, and Lexa Hamilton-Cotter and Andi Davis provided candy.

Interns Tim DeFilippis, Laura Collins, Megan Keenan and Melissa Kahrman, who work at the center, helped the children trick-or-treat at offices on campus. The Career Development Office provided treat bags and coloring books.

The children, aged 3-7, came dressed in costume and were greeted by a college student.

The Augusta Levy Learning Center was established in June 2005 as the only intensive autism treatment program in the Ohio Valley. The Levy Center aims to transform the lives of children afflicted with autism while enhancing their language, social, academic, and independent living skills through a year-round, intensive, one-on-one therapeutic program.



## WJU, WVU Enter Partnership

Officials from West Virginia University and Wheeling Jesuit University signed an agreement in August 2008 allowing students to spend three years at Wheeling Jesuit, two years in WVU's College of Engineering and Mineral Resources and graduate after five years with degrees from both institutions.

The agreement is similar to ones that the WVU engineering college has with other state institutions.

"We are excited about entering into this partnership with Wheeling Jesuit University," said E. Jane Martin, interim provost at WVU. "It is part of our University's commitment to making a wide variety of educational programs accessible to the citizens of West Virginia and the surrounding region."

"The demand for graduates proficient in engineering design and practice is increasing as we seek new forms of energy and redevelop aging infrastructure," said WJU Academic Vice President Letha Zook.

"The solutions to the problems we will face in this challenge require a unique set of skills. This collaboration will enable students to combine the unique learning experience that distinguishes Wheeling Jesuit with the exceptional technical learning in engineering and mineral sciences for which WVU is well known."

"Our state and our society as a whole are in need of highly educated scientists and engineers to solve the problems that we face and to fill the high-tech jobs of the future," said Gene Cilento, dean of the WVU College of Engineering and Mineral Resources. "By increasing educational options for students in programs like this, we enhance our ability to fulfill this vision."

The "three-plus-two" program will clearly define requirements and provide guidance and sample schedules for students so they will know what to take each semester to complete the program in a timely manner. In essence, Cilento said, the agreement provides students with a seamless transition from one institution to another.



*WVU Interim Provost Jane Martin looks on as WJU Academic Vice President Letha Zook signs the agreement.*

## Residence Hall Students Collect Clothes for Needy



*Resident hall students are shown with items collected.*

The women of Kirby and Sara Tracy halls completed a fall service project to help local service programs.

"Our hall residents in Sara Tracy and Kirby wanted to work on a service project during the month of October to help local charities," explained Irina Vesolowski, a junior nursing major and programming assistant for the halls. "We decided to have a clothing drive."

Vesolowski's duties included coordinating building-wide socials and campus events for students to take part in. "They love working together. It's a happy place," she said of 135 young women who live in the halls.

"We opened the project up to the whole building and each hallway was given a box, which they decorated and placed in their laundry area. The girls were given one month to collect the items." Prizes were given to the most creative box decoration and another prize for the most items collected.

Items collected included clothing, bedding and odds and ends. All donations were given to the St. Vincent DePaul Store and Catholic Neighborhood Charities.

# University Receives Tri-State Tax Institute Award

The Tri-State Tax Institute honored Wheeling Jesuit for its 51 years of partnership by bestowing on the University its highest honor, the St. Matthew the Apostle Award.

The award was presented to Academic Vice President Dr. Letha Zook at the Institute's annual banquet, held Oct. 13. Presenting the award was the Institute's chairman Robert Krall and board member Michael E. Kelly. Begun in 2005, the St. Matthew Award recognizes individuals who are instrumental in the success and longevity of the Institute and its mission. The dinner also honored keynote speaker, renowned tax law attorney Conrad Teitell and the six Wheeling Jesuit scholarship winners.

The Tri-State Tax Institute provides professional educational programs for bankers, insurance executives, attorneys and development professionals by offering an educational program each October in Troy Theater.

"The Tax Institute's board of directors created this award to honor persons instrumental to the success of the Institute. WJU qualifies due to its work with us over the years," said Krall. "Since St. Matthew is recognized as the patron saint of accountants, bankers, bookkeepers, financial officers, money managers, stockbrokers and tax collectors, the name of the award expresses our focus. We appreciate the partnership with the University." The award included a check for \$500.

The Tri-State Tax Institute again this year awarded scholarships to six WJU senior accounting students. They were: Kala Amato of Brookside, Ohio; Robert E. Baker of Wheeling, Matthew Comer of Wheeling, Jennifer Crouch of Bridgeport, Ohio; Justin Pastorius of Wheeling and Patrick Sengewalt of Wheeling.



*Tri-State Tax Institute board member Mike Kelly, Dr. Letha Zook and tax institute chairman Rob Krall are shown just after the check presentation at the banquet.*

## Fisher Chosen to Lead Board

William G. Fisher was elected chairman of Wheeling Jesuit University's Board of Directors Sept. 12, 2008.

"I am pleased to welcome Bill to the leadership role with our Board of Directors," said Julio Giulietti, S.J., president of the University. "Bill joined the board in 2003 and has served on the audit and executive committees, and served as chair of the finance committee. He is highly qualified and was elected unanimously."

Fisher is the chief financial officer of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, where he has been employed since 1998. Previously, Fisher was controller and internal auditor for the Wheeling Park Commission. He also was employed as staff accountant and auditor for Chamberlin and Company.

A life-long resident of Wheeling, he was raised in the Elm Grove neighborhood and earned two degrees from WJU -- his MBA in 1998 and his bachelor's in accounting in 1980.



*William G. Fisher*

Fisher leads a professional board that includes the immediate past board chairperson Col. Carol Yarnall '63, along with members: Don M. Benson Jr. '92, John R. Berthold '59, John P. Buch '96, James S. Cullen '92, Rudolph L. DiTrapano, Sr. Kathleen Durkin '71, CSJ; Jane Straub Friday '61, the Rev. Thomas F. Gleeson, S.J., the Rev. Edward Glynn, S.J, Daniel L. Haller '61, Barbara Hazard, Margaret O'Hara Helm '84, Donald H. Hofreuter, William Hogan, Frank P. James, Terrence M. Lewis '93, Andrew Paterno, Gerard L. Stockhausen S.J., Lynda C. Wolford and emeritus members L. Thomas Marchlen '67 and John B. Yasinsky '61.

He has been a certified public accountant since 1982 and maintains professional membership in the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the West Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Diocesan Fiscal Managers.



# Wheeling Jesuit Undergoing Accreditation By North Central

Wheeling Jesuit University, like many other U.S. colleges and universities, is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. WJU has been accredited by the Commission since 1962 and undergoes an evaluation for continued accreditation every 10 years.

Accreditation is a voluntary process, but is required for colleges and universities receiving federal funds, including federal financial aid.

For the past two years, WJU has engaged in a process of self-study which involves addressing the Commission's requirements and criteria for continued accreditation (Mission and Integrity; Preparation for the Future; Student Learning and Effective Teaching; Acquisition, Discovery, and Application of Knowledge; and Engagement and Service). At various stages in this process, constituents of the University have been afforded an opportunity to participate in discussions related to university programs, services, and activities, and to comment upon drafts of the formal self-study report.

Initially, task forces were formed to review HLC criteria, gather evidence, and compile drafts for the formal self-study report. The entire accreditation process is being directed by Academic Vice-President Dr. Letha B. Zook and the self-study team is co-chaired by faculty members: Dr. Mary Railing and Dr. Peter Ehni '81. Task forces were chaired by: Rev. James O'Brien, S.J.; Ehni; Dr. Bryan C. Raudenbush; Kathleen G. Tagg and Dr. Helen M. Faso. Dr. Joseph S. Brumble and Dr. Charles A. Julian assisted with report writing/editing, and Dennis Packer provided graphic arts and report composition assistance. The self-study report was completed in late January and submitted to evaluation team members the second week in February.

As a component of the self-study process, additional information was submitted to the HLC to request approval for: 1) addition of future graduate degree programs without requiring pre-approval from the Commission; and 2) addition of the Doctor of Nursing Practice as a new degree program.

A major element of the continuing accreditation process involves an on-site evaluation team visit that will occur April 6-8. Before evaluators arrive on campus, the HLC invites University stakeholders to provide substantive third-party comments related to quality of instruction or academic programs.

During the on-site evaluation, HLC-trained reviewers will gather evidence that the self-study process and information in the self-study report are accurate and thorough and that the University continues to meet accreditation criteria. The evaluating team will then recommend an accreditation status for the University. Following a review process, the Commission itself will take formal final action.

Zook said, "The inclusive and comprehensive nature of the self-study process provides the University with valuable data not only for the accreditation process, but also for future strategic planning initiatives."

For more information on the self-study process or to read the self-study report, visit [www.wju.edu/selfstudy](http://www.wju.edu/selfstudy).

## Higher Learning Commission Seeks Third Party Comment

Wheeling Jesuit University will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit April 6-8, from a team representing its accrediting agency, the HLC of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. In preparation for the visit, WJU is seeking comments about the University from its stakeholders.

The Commission requires that public comments be sought as part of the continuing accreditation process, and will consider public comments about WJU in determining continuing accreditation status for the University. Comments, which cannot be treated as confidential, must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Written, signed comments must be received no later than March 6; comments received after that date may not be considered. Comments should include the name, address, and phone number of the person providing them.

Send comments to:

Public Comments on Wheeling Jesuit University  
The Higher Learning Commission  
30 North LaSalle Street, Suite 2400  
Chicago, IL 60602-2504

Or utilize the online link at:

[http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=247&Itemid=240](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=247&Itemid=240)

**Note:** Complaints will not be considered third party comments. Individuals who have a specific dispute or grievance should request the Policy on Complaints document from the HLC office or view this document at:

[http://www.ncahlc.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&task=view&id=256&Itemid=247](http://www.ncahlc.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=256&Itemid=247)

The Higher Learning Commission cannot settle disputes between institutions and individuals.

# CET Awarded \$2 Million to Study Video Games and Learning

The Center for Educational Technologies® was awarded nearly \$2 million from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to study how videogames can help students learn science.

The grant continues research first funded by NASA at the Center for Educational Technologies (CET) in 2006. NASA had asked researchers at the NASA-sponsored Classroom of the Future to study how videogames could be used to disseminate NASA science and to assess how well students learn while playing the games. That effort resulted in the creation of Selene: A Lunar Construction GaME, a prototype online videogame in which players learn how Earth's moon was formed as they create their own moon and then pepper it with impact craters and flood it with lava flows.

The new grant took effect Sept. 15 and will provide two years of guaranteed funding totaling \$1,165,145 and the final two

The NSF-funded research will allow Reese and her team to further develop the theory and methods of CyGaMEs. These are the first steps toward creation of a cyberlearning network of standards-based instructional environments that employ game-based technologies to guide learning. These environments will use metaphors within the games to make science learning more intuitive to players. CyGaMEs also will assess and report on learner growth.

"We want to make science learning more intuitive, and videogames designed with sound instructional principles can help us achieve that," Reese said.

The new funding continues the need for players ages 13-18 to help with the study by taking part in the Selene game. Both players and adult recruiters are needed to confirm players' ages, get parental consent and gather other players. To sign up as a recruiter or play Selene, visit the Selene Web



years of funding totaling \$834,322 will be contingent on the availability of funds and scientific progress of the project.

The new NSF funding will allow researchers to continue their studies into educational videogames while refining and re-engineering Selene to make the game more robust.

The project is entitled "RUI: CyGaMEs: Cyber-enabled Teaching and Learning Through Game-based, Metaphor-enhanced Learning objects" (<http://cygames.cet.edu>) and is under the direction of Debbie Denise Reese, Ph.D., senior educational researcher at the CET.

"CyGaMEs is important because it causes and assesses learning within instructional environments scientifically engineered to make learning intuitive and intrinsically rewarding," Reese said.

Simply put, it helps students learn through gaming.

Reese's CyGaMEs theory is an approach for designing videogames that spurs players to learn science concepts by drawing analogies to their experiences playing the game. Done effectively, a videogame using the CyGaMEs method helps players achieve flow, a point of immersion in the game when players best grasp the learning points the game is trying to make. "Flow is optimal experience," Reese said.

site at <http://selene.cet.edu>, or contact Lisa McFarland at 304-243-2479 or [lisamc@cet.edu](mailto:lisamc@cet.edu).

"Playing the Selene game and helping with our research are the rare opportunities for students, teachers and parents to take part in what started as a NASA project and is now National Science Foundation research," said Chuck Wood, Ph.D., director of the Center for Educational Technologies. "And the game is a lot of fun!"

Wood, an internationally renowned lunar scientist who still works with NASA as a planetary geologist on its Cassini-Huygens mission to Saturn, stars in Selene's video segments as he explains the different stages of development it took to form Earth's moon. Students will get a chance to work directly with Wood as part of the new funding as the research team seeks teenage volunteers and classrooms to help write a "teenspeak" version of the game's open-ended assessment items. Contact McFarland to get involved with that.

Two others playing a key role in the CyGaMEs project will be Ben Hitt, Ph.D., director of the Schenk International Center for Informatic Sciences at Wheeling Jesuit, and Beverly Carter, Ph.D., WJU associate professor of computer science. Both Hitt and Carter have worked on the initial videogame research.



# Sen. Byrd Inspires New Leaders, According to Constitution Day Program

By JOSELYN KING, Ogden Newspapers political writer

U.S. Sen. Robert Byrd knows that 50 years ago he was the 1,579th legislator ever sworn in as senator - and so does the historian for the U.S. Senate.

"Every time a new senator is sworn in, he asks them, 'Do you know your number?'" Robert Baker said of Byrd, D-W.Va.

Baker was appointed as the chamber's official historian in 1975, and he is the only person to ever hold the job. In September he spoke at Wheeling Jesuit as part of Constitution Day.

By the time the freshman senators are sworn in, they already have some schooling from Byrd, Baker noted.

After they are elected in November elections, new senators attend a three-day "Senate School" later that month to learn their duties, he said. It is during that time that the new senators have an extended, confidential heart-to-heart chat with Byrd and other veteran senators.

Baker noted it was after a session during more recent years that Byrd's colleague, U.S. Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., told Byrd his remarks and advice to the senators should be recorded.

The recording was later passed on to Baker, who has included it in the Senate records.

Baker said Byrd tells the senators in his remarks, "Service in the Senate is an extreme honor, but it is a burden," adding they should be able to display "extreme selflessness" in their duties.

Byrd encourages the senators to be noble, and reminds them that, "The Senate is more important than any of us." He informs them the Senate "is a special place, where there is unlimited debate among members." That is not the case in the U.S. House, where debate time is limited, or among foreign government bodies.

"Read the U.S. Constitution," Baker said Byrd tells the freshmen. "It is the best way to understand your role."

Byrd crafted the legislation establishing "Constitution Day" on Sept. 17 - the date in 1787 that the U.S. Constitution was signed by America's founding fathers. The legislation was enacted in 2004.



## NTTC's HEALTHeWV's Success Is Highlighted at Charleston Symposium

According to the W.Va. Department of Health and Human Resources, around 256,000 West Virginians have diagnosed and undiagnosed diabetes. In September, nurses, physicians,

pharmacies and other health care professionals from around the state gathered in Charleston for the Diabetes Workshop and Symposium.

The theme of the event was "Bridging the Gap with Education." Manager of Clinical Outcomes Research for the National Technology Transfer Center's HEALTHeWV, Kathy Platter, spoke about improving the quality of care and bridging the gap through the use of electronic health records. Platter highlighted the success of the HEALTHeWV system at Wheeling Health Right and how electronic records can improve patient care and streamline the communication process at health care facilities.

"For example, at Wheeling Health Right, if a patient calls in to schedule an appointment, the receptionist that brings up the patient's name could see a red warning sign that indicates when lab work, screening or diabetes education is needed for the patient. A nurse can then work with the patient to get these done before the patient meets with the physician," Platter said.

Platter said besides better care and improving communication, the system also eliminates extra trips for patients, especially those in rural areas of the state.

"The electronic health records system can be optimized to meet each clinic's needs," she said.

Currently, 21 health clinics in West Virginia use HEALTHeWV's electronic health records system.

HEALTHeWV aims to enhance the health care of people throughout rural West Virginia by incorporating a patient-focused, disease-management software tool in clinics around the state. The program specifically addresses West Virginia's high incidence of chronic illnesses such as diabetes, cancer and heart and lung disease.

HEALTHeWV is based on the U.S. Army's award-winning HEALTHeFORCES program and is adapted for use in rural civilian communities. The program is a collaboration among the NTTC, the Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Marshall University's Robert C. Byrd Center for Rural Health Care.

# Center for Educational Technologies Has Plenty for Alumni

Alumni may be surprised at some of the opportunities available to them and their families at the Erma Ora Byrd Center for Educational Technologies® (CET).

Since 1994, the CET has been the home of cutting-edge research into technology's place in education. But its reach is far wider than educational research. In fact, the Center's offerings might have something that alumni, their family or friends can take advantage of, especially for those in education fields.

For instance . . .

The Challenger Learning Center®, housed in the CET, is one of only 47 worldwide established in memory of the space shuttle Challenger. The CLC provides students, teachers and adult learners with simulations that emphasize teamwork, problem-solving, decision-making and communication skills. WJU alumni have the opportunity to use Challenger programs at a discount. Challenger's on-site and distance learning programs can be useful for school age students, as an outreach avenue for corporations or as Partners in Education contributions. Contact Lori Flynn-Kudlak at lkudlak@cet.edu or 304-243-8729 for more information.

The NASA-sponsored Classroom of the Future, located in the CET, is the space agency's principal research and development center for educational technologies. Wheeling Jesuit's long-standing relationship with NASA offers many benefits, some visible and others not so apparent. Teachers can take advantage of the many educational products the Classroom of the Future™ has created for NASA over the years, such as the award-winning Exploring the Environment®. In addition, the Classroom of the Future reviews all educational products before they can be made available through the NASA Web site. Educators interested in reviewing and testing the newest educational offerings with your students can contact Meri Cummings at meri@cet.edu or 304-243-2499.

The CyberSurgeons™ project is creating an online, distance-learning mission in which high school anatomy and biology students diagnose illnesses from patients in South America being treated by a medical rescue ship. This project, funded by the National Institutes of Health, is in the testing phases, and alumni educators can test it free in their classrooms by contacting Manetta Calinger at mcalinger@cet.edu or 304-243-4323.

The National Science Foundation has funded the CET to continue development of Selene: A Lunar Formation GaME, which began under NASA funding in 2006. Selene studies how students can best learn science concepts through videogames. Players between the ages of 13-18 are needed to test the game and take part in the ongoing research, and adult recruiters also are needed to sign up players. To learn more, contact Lisa McFarland at lisamc@cet.edu or 304-243-2479.

The NASA Educator Resource Center sits on the second floor of the CET. The Center provides various resources from the space agency. Contact Jane Neuenschwander at jneuen@cet.edu or 304-243-4416.

The CET offers a variety of summer day camps each year. The Challenger Learning Center has full- and half-day camps for kids as young as elementary school and through high school. The CET also has an annual weeklong robotics and fitness camp. Contact Sharon Morgan at smorgan@cet.edu or 304-243-2029 for the Challenger camps and Cummings at meri@cet.edu or 304-243-2499 for robotics.

The EdTech Collaborative is a NASA-funded Web site to share best practices in educational technology. The new Web site works like a wiki in that users contribute materials and can comment on or edit postings. Alumni with an interest in education or technology are welcome to log in and contribute to this growing site. You can find it at [www.edtechcollaborative.com](http://www.edtechcollaborative.com).

To learn more about all the programs offered at the CET, check out the Center's Web site at [www.cet.edu](http://www.cet.edu).



# University Opens Center in Charleston

Campus NEWS

Wheeling Jesuit University's Center for Professional & Graduate Studies opened its new Charleston Center in August to better serve students in central West Virginia.

The Center is located in Charleston at 1028 Quarrier Street, and is housed within the Sacred Heart Parish Center.

"We are proud to have a full-time presence in Charleston," said Becky Forney, associate dean of Professional and Graduate Studies. "Based on research conducted over the past year, we know that there is a need for this location and we encourage any prospective students to stop by and explore the center."

Staffed by full-time recruiter Kelli Murphy, who joined the Wheeling Jesuit administration this past July 1, the Charleston Center welcomes prospective students and their inquiries.

Along with Murphy's office, the Center includes a classroom where the Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership and Development (BOLD) and the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL) classes meet.

Both of these cohort-based programs are up and running and very successful. Hundreds of adults who work in many fields, including banking, financial planning, government, social ser-



*The official opening of the Charleston Center.*

vices, health and education, find them the right fit for their busy lifestyles. These programs build on a liberal arts basis and factor in professional experience and work duties.

In September, a ribbon cutting ceremony and a reception was held. President Julio Giulietti, S.J., local and state dignitaries, faculty and administration were on hand to welcome guests to a grand opening ceremony of the Charleston Center.

Wheeling Jesuit's professional and graduate programs have been educating adults for more

than 30 years. The department offers several degrees at its main campus: master of science in business administration; a master of science in accountancy; bachelor's of arts in leadership and development degree (BOLD); bachelor in liberal arts; bachelor in business administration, all offered on campus. In addition, online programs in nursing (RN to BSN and RN to MSN) and the bachelor of science in health care leadership degree programs also are available.

"We've had a need for adult programs like this in the region and Wheeling Jesuit it proud to offer the non-traditional students in the Charleston area a chance to obtain degrees while working and to further their careers," Forney said. "We know how to educate adult learners for today's professional workplace."

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## Knox Impacted by WJU Adult Program

The year was 1987 and Ken Knox was the owner of a small grocery store in a small town in East Ohio. His IGA served families in Shadyside, Ohio, just across the river from Wheeling.

Things were far from booming in the community and he wanted to ensure his family's future. The idea of going back to college was appealing - but how? That's when he heard a radio spot for Wheeling Jesuit University and a new degree geared toward adult learners. He called to learn more.

After that he enrolled in what was then known as the bachelor's of arts in human resource management (BHRM), now known as the bachelor of arts in organizational leadership and development (BOLD) program and earned his degree quickly, graduating in spring of 1989.

A member of the first graduating class of this highly successful degree program, Knox continued in the retail grocery business until 1992 when he sold the store to begin his own consulting company, Opportunity Knox.

Strategic management planning and marketing are now his focus, and he's been successful at guiding folks and providing training programs for small and large businesses. He serves a variety of companies including retail, wholesale, industries, non-profits, academics and a vast array of individual clients.

"Opportunity Knox allows me to help others reach their goals," he said. Along the way of his varied career path, Knox went on to earn a master's in strategic leadership in 2004, then a doctorate in organization and management.

"Ken proves that adults can change careers and be very successful," said Dr. Fred Lambert, former Wheeling Jesuit dean of students

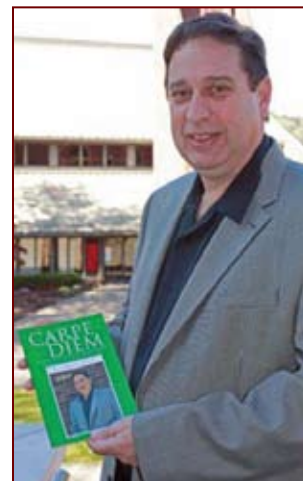
and adult education. "Wheeling Jesuit is especially proud of all its adult graduates. These learners recognize the fact that you're never too old to change. Ken's just one of many Center for Professional and Graduate Studies graduates who has done incredible things to advance his career.

"His story is a great example of how beneficial and practical our adult programs are for those willing to work hard. We've done them for 35 years. We do them well and we do them often," Lambert added.

Building on his success story, Knox just published his first motivational handbook, *Carpe Diem - Simple Strategies to Move from Average to Extraordinary*. Knox describes it as a manual for "all of us who are average, but aspire to greater accomplishment."

Knox has come a long way in a short time for someone who's been as busy as he's been with family and professional duties. He's always embraced change and challenge, two concepts that today's success-oriented worker must learn to recognize as golden opportunities.

In addition to running his own management-consulting firm, Knox teaches management at Jefferson Community College and serves as the college's assessment coordinator.



Ken Knox

## New Nursing Degree Program Planned

Already have a degree, but want to earn a bachelor of science in nursing? Wheeling Jesuit is planning to launch a new program in late 2009 to bridge the gap.

The BS/BA to BSN accelerated degree program is designed for students who have a four-year college degree to earn a BSN in as little as 18-months, said Becky Forney, associate dean of Professional and Graduate Studies.

The program is set to begin in July 2009 and courses will be offered on the campus as part of the University's day curriculum, she added. Classes would be formed as cohort groups of 12-16 students and the group would graduate in December, 18-months later.

"This accelerated program provides adults, who have already earned a college degree, the opportunity to return to school and complete the educational requirements for the bachelor's degree in nursing in 18 months. The program is intended for those adults who want to go to school full-time and enter the workforce as a nurse in the shortest time possible," said Rose Kutlenios, chair of the nursing department.

The new program will allow students to complete the program one year sooner than attending a traditional nursing program, Kutlenios added. "By graduating in December, these nurses will enter the workforce at a time of the year when fewer new graduates are applying for jobs."

Forney said such a program could provide a steady pool of nurses for local hospitals and health care facilities to hire from year to year.

"This is just one more way Wheeling Jesuit is working to meet the needs of local students and our health care partners in the community. The BS/BA to BSN program is an alternative way for someone to earn a BSN - making the transition from one career to another easier and faster," Forney added.

To learn more about the BS/BA to BSN accelerated degree program, contact The Center for Professional and Graduate Studies at 304-243-2250 or [adulthood@wju.edu](mailto:adulthood@wju.edu).



# MSOL Program Attracting Adult Learners

The accelerated pace and modular delivery system are attracting more and more adult learners to Wheeling Jesuit's newest master's program.

Since its launch in 2007, the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL) has attracted more than 25 adult students to the program. One of the program's designers believes this accelerated graduate degree program was born out of the need to provide adult learners with management and leadership skills to help advance their careers and job placement.

According to Dr. Fred Lambert, facilitator of the MSOL curriculum development process and former dean of Adult Education and Student Life, the MSOL program grew out of a desire by graduates of WJU's Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Leadership and Development (BOLD). For many years, BOLD graduates had asked the University for a master's level program that offered the same accelerated delivery mode and modular curriculum, he added.

"Because the program is interdisciplinary, it's very attractive to adult learners. The program provides them with the leadership and management skills necessary to allow these students upward mobility within their workplaces," Lambert added.

MSOL is an interdisciplinary program that directs the exploration of contemporary organizational development, its theoretical foundations and their application in the corporate, community, government and non-profit sectors. Those entering the program must have completed a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university with a minimum grade point average of 2.75.

The program incorporates a sequence of modules that expose students to an interdisciplinary series of topics that enhance skills from human behavior to marketing to delivering a product, said Becky Forney, associate dean of Professional and Graduate Studies.

Forney said the program has been so successful because it allows working professionals a new and flexible way to earn a master's degree in as little as 22 months. Classes meet on the main campus in Wheeling and in the University's Charleston (W.Va.) Center.

"Classes are offered one night a week, but not every week, which provides flexibility to adults who want to earn an advanced degree while continuing to work full-time," she added. During the course of the program, classes are held 52 times during the 22-month period.

Debbie Wilkinson, a member of the first MSOL cohort, said, "The program has been very educational, interesting and engaging. I know it will benefit me in any direction I wish to go. We are learning every aspect of leadership in an organization."

Wilkinson said the courses have helped her to better understand issues, like the presidential campaign and ideology. "The coursework is useful and thought provoking information ... I really do not look at things the same at all. Even if I never run a company, I will be a better employee, consumer and debater."

Designed by full-time faculty at Wheeling Jesuit, Forney said, "the curriculum is relevant to today's learner because it integrates in-class coursework with out-of-class reading assignments. The modules offer a blend of the latest theories and their applications in the 'real world' setting."

The program will begin new cohorts in the spring of 2009. For more information, contact Forney at [adulthood@wju.edu](mailto:adulthood@wju.edu) or 1-800-873-7665.



*Members of the first MSOL cohort.*

# Alumni NOTES

**1961**

**Mikell Lynne (Scholotter) Hedley** earned a doctorate in May 2008. She is a research scientist and SATELLITES education coordinator at the University of Toledo (OH).

**1963**

**James Disen** is senior vice president of Triana Energy, LLC. and is an adjunct professor at the University of Charleston (WV).

**1964**

**William Floria** works for Corporate Assistance Group (MD), LLC.

**1966**

**John Long** is the owner/president of Safety Shoe Distributors Footworks (OH).



Five members of the Class of 1966 visited Shepherdstown, West Virginia in October. **Davitt McAteer** who divides his time between WJU and his home in Shepherdstown played host to classmates **Charlie Hayes, Jon Donnelly, Jeanne Hamilton, Mickey Kelley**. The group is shown outside the Yellow Brick Bank in Shepherdstown.

**1967**

**Jim Fitzgerald** is a realtor and owns Sold On Betsy and Jim Group with his wife. He is the president of the Kennebunkport (ME) Chamber of Commerce.

**Ford "Woodie" Stevens** is owner of General Family & Cosmetic Dental in the Philadelphia area.

**1968**

**John Bertelli** works for Bertelli Homes, Inc. in Boardman, OH.

**James DeSarno** is now a federal law enforcement rep. for IBM.

**Scott Nicodemus** is principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School (MD).

**Karen (Roman) Connelly**, runs her own consulting business and tutors at a local community college.

**1969**

**Marylou (Carrico) Tietz** works for Lamaze International in Maryland.

**Bob Thornton** works for GEICO.

**1970**

**Kathleen (Hodges) North** is manager of Children's Hospital in Oakland, CA.

**Veronica (Domsic) Riffle** is teaching chemistry at the International School of Prague in the Czech Republic.

**John and Sally (O'Donnell) Rooney** reside in Drexel Hill, PA. He is retired and she is assistant dean for the School of Arts & Sciences at LaSalle University.

**Ed and Teresa (Purpura) Schmitt**, reside in Wheeling. He is treasurer & CFO of Riesbeck's Food Markets in St. Clairsville, OH.

**Pat Simons** is a claim supervisor for GEICO in Lakeland, FL.

**1971**

**J. Edward Buckley** is human resource director for Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corp. in Alaska.

**Lewis Davis** is the pension fund manager for Bakery & Confectionery International.

**Pete and Mary Anne (Siwinski) Gummere '73** reside in St. Johnsbury, VT. He is a deacon, works for the Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital and had an article published in the National Catholic Bioethics Quarterly summer issue.

**Jeff Jacaruso** is slot shift manager at Orleans Hotel in Las Vegas.

**Evelyn Minick** is librarian at St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia.

**Robert Mustin** was appointed to the East Pennsboro Township (PA) School Board.

**William Rogerson** is project manager for Community Education Partners in Nashville.

**Kathleen (Larkin) Wynne** is a consultant for the Center for Montessori Education.

**1972**

**Mary Brandt** is a special assistant for the U.S. Government.

**Mickey (Prenger) Dalton** is a nurse for Community Hospice House (NH).

**Paula (Scott) Felt** works for the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington, D.C.

**Ann Marie Moriarty** works for the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, DC.

**1973**

**Denny and Mary (Platten) Fallon** reside in Stafford, VA. He is the director of Lockheed Martin.

**Patrick Muth** works for Travelers Insurance Co. in Maryland.

**Gary Wetmiller** works for GEICO.

**1974**

**Jim and Carolyn (Evosevic) O'Neil '73** resides in Towson, MD. He is employed by Baltimore County.

**1975**

**Harry J. Adams** is the HIV coordinator for the state of West Virginia.

**Roger Staso** works for the Dept. of the Army.

**John Supan** was the keynote speaker at the 3rd International Workshop on Aquaculture Sanitation of Bivalve Molluscs in September 2008. He is a research professor at Louisiana State University.

**1976**

**Fr. Thomas Hamm** is pastor of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception and St. Michael's Catholic churches in Ohio.

**Frank Reilly** owns The Reilly Group, which was employed by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to help plan the National Environmental Protection Act Policy for the Secure Borders Initiative.

**Timothy and Vickie (Byers) Sleeve '79** reside in Hastings, MI. He is a director for Kellogg Community College and she is a teacher for Hastings Area Schools.





Several members of the class of 1976, known as the *Stokers*, got together during the Summer of 2008 at Ocean City. Sporting the WJU flag are: **Mike Reiff '77**, **Luciano Muzzatti**, **Dan Gieser '74**, **Tony Girifalco**, **Bill Battista**, **Chris Ganssle** and **Dan Rosato**.

## 1977

**Kevin Foy** is an attorney for Zauner & Associates in Baltimore.

**Rodney Gaddy** is vice president of corporate services for Progress Energy in North Carolina.

**Rev. William Matheny, Jr.** is pastor of St. John University parish in Morgantown.

## 1978

**Art and Peggy (Rydelek) Smail '79**, reside in Crofton, MD. He is owner of Smail Associates, Inc.

## 1979

**Sorin Brull, M.D.** is a professor at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Jacksonville, FL.

**Albert Bugaj** is professor of psychology at the University of Wisconsin-Marinette.

**Verne Hedgpeth, Jr.** is senior tax auditor for the DC Office of Tax & Revenue/Audit Division.

**Christine (Downing) Little** is a teacher for Marietta (OH) City Schools.

**Dan and Anne (Exner) Moran**, reside in Glen Mills, PA. Dan is a construction superintendent for T.N. Ward Co. and Anne is a special education teacher for Delaware County.

**Mary Lousie Petrisko** is an outpatient therapist for Mulberry Center, Inc.

## 1980

**Angela (Macci) Bires** is the director of nuclear medicine technology at Robert Morris University (PA).

**Kelly (Mary) Faul** works for XO Communications in the Washington, DC area.

**Nancy (Galligan) Fulton** works for Steamboat Enterprises in Maryland.

**Paul and Michelle (Morganweck) Mulholland** reside in Media, PA. He is president of Mulholland & Company, LLC.

**Jennifer Taeko Harada-Yoshizawa** is a realtor with Coldwell Banker Pacific Properties in Hawaii.

## 1981

**John and Donna (Poplawski) Pastorius** reside in Wheeling. He is a vice president at Wheeling Hospital and she is a medical technician at the hospital.

**Jean Rumsey** is drug safety manager for Icon Clinical Research (PA).

**Colleen (Griffin) White** is IT director/project manager for Greif, Inc. in Ohio.

## 1982

**Keith Galloway** is a consultant to the U.S. Government.

**Abby (Rubin) McCarthy** is a 6th grade literacy teacher at the Howe Manning School (MA).

**Raymond Newhouse** is vice president & CFO for LANXESS Corp. (PA).

**Rachel (Brown) Trueblood** is co-founder & CFO of HRH Adventures, LLC.

## 1983

**Peggy (Knuth) Ferguson** is CFNP at MedExpress in Wheeling.

**Marie (Brosnan) Katavolos** is the director of school age programs for the YWCA of Bergen County (NY).

## 1984

**Helena Dowd** works for the city of Oak Creek, WI.

**Michael Ferrebee, M.D.**, is vice president of Mon. General Hospital in Morgantown.

**Bill Floria** is DIACAP specialist with Modis, Inc. in Maryland.

**Frank Finn** is assistant superintendent for students and special education for Fauquier County Public Schools (VA).

**Karen (Manning) Horsey** is an HR specialist for Capital One Financial Corp. (VA).

**Stanley T. Tuchalski** works for the Transportation Security Administration at Orlando (FL) Airport.

## 1985

**Tim "Spike" Howe** works for Polk Audio in Maryland.

**Maureen Nash** is an attending physician at the Quality Center for Geriatric Psychiatry (OR) and is vice chair of the clinical practice committee of the American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry.

## 1986

**Charles Cooke** is program coordinator for Kankakee Community College (IL).

**Tony Eisel** works for Bank of America in Charlotte, NC.

**Cecilia (Cipriani) Irvin** is a consultant for the Marshall County (WV) School's Autism Program.

## 1987

**Melissa (Pelkey) Ankrom** is president of MWA Enterprises (OH).

**Dorothy Blaner** received the Richard Abrams Trustee Award from the Ohio Assoc. of Community Colleges Trustees. She is employed at Jefferson Community College (OH.)

## 1988

**Matthew Campbell** is CFO of Appalachian Materials Group in Dunbar, WV.

**James Carey** is a partner with Manypenny and Carey law firm in New Cumberland, WV.

**Greg Chermol** works for Vanguard Group (PA).

**Christine (Dovich) Dallman** works for Sycamore School in Indianapolis.

**Mary Guzzetta** is communications manager/fellowship evaluation manager for Idea Foundry in Pittsburgh.

**Patricia "Patches" (Albert) Holmes** founded the Touch of Tradition Family School (TN).

# Alumni NOTES

## WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER

An initial meeting to discuss the formation of a joint DC/Baltimore alumni chapter was held in Columbia, Maryland. Ten alumni, along with Alumni Director Kelly Klubert '85 and Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J. met and discussed the best ways to involve other alumni in the area, what activities to undertake and what events to hold.

Any alumni in and around Washington D.C. and Baltimore who want to help with the chapter in some way, are encouraged to contact the Alumni Office at 1-800-888-2586.

## COLUMBUS, OH CHAPTER

The Columbus Alumni Chapter held a family picnic at the home of Marian (Malley) Jones '80 in August. The annual event is a hit with alumni with families! More than 20 alumni and their families enjoyed a relaxing day by the pool. Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J. was in attendance along with Kelly Klubert '85, alumni director. Alumni Council President Scott Gallagher, Klubert and Fr. O'Brien offered alumni updates on campus happenings.

The chapter also held its 2nd Annual Post Holiday Party Jan. 24. University President Julio Giulietti, S.J. was on hand. This was Fr. Giulietti's first visit with alumni in the Columbus area. Alumni of all ages gathered at a restaurant in the Dublin area of Columbus for the social.

**Patti (Pfund) Kosylo** is a registered nurse with UPMC Private Duty Services.

**Eileen (Foy) McCann** is an elementary teacher for the Allegheny County (PA) Board of Education.

**Christine (Leeper) Osborne** is a public health nurse for the Lorain County (OH) Health District.

### 1989

**Jeff Corle** started an organic dairy farm in Windber, PA.

**Dr. Janet (Huang) Fitzpatrick** is the clerkship director at Drexel University College of Medicine.

**Robert and Judi (Pavlasky) Knott** reside in Baltimore. He is senior VP of corporate communications for Edelman Public Relations.

### 1990

**Deborah Harris** is an OR educator at St. Clair Hospital in Pittsburgh.

**John Skrha** is a nursing student at Notre Dame College (OH).

### 1991

**Patricia (Richardson) Easterling** is an adjunct faculty member at Jefferson Community College (OH).

**Scott Ferrell** is a games producer for Cranium Inc in Seattle.

**Mary (Myers) Laumann** is branch account manager for Citifinancial in Ellicott City, MD.

**Anne (Gemensky) Metzler** is an associate professor at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine.

**Benjamin and Heather (Wintrich) Robb**, reside in Sykesville, MD. She is employed by the Carroll County Department of Social Services.

**Daniel Saccardi** works in the finance department at the Bank of Georgetown (MD).

**Paula Witt** is an administrative assistant for U.S. Securities Associates, Inc. in Wheeling.

**James Toy** is a courier for Federal Express in Union, NJ.

### 1992

**Marie (Cooney)**

**Corson** works for Sun Bank in Marmora, NJ.

**V. Scott Gallagher** is property controller for Casto Property Management in Columbus, OH.

**Marc England** works for Roylance, Abrams, Berdo & Goodman, LLP.

**Mario Julian** works for American Glass Company.

**Jodi (Mestrovic) Shackelford** owns Nails By Jodi in Wheeling.

**Brian Trischler** is a CPA for Costanzo & Associates PLLC.

### 1993

**Shawn Berry** is a senior developer for American Eagle Outfitters (PA).

**Thomas Cozzens** is in banking sales for the Bank of America (MD).

**Joseph Martino** is director of advancement services at Chestnut Hill College in Philadelphia.

**Mark and Stefanie (Keller) McMahon** reside in West Chester, PA. She is an ICU nurse at Riddle Memorial Hospital and he is senior VP at Tedeschi McMahon Wealth Management.

**Samuel Phipps** is senior financial analyst for Bayer Material Science, LLC in Pittsburgh.

### 1994

**Jessica Barrett** is CSA/ARMS for the U.S. Treasury Department/BPD in Parkersburg WV.

**Anthony James** is the head women's soccer coach at Youngstown State University (OH).

### 1995

**Johan Isaksson** is head of the international audit life division for SEB in Stockholm, Sweden.

**Richard Shields** is office manager for Martin Marietta, Burning Springs Mine Petroleum.

**Mingo Winters** is an associate attorney with Hayden & Hart, PLLC in Beckley, WV.



## 1996

**Nacy Alouise** is a judge advocate in the U.S. Army.

**Paul Daly** is a psychology and history teacher at Walkersville (MD) High School.

**Jeff Harr** works in Web support for All-State Insurance Company (NE).

**Gregory and Kelly (Kuczvara) Karoly '97** reside in Whitefish Bay, WI. He is president of Iron Fireman.

**Stephanie (Garrett) McConnell** works for Berger Health Systems.

**Amy (Krak) McKenzie** is assistant director of development for The Ohio State University College of Food, Agricultural & Environmental Sciences.

**Leo and Missy (Vignjevic) Moreda '97** reside in Raleigh, NC. He is youth minister at St. Francis of Assisi and she is an ICU nurse at Duke University Medical Center.

**Brian Moscatelli** is market operations manager for Subaru of America, Inc. (TX).

**Erikka (Kerr) Storch** works for Ohio Valley Steel Company in Wheeling.

## 1997

**Sharon (Cameron) Berry** is a staff chaplain at WVU Hospitals in Morgantown.

**Dana (Metz) Chambers** is a counselor at Holy Trinity Middle School in Charlotte, NC.

**Raymond Hage** is an Episcopal priest in Huntington, WV.



**Teresa Hohman** married Wayne Kasel May 10, 2008. WJU alumni at the wedding included: **Jenny (Johnson) Richey '97**; **Cherie (Straley) Fullerton '97**; **Marikathryn (Bartosik) Velenti '97**; **Trisha (Hutkay) Painter '98**; and **Mary Bowman '97**. She is a trial lawyer for McKeen and Assocs. in Detroit.

**Jennifer (Criniti) Komorowski** is a pediatric physical therapist for WV Birth to Three.

**Eric Ludwig** is director of search engine marketing for AOL.

**Su Saunders** is an IT specialist/business master file systems acceptability tester for the IRS in Martinsburg, WV.

## 1998

**Gina (Maranto) Adams** is a social worker at Wheeling Hospital.

**William Beckett** is controller for a commercial construction company. He was named the 198-pound United States National Champion in powerlifting.

**Shana (Logston) Collins** is a nuclear medicine technologist for Parkersburg (WV) Cardiology Associates.

**Natalie (Spry) Cox** is coordinator for Prysmian Power Cables and Systems USA, LLC.

**Janice (Marling) Dalton** is childcare director for CMC Buds of Promise Childcare Center (PA).

**Alison Johnson** is program officer for Enterprise Community Partners, Inc. in Baltimore.

**Stacy (Cilli) Knierim** is assistant manager of finance for sponsored programs at WJU.

**John and Amanda (Balser) Naughton '99**, announce the birth of Lillian "Lilly" Nicole born June 23, 2008.

**Steve Olintz** is a manager for Sierra Nevada Brewing Company.

## 1999

**Tiffany (Jewett) Beaver** is an accountant with Ashland Distribution (OH).

**Brian Furlong** is a home care physical therapist for Therapy Choice in Philadelphia.

**Michael Hager** is general manager of Stonewall Resort (WV).

**Joy (King) Lutes** published her first book of poetry entitled *Work in Progress*.

**Michelle Pillar** is teaching 5th grade at East Hardy Early Middle School (WV).

**Lisa Sliva** is a registered nurse at The Ohio State University Medical Center, James Cancer Hospital.

## PHILADELPHIA CHAPTER

October 11, the Philadelphia Alumni Chapter hosted its annual golf scramble. The Pieco Open, named in honor of the late Mike Scannapieco '77, was a day of fun for the more than 60 alumni who golfed or attended the beef 'n beer dinner. Proceeds from the Pieco Open go to the Rev. Charles Currie, S.J. Philadelphia Alumni Scholarship, which provides funds to a deserving WJU student. This year, the chapter will award the first scholarship from the fund.

The Chapter also held its annual Post Holiday Party at the home of Martha (Buckley) Shields '64 January 10. Alumni of all ages were on hand for the gathering.





# Alumni Weekend 2009

## A GOLDEN CELEBRATION

Opening the doors to 90 students in September 1955, Wheeling College began the tradition of educating and serving the people of Wheeling and Appalachia. Five decades later, Wheeling Jesuit University continues to build upon its rich heritage and celebrate the achievements of its alumni.

During Alumni Weekend 2009, the University will mark a milestone -- its first 50th class reunion. This year will be a special time for all the reunion classes -- 1964, 1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, and 2004 -- as the entire University community celebrates along with the Class of 1959 -- the co-founders and 50<sup>th</sup> reunion celebrants.

Alumni Weekend 2009 also will mark another reunion! For the first time in 25 years, the alumni band from the 1980s -- The Ash Cats -- will reunite on Saturday night. Don't miss this chance to see Big Mike, Soapy, Monjack, Sabia and all the boys live and on stage for one night only!

This is your chance to return to campus May 29-31 to relive your college days, reminisce with your classmates and reconnect with your alma mater! Mark your calendars and see you in May!

### Registration

Registration is easy, simply go to "<http://www.wju.edu/alumni>" and click on the Alumni Weekend 2009 link. You can make your reservations and pay via our new registration portal.

The deadline for early bird prices is May 20 and the deadline for room reservations is May 22.

For more information, contact the Alumni Office at 1-800-888-2586 or [alumni@wju.edu](mailto:alumni@wju.edu).



### PACKAGE INFORMATION

Package prices good through MAY 20. After MAY 20, a la carte pricing applies.

#### Package A (Meals and Lodging)

Includes two nights lodging in Ignatius Hall and all meals for the entire weekend. The package does not include the cost of the class photo and cash bars.

#### Package A Early Birds (Reservations received by May 20)

Early Bird Couples -- \$245  
Early Bird Single -- \$165

#### Package B Meals Only

Includes all meals for the entire weekend. Package prices do not include the cost of the class photo and cash bars.

#### Package B Early Birds (Reservations received by May 20)

Early Bird Couples -- \$150  
Early Bird Singles -- \$75

**\*\*ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE NO LATER THAN MAY 22**

**CLASS PHOTOS will be available at a cost of \$15 each.**

**Packages do not include the cost of class photo.**

**- Payment of class photos can be made the day of the event.**

### A LA CARTE PRICING

Residence Hall -- \$45 per night (single or double occupancy)  
Red and Gold Dinner -- \$17  
Saturday Breakfast -- \$11  
Barbeque Picnic -- \$15  
Alumni Awards Dinner and Dessert Reception -- \$30  
Farewell Brunch -- \$11

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Children of alumni are welcome at all activities throughout the weekend. Special games and activities will be held for children during the Saturday picnic. Check the Web site for a complete list of activities.

### Reservation Guidelines:

ALL ROOM RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 22.

- Reservation forms must indicate all events you plan to attend and your room reservation (if you plan to stay on campus).
- Full payment must accompany a reservation. The online reservation company will accept credit cards and personal checks.
- Reservations can be placed online via the WJU Web site.
- Rooms will be assigned by class. Once designated class areas are filled, room assignments will be made on a space available basis.

### Cancellation Policy

Refunds will be made to anyone who cancels by 5 p.m. May 27. No refunds will be made after May 27.

**Dietary Note:** All meal menus will be posted online. Anyone with special dietary needs should indicate in the space provided on the registration form or should contact the Alumni Office at 1-800-888-2586 no later than May 22.



# Schedule of Events, May 29-31

## FRIDAY, MAY 29

- 2 to 9 p.m. Registration McDonough Center Lobby
- 3 to 5 p.m. Hospitality Room Erickson Alumni Center  
A place for classmates to meet, talk and enjoy refreshments.
- 5:30 to 6:55 p.m. Class of 1959 President's Reception - Troy Theater  
Recognition of classmates, presentation of class gift and a time to gather as a class to remember and enjoy old memories.
- 6 to 7 p.m. Class of 1984 Champagne Reception - Discovery Center CET  
Hosted by the Alumni Council president, a reception for the class to celebrate 25 years since graduation.
- 7 p.m. Red and Gold Dinner - Benedum Room  
Hosted by Alumni Council, this dinner serves as the showcase for the presentation of the Clifford Lewis, James O'Brien and Magis awards. The dinner will also serve as a time to recognize the 50th reunion class.
- 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. All Class Party - The Ratt and Chapel Plaza  
Music, dancing and fun for all.

## SATURDAY, MAY 30

- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Registration - McDonough Center Lobby
- 8:30 to 10 a.m. Breakfast - Benedum Room
- 10 a.m. to noon Campus Tours  
Leaving from the McDonough Center on the hour
- 10 a.m. Faculty presentation  
Acker Science Center Auditorium
- 11 a.m. Ignatian Spirituality presentation  
Acker Science Center Auditorium
- 12:30 to 2 p.m. Family Picnic and class photos \*\*  
McDonough Center Lobby
- \*\*Fun for the entire family! Swimming, games and activities for the children. Great food and fun for all!
- 2:15 to 3 p.m. Advancement Presentation  
Place TBA
- 4:30 p.m. Alumni Mass - Chapel of Mary and Joseph  
Gather with other alumni to remember deceased members of the WJU community.
- 6 p.m. President's Reception & Dinner - Benedum Room
- Hear from WJU President Julio Giulietti on the state of the University. You can also help us recognize the first 50th anniversary class and this year's Distinguished Alumni Award winners.
- 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Farewell Party - The Ratt and Troy Theater  
Live music by the ASHCATS!

## SUNDAY, MAY 31

- 9 to 11:30 a.m. Farewell Breakfast - Benedum Room
- 10 a.m. Sunday Mass - Chapel of Mary and Joseph





# Alumni NOTES

## CHARLESTON, WV CHAPTER

The Charleston Alumni Chapter hosted a reception and prospective student night at the new WJU Charleston Center Oct. 1. More than 30 alumni welcomed three prospective students – each of whom had a family member graduate from the University. Julio Giulietti, S.J., University president, was on hand for the event. Alumni got the chance to tour the new facility and to receive an update from Fr. Julio on what's happening at their *alma mater*.



**Colleen (Ellis) Townsend** is employed by SRA International (VA).

**Michael Vascura** is a teacher for Worthington (OH) City Schools.

### 2000

**Matt Burnett** is owner of Burnett Family Chiropractic and Sports Performance.

**Tom Cecil** is group supervisor for Mindshare Worldwide (NY).

**Carrie Chisholm** is assistant director of multimedia at Carnegie Mellon University.

**Brianne Harrison** is an ESL instructor at the University of Pittsburgh.

**Melissa (Jackson) Hurt** is a lab processor for Central Ohio Primary Care Physicians.

**Eric Lundell** is LAN information specialist at Washington (DC) Regional Transplant Community.

**Daniel Schemmel** is a detective with Case Western Reserve Police Department.

**Jim and Shannon (Glitch) Welsh '03** reside in McMurray, PA. He is territory manager/broker for Swett & Crawford.

### 2001

**Catherine (King) Brennan** is business office manager for HCR Manor Care North Hills (PA).

**Jennifer Gregor** is a psychological services specialist with SCI-Somerset (PA).

**Kylie (Westfall) Henson** is a business & information technology teacher at Fauquier County (VA) Public Schools.

**Dan Harris** is territory sales manager for Philip Morris USA.

**Maureen (Wojnar) Kendall** is corporate director of compensation at Charleston (WV) Medical Center.

**Jason Los** works for EBI Consulting (MD).

**Annmari (Dorich) Macaraeg** is an aircraft security noncommissioned officer in charge for the U.S. Air Force.

**Melissa (Winesdoerffer) and Tony Nieto '00**, reside in Delaware, OH. Melissa is a registered nurse at Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Hospital.

**Emily (Urbanek) Otte** works for Nolan Associates, Inc. (MD).

**C. Michelle (Providenti) Patterson** is a teacher at Charleston Catholic (WV) High School.



**Lisa Holloway** married Sean Waugh in September 2008. **Gail (Walton) O'Donnell '01, Andrea (Russell) Hopkins '99, Molly (Hoban) Blackburn '01, and PJ Blackburn '02** attended the wedding.

**Theresa (Bowman) Phipps** and her spouse, Peter, announce the birth of their daughter Julianna born July 18, 2008.

**Desiree (Pichard) and Jeff Poach '99** reside in Morgantown. She is a respiratory therapist at WVU Hospital and he is a service agent for AIG.

**Rosemary "Marcie" Tom** is director of student activities and orientation at DeSales University (PA).

**Mary Tomshack** is a faith formation consultant for the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

**Sam Zinn** and his spouse, Elizabeth, announce the birth of daughter, Mia, born June 14, 2008. Sam is center manager/physical therapist at Drayer Physical Therapy Institute (PA).

### 2002

**Robert Blosser** is a nuclear medicine technologist at Washington (DC) Hospital.

**Martha Bowman** is in the last year of her internal medicine residency at WVU.

**Katy Buettner** is a case manager for Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia.

**Erin (O'Hare) Conley** is a financial analyst for University Hospitals in Cleveland.

**Leslie (Smith) Jancart** is a nurse at Allegheny General in Pittsburgh.

**Anne Laux** works for Recovery Resources in Columbus.

**Kim (George) Long** is a supervisor for Digirad Imaging Solutions (OH).

**Shannan (Winkler) Palmer** is a reading initiative teacher for New Martinsville (WV) Elementary School.

**Angela Reese** is event coordinator for Harvard Medical School.

**Megan Witzgall** is a physical therapist for Columbus Circle Physical Rehabilitation & Wellness (NY).

## 2003

**Christopher Bourque** completed medical school at Ross University and began his residency at Virginia Commonwealth.

**Tara D'Angelo** is in the U.S. Navy and is a lieutenant for Wackenhut Services, Inc.

**Rebecca Gauntner** is manager of communications for Comcast in Pittsburgh. She won the 2008 Beacon Award.

**Christopher Lewis** is in residency to be a dental anesthesiologist.

**Paul McNally** is a high school teacher for Cherry Hill (NJ) Public Schools.

**Deborah O'Brien** works for Siemens Healthcare Diagnostic.

**Justin O'Neil** works for AEP in Columbus.

**Valerie Oswald** is a graphic artist and print production coordinator for the Mathison's Company (ND).

**Bethany Peters** is a registered nurse for NovaPro Staffing (CA).

**Scott Seago** is in the U.S. Air Force and stationed at Eglin Air Force Base.

**Christine Winschel** is an associate professor in organic chemistry at Washington and Lee University.

## 2004

**Tyler Alspaugh** is a legal courier with Lipsitz Green Scime Cambria LLP.

**Liz (Fritsch) Ciarrocchi** is senior marketing coordinator for Take Care Health Employer Solutions in Conshohocken, PA.

**Nichole Donahue** married Eric Dunkin Sept. 6, 2008. She is an admissions counselor at WJU.

**Jayson Johnson** and his wife Brianne announce the birth of Jayden James on Sept. 14, 2008.

**Ross Jones** is vice president of procurement for Sokolin LLC in Bridgehampton, NY.

**Erin Long** is a residential therapist for Catholic Charities Parmadale.

**Rochelle Lucero** is a registered nurse for Northwestern (IL) Memorial Hospital.

**Sara Lupardus** is medical oncology supervisor at Marietta (OH) Memorial Hospital.

**Antoinette Moran** attends Wake Forest University where she is pursuing a degree in physician assistant studies.

**Aaron and Meredith (Romey) Parry** reside in Cross Lanes, WV. He is a resident physician at CAMC Women's and Children's Hospital in Charleston.

**Kathryn Post** is an intervention specialist at Millersport (OH) Elementary.

**Stephen and Melissa (Hocavar) Robertson** reside in Sorrento, FL. She is sales manager for Symantec Corporation and he is a sales rep. with JP Morgan Chase.

**Theresa Niro** married Justin Tatulinski on Sept. 6, 2008. She is a nuclear medicine technologist at The Cleveland (OH) Clinic.

**Natalie (Valine) and Dave Tallman** reside in California, MD. She is an associate agent with Nationwide Insurance.

**Ann Marie Tost** is an account coordinator for ProEd Communications in Cleveland.

## 2005

**Candace Giuffre** is group manager for Anheuser-Busch, Inc. (CA).

**Kristine Malmgren** is a paralegal specialist for the U.S. Attorney's Office/Department of Justice in Washington, PA.

**Kirstin (Williams) Morrison** is a teacher and Web site manager for Woods Charter School (NY).

**Erica Ouellette** is a senior therapist/associate consultant for Autism Outreach, Inc. in Reston, VA.

**Erin Parrill** is a physical therapist for Western Maryland Health Systems.

**Greg Roedersheimer** is a manager for Coventry Health Care.

**Susan (Groves) Thoburn** is a teacher for Highlands (FL) County Schools.

**Annette Vingia** is an accountant for KEMBA Financial Credit Union.



**Peter Bowman '04 and Marie Somera '05** were married Oct. 4, 2008. Many members of the Wheeling Jesuit community and alumni family were present at the wedding. They include: **Theresa (Bowman) Phipps '01; Martha Bowman '02; Emily Hein '05; Marie (Somera) Bowman '05; Peter Bowman '04; Joe Bowman '98; John Bowman '06; Chris Jordan; Michael Bowman '68; Margie Bowman, WJU nursing professor; Mary Bowman '97; Sara Budacki '05; Michael Bowman '99; James Bowman, brother of the groom; Annisa Kreis '06; Brie Basilone '06; Moe Heinrich '05; Emiliee Romano '05; Jessica Bracamontes '05; Shamori Todd '05; Patricia Bowman, WJU nursing professor; Paul Barchie '68; Stanley Kaniecki; Cletus Stanton '04; Brian Schmoldt '05; Joe Maloney '08; Steve Eppich '05; Tyler McCarthy '05; Devin Murphy '06; Rev. Donald Serva, S.J.; Nate Stone '05; Bobby Janosko '05; John Arthurs '04.**



# Alumni NOTES

## Carson Bryan pens book, "A Man for All Seasons"

It would only be somebody with Ohio Valley roots who would know the history of Marsh Wheeling Stogies. Growing up in that hard scrabble region, the same person would know, too, that a man's word is his bond, that we have good days and bad days, and that our lives are defined by the many characters we meet along our journey.

William "Divot" Mulligan is that man, and he and a cast of eclectic acquaintances are the imagination and reflection of Carson W. Bryan '59, a member of the first graduating class. After retiring to Florida in 2000, Bryan developed the story about William "Divot" Mulligan, the protagonist in a satire about the characters and choices we encounter on our journey through life. With senior golf as a backdrop, the book explores the different ways our character gets tested everyday. The wrong choice, Mulligan asserts, can turn contentment into great tragedy.

After graduation from Wheeling College, Bryan received a master's from Marshall University and a doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh. His early years were spent in the field of education. Later in life he entered the financial world of retirement planning and employee benefits.

"There is no doubt that the characters of my book represent the values and characters of persons I have met along my life's journey, and with whom many others can identify," said Bryan. "I have seen humor and tragedy everyday. It is through "Divot" that my fictional reflection about life and human character examines the threads that make up the colorful fabric of our lives. Some of them might have been my classmates at Wheeling College."

When asked about the University's first Golden Reunion, which will be celebrated in May 2009, Bryan said, "Those were wonderful days. The Ohio Valley was vibrant, education was empowerment and service to others was instilled as a responsibility and a virtue.

"For those of us in the first class, education was knowledge-seeking about our chosen majors, but also about ourselves," he added. "The 50th reunion is, indeed, a milestone for the University, and for me. I am thrilled that the pioneer college, which I attended has grown into a university of national distinction. See what good character can do."

William "Divot" Mulligan, *A Man For All Seasons* is available at:

<http://www.Amazon.com>

<http://www.BarnesandNobel.com>

<http://www.XulonPress.com>

and fine book stores everywhere. Bryan can be contacted at [cbryan5@bellsouth.net](mailto:cbryan5@bellsouth.net).

### 2006

**Justin Barker** works for the National Apartment Association.

**Meredith Bradley** is document specialist/QA administrator for SRA International, Inc. in the Government Accountability Office (DC).

**Drew and Melissa (Negley) Brenenborg** reside in Arlington, VA. He works for the U.S. Navy.

**Cindy (Shaw) Ealy** works for Fresh Start in Cleveland, OH.

**Jade Eckleberry** is a nurse at Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown.

**Marybeth Feeney** works for SRA International, a contractor at the U.S. Government Accountability Office in Washington, DC.

**Amy Finneran** is a financial analyst for the Commonwealth of Virginia.

**Pete Harlan** is a senior research analyst with the division of integrated bio-defense at Georgetown University Medical Center.

**Carie Harris** is an assistant volleyball coach at High Point University (NC).

**Brandon Holmes** works for Citizens In Charge Foundation.

**Sebastian Price** is a religion teacher at St. Ignatius Loyola Academy (MD).

**Eric Roe** is site coordinator for Sports4Kids.

**Lauren Russo** is a teacher for Arlington (VA) Public Schools.

**Erica Williams** is a registered nurse at Nationwide Children's Hospital and Mt. Carmel St. Ann's Hospital.

### 2007

**Alex Baker** is a junior electrical engineer for Ali Technologies.

**Katie Bliss** is finance manager at Williams Lea Corp in Wheeling.

**Jenna Johnson** is a special education teacher in the Shadyside (OH) Local Schools.

**Kevin Ritz** is a chemist with Intertek Caleb Brett (TX).

**Julie South** is a CSR/backup team leader at Huntington National Bank in Columbus.

**Joshua Thomas** is club membership manager of Cabela's World Foremost Bank.

**Jeremy Vittek** is a special education teacher for the Harrison Hills (OH) School District.

### 2008

**Emily DeRosa** is a respiratory therapist at the University of Virginia Health Systems.

**Jessica Howard** is the academic records coordinator at Georgetown University Law Center.

**Lindsay Klimcheck** is a teacher for Norfolk (VA) Public Schools.

**Elessa Young** was accepted to the Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Southwest Region.

### DEATHS

**Robin (Loudenslager) Crum '91** died May 9, 2008.

**John M. Gallagher '83** died Sept. 8, 2008.

**Bernard Fitzpatrick '69** died May 8, 2008.

**Catherine (Bodnar) Iaconis '96** died July 27, 2008.

**Jeff McGeary '64**, father of Jeff McGeary, Jr. '92, died June 19, 2008.

**Joseph J. O'Brien '68** died May 29, 2008.

**Peter Rohr '62** died June 10, 2008.

**Sandra Prager-Wertman '78** died April 22, 2008.

**Allen Wojcik '63**, spouse of **Roann Burris Wojcik '63** and sister of **Rita Wojcik Wolen '59**, died Oct. 26, 2008.

### FAMILY, STAFF & FRIENDS

Ronald J. Blatt II, infant son of **Ronald '00** and **Kathy (Schuetz) Blatt '01**, died May 12, 2008.

Bernard Carney, father of **Darlene (Carney) Newell '81**, **Marie (Carney) Clatterbuck '85**, **Dale Carney '85**, and **Jeanne (Carney) Blaessing '88**, died April 29, 2008.

Helen Casey, mother of **Victoria Casey '76**, died June 8, 2008.

Thomas Donahue, Sr., father of **Nicole Donahue Dunkin '04**, died Sept. 23, 2007. He also is the uncle of **Kenneth**



## WJU Vice President J. Davitt McAteer Receives National Award

J. Davitt McAteer '66, has received a national advocacy award from the American Public Health Association.

McAteer, vice president of sponsored programs at WJU, received the David P. Rall Award for Advocacy in Public Health for "outstanding career-long contributions in the fall of 2008.

The Shepherdstown attorney was a special adviser to West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin after the 2006 Sago Mine disaster.

He's also a former director of the federal Mine Safety and Health Administration and authored a book on the Monongah mine explosion, which killed hundreds in 1907.

Earlier in his career, he teamed with Ralph Nader to push mine-safety reform, and he helped the United Mine Workers revitalize its health and safety department.

## Loan Specialist Pagot Joins USDA Rural Development

Wendy S. Pagot has been named USDA Rural Development loan specialist in the McMechen, W.Va., office by State Director Rick E. Rice.

Pagot, a native of St. Clairsville, Ohio, earned a master's degree in business administration from Wheeling Jesuit University in 2006. She spent the last seven years working in the banking industry as a personal and corporate trust officer.

"I am quite confident that Ms. Pagot's experience and education will be a real asset to USDA Rural Development in fulfilling its mission: To Increase Economic Opportunity and Improve the Quality of Life for all Rural Americans," Rice said.

Rural Development serves as the lead federal entity for rural development needs and administers program assistance through its housing, business, community and infrastructure programs.

## OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER

The chapter held two events during the second half of 2008. More than 30 alumni took part in a wine tasting held at Good Mansion Wines in downtown Wheeling in September. Special guest for the evening was Julio Giulietti, S.J., University president, who gathered with the chapter for an evening of fun and fellowship.

In December, the Chapter hosted its annual Holiday Party at Erickson Alumni Center. More than 80 alumni of all ages attended the holiday gathering. Fr. Julio was on hand to offer some words of blessing and encouragement to the group for their commitment to the University.



# Alumni NOTES



## James M. Wicks Recognized for Legal Work

James Wicks '83 was nominated for a fellowship in the Litigation Counsel of America (LCA)™ and selected for inclusion in 2008 New York Super Lawyers® – Metro Edition.

The Litigation Counsel of America™ is a trial lawyer honorary society composed of less than one-half of one percent of American lawyers. Fellowship is highly selective and by invitation only. Fellows

are selected based upon effectiveness and accomplishment in litigation and superior ethical reputation. His recognition as a New York Super Lawyer was for the area of business litigation.

Wicks graduated from Wheeling Jesuit with a bachelor of arts degree and is a lawyer with Farrell Fritz, a law firm that has earned a strong reputation in

the New York business community. Wicks area of practice is in business and commercial litigation. He co-chairs the ethics and professionalism committee of the NY State Bar Association's Commercial and Federal Litigation Section, and is a member of the executive committee of the New York State Bar Association's Section on commercial and federal litigation.

In addition, Wicks is a past president of the Theodore Roosevelt American Inn of Court. He is a member of the Federal Bar Council's Central Islip United States Courthouse Committee, and the Eastern District of New York's Committee on Civil Litigation. He is a Life Fellow of the New York Bar Foundation and is a member of the American Bar Association, the Nassau County Bar Association and the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Wicks serves on the Board of the Nassau Aviators Wheelchair Sports Association. He authors a periodic column for The Suffolk Lawyer entitled, "Federal Practice Update." He also is an Adjunct Professor of Law at St. John's University School of Law.

## Murphy's Baltimore Architecture Firm Receives Multiple Awards/Recognition

Baltimore architecture firm Murphy & Dittenhafer Architects, headed by Michael Murphy, FAIA '70, continues its award-winning ways.

The firm has been recognized for design excellence by three chapters of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). The peer juries of the Maryland Society, AIA; AIA Baltimore and AIA Central Pennsylvania have singled out three recent Murphy & Dittenhafer projects from among the many entries in their separate design competitions.

Murphy & Dittenhafer was recognized for its restoration of Immaculate Conception Church in Towson, Maryland, the design of the new public library in Boonsboro, Maryland and the as-yet unbuilt project, the CODO mixed use redevelopment project to be located in York, Pennsylvania.

Additionally, for the fifth time, AIA Baltimore has presented its highest honor for excellence in historic preservation-the Michael F. Trostel FAIA Award-to the architectural firm. Murphy was the principal in charge of all five projects.

These five exemplary preservation projects include the following: Immaculate Conception Church, Towson (honored 2008), the Tremont Grand/ former Masonic Temple, Baltimore (2006), the Hippodrome Theater, Bal-

timore (2005), the Marikle Chapel at the College of Notre Dame, Baltimore (2002) and Saint Ignatius Church, Baltimore (2001).

Murphy & Dittenhafer's work also has been honored for design, historic preservation and craftsmanship by a wide range of groups including Baltimore Heritage, AIA Maryland, the Maryland Historical Trust, Associated Builders & Contractors, the Building Congress & Exchange, and the National AIA Interfaith Forum on Religion, Art & Architecture. Overall, Murphy & Dittenhafer has received 118 awards since 1992.

Murphy & Dittenhafer Architects is led by Murphy and Frank E. Dittenhafer, II, FAIA and was founded by the two men 23 years ago. The firm's portfolio includes historic preservation and adaptive reuse projects and renovation and new construction for higher education, housing, libraries, churches and non-profit organizations.





**Donahue '83, Ryan Donahue '03, Eric Vasey '02 and Greg Vasey '01.**

**Gilbert Dwyer**, former faculty member in the business department, died Oct. 31, 2008.

Eleanor Front, mother of **Lale (Front) Virostek '79** and **Mary (Front) Babb '83** died Oct. 8, 2008.

Norma Jean Hutchings, sister of **Bob Hutchings '73**, died in October 2008.

Robert Keller, father of **Stefanie (Keller) McMahon '93**, died May 17, 2008.

Theresa Kimble, mother of **Kelly (Kimble) Beck '83** and **Michelle Kimble '85** died Nov. 20, 2008.

**Denny Maceiko**, former professor of psychology and father of **Alison Maceiko '95** and **Jeffrey Maceiko '91**, died Nov. 14, 2008.

Charles Mahler, brother of **Marilyn (Mahler) Meagher '65**, died in October 2008.

David Moran, father of **Toni Moran '04**, died Oct. 16, 2008.

John A. Nash, father of **Maureen Nash '85**, died April 21, 2008.

Patricia Pastor, mother of **Kathee (Pastor) Small '88**, died July 9, 2008.

Victor Pellarin, father of **Richard Pellarin '71**, died Oct. 23, 2008.

Ruth Soos, mother of **Rick Soos '92**, died Sept. 9, 2008.

Regina Troiani, mother of **Anna Marie Troiani '91**, died Aug. 9, 2008.

Mrs. Helen Yasinsky, mother of **John Yasinsky '61**, and grandmother of **Terry Lewis '93**, died July 18, 2008.

## Pittsburgh CHAPTER

Alumni from the Pittsburgh area gathered at Tambellini's in downtown Pittsburgh Nov. 8 for an evening social. More than 45 alumni, family and friends gathered for food, conversation and fellowship. Julio Giulietti, S.J., University President, updated alumni on the many happenings at the University and encouraged each to remain involved in activities at their *alma mater*.



## Richard Riley '84 Named Educator of the Year

Richard Riley '84, the Louis F. Tanner Distinguished Professor of Public Accounting at WVU's College of Business and Economics, has been named the 2008 Educator of the Year by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners.

Riley was instrumental in creating WVU's forensic accounting and fraud investigation graduate program in 2004. He was also part of a group that created national curriculum guidelines for such programs under a grant from the National Institute of Justice. Last year, he implemented an educational program for the Internal Revenue Service.

He was nominated by William J. Kresse, director of graduate programs in financial fraud examination and management at St. Xavier University's Graham School of Management.

"Dr. Riley is one of the most active academics in the promotion of fraud examination and forensic accounting as an academic discipline," Kresse said. "His work at the helm

of the Department of Justice, National Institute for Justice-funded model curriculum project was extremely important. He is considered one of the leaders in the anti-fraud community."

He earned a bachelor's degree in accounting from Wheeling Jesuit University, a master's degree in professional accountancy from WVU and a doctorate from the University of Tennessee.

Riley joined the WVU faculty in 1998. Since 2002, he has performed expert financial analysis and litigation support for the mining, construction and minerals processing industries and investigated biometrics for the biometrics industry and automated litigation support for the Department of Justice.

Before joining WVU, Riley was senior accountant at Deloitte & Touche and vice president, treasurer and chief financial officer of Georgetown Leather Design Co. and Jordan Kitts Music.





# Athletic NEWS

## Three Join Athletic Hall of Fame

ABOVE:

*Anthony James '94, men's soccer, Joy Descutner '92, women's soccer, and Danny Sancomb '98, men's basketball.*

Wheeling Jesuit University inducted three new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame Saturday, Oct. 25.

This year's inductees were: Joy Descutner '92, women's soccer; Anthony James '94, men's soccer; and Danny Sancomb '98, men's basketball.

Descutner earned the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America adidas National Player of the Year Award in 1992 and Regional All-American honoree as a goalkeeper. She was a member of the soccer team that claimed District 28 championships in 1988, 89, 91 and 92 and was All-WVIAC in 1988, 91 and 92. Additionally, Descutner had 37 career shutouts and racked up a .692 career goals against average during her four years in goal.

James was a four-time All-WVIAC champion and two-time Regional All-American as a member of the Cards soccer team. He is the soccer coach at Youngstown State University. James began his coaching career as an assistant coach for women's soccer at WJU. While at WJU, James was named to the NAIA National All-American team in 1993. That same year, he was selected by the NAIA to

play in its Senior Bowl, which highlighted the talent of the top 22 players in the country.

Sancomb was a first-team All-American, first-team All-WVIAC and first-team all-region during his playing days. As a member of the Cardinal team, Sancomb scored 1,454 points in just two years to establish himself as the University's sixth all-time leading scorer. Sancomb also received All-East Region recognition. He is currently the head men's basketball coach and director of athletics at Wheeling Jesuit.

Additionally, the Cardinal women's soccer team was honored as it celebrated its 20th anniversary as a varsity sport. Many of the team members returned and were recognized by current WJU women's soccer coach Carrie (Plute) Hanna '96 during the Hall of Fame ceremonies.

The Athletic Hall Of Fame was established in 1987 to honor former student-athletes, coaches or other members of the WJU community who make significant contributions to the success of the Cardinal athletic programs.



# Cross Country Teams Finish Second & Third at Meet

The men's and women's cross country teams placed among the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) top teams at the conference's annual meet in October.

The Cards finished second at the meet with two top 10 runners. Sophomore Dustin Hall and freshman Stewart Jones led the team. The duo finished in third and fifth place respectively.

The Lady Cards scored a third place finish at the Conference meet. The team was led by sophomore Sarah Campanelli who finished sixth and junior Kasey Jividen, who recorded a ninth place finish.



Campanelli and Jones were recognized by the WVIAC as the women's and men's runners of the week on October 20 for their outstanding performances at the Wilmington College Fall Classic. Campanelli recorded a 5K time of 18:54.52, good for second place at the meet. Jones completed the men's 8K race with a time of 26:00.19 and a 13th place finish. Campanelli also was named the women's runner of the week Oct. 7.



## WJU Volleyball team Reaches NCAA Regional Tournament

The Lady Cardinal Volleyball team, which was ranked second in the region, reached the NCAA D-II regional finals, but fell to California (PA) in the Atlantic Region championship contest.

WJU, the first West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) team to reach a regional championship contest since 1998, posted a record of 30-10 overall and 14-1 in the conference. Leading the way in the match were junior Missy Gossett with seven kills, and junior Catie Halberstadt and sophomore Emily Borchers with six kills each. Halberstadt also recorded 11 digs for WJU. The Lady Cards advanced to the regional final following a five-set win over WV State. Gossett, Borchers and senior Caitlin Carey were named to the all-tournament squad.

In the WVIAC tournament, the Lady Cards avenged a regular season defeat to WV State, capturing the conference tournament championship in a four-set victory.

Halberstadt was named the tournament most valuable player. Other All-WVIAC Tournament Team honorees were Borchers, Gossett and sophomore Laura O'Reilly. Halberstadt also took top WVIAC regular season honors as the conference player of the year. Sophomore Keysha Allison and Carey were named WVIAC Second-Team honorees, while O'Reilly received All-WVIAC Honorable Mention.



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# Men's Golf Finishes 2008 Campaign

The WJU men's golf team ended the 2008 season in 11th place in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC).

In the conference championship, the Cards shot 1013 during the three-day tournament. Leading the way for the team was sophomore Jared Shank, who shot a 247 to finish 27th place. Freshman David Hartke shot a 249, which placed him in 32nd place.

The Cards best finish of the year was recorded at the WJU Invitational. The team finished sixth with a team score of 621. Sophomore Mike Goldsberry and Hartke finished tied for 25th place with two-day totals of 155.

In the WVIAC Southern Regional, the Cards finished 12th with a team score of 625. Goldsberry finished in 29th place with a score of 151. At the WVIAC Central Regional, the team finished 13th with a score of 621. Shank led the way with a 24th place finish.

## Women's Golf Completes Fall Season

The fall women's golf season wrapped up with the Lady Cards turning in a good showing.

At the Seton Hill Fall Classic, the Lady Cards finished second out of five teams with an 809 team score. Sophomore Jackie Elb was fifth with 179 score and junior Stephanie Krieg was seventh with a 183.

At the WVIAC Northern and Southern regionals, Wheeling finished fourth in both tournaments. The Lady Cards shot a 777 in the Northern Regional and 746 in the Southern Regional. Top golfers in the Northern Regional was Elb with a score of 173 and in the Southern Regional Krieg finished sixth with a 164 score.







## Lady Cards Recognized



Jessica Park

Seven members of the Lady Cards soccer team received recognition by the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC).

The team finished the 2008 campaign fifth in the conference with a 5-4 record. The Lady Cards posted a 6-12 overall record.

Named to the 2008 All-WVIAC First-Team were: junior Jessica Park and senior Michelle DiPaolo. Second-Team All-WVIAC selections were: sophomore Kara Houston and junior Monica Prieur. Honorable Mention selections were: senior Lauren Lewicki; sophomore Stephanie Marazza, and junior Amanda Belsito.



Michelle DiPaolo

## Men's Soccer Finishes Fourth in WVIAC



Gary Newson

The WJU men's soccer team ended the 2008 season in fourth place in the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC).

The Cards posted a 6-4 record in conference play and were 9-10-1 overall.

Several Cards received post-season accolades from the WVIAC. Named First-Team All-WVIAC were sophomore Gary Newson and junior T.J. O'Brien. Receiving Second-Team honors were sophomores Elliot Smith, and Nik Balzer. Senior Justin Clark was a WVIAC Honorable Mention selection.



T.J. O'Brien

WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY

# THEN & NOW

A Guide Through  
the History of WJU

“At Wheeling Jesuit University, I forged friendships with my peers, professors





As the class of 1959 prepares to celebrate the first 50th reunion in the University's history, alumni will return to campus and discover many changes.

Since its founding in 1954, Wheeling Jesuit has undergone dramatic alterations in its physical make up. New buildings were constructed, older buildings renovated and programs and playing fields added. The constants though, according to alumni and employees, are the people and the Jesuit educational tradition.

and priests that have made and continue to make a difference in my life.”



Wheeling Jesuit University (then Wheeling College) was founded in partnership between the Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and the Society of Jesus of the Maryland Province in 1954. Wheeling Jesuit incorporated as Wheeling College on Sept. 25, 1954. The College, staffed by 12 Jesuits and four lay professors, opened its doors to the first class of 90 freshmen on Sept. 26, 1955.

**July 4, 1952** – The Jesuits approve Bishop Swint's plans for a college.

**Sept. 25, 1954** – The college is officially incorporated. Rev. Lawrence R. McHugh, S.J., becomes its first president.

**Oct. 23, 1955** – The college is formally dedicated.

**Spring 1956** – The college holds its first Gambol musical.

**Feb. 11, 1957** – Bishop Swint turns over the deed of the college to the Maryland Provincial.

**1959** – Rev. William Troy is named the University's second president.

**Summer 1960** – The college offers summer classes for the first time.

**Dec. 1, 1962** – The gymnasium is opened.

**January 1966** – A \$5 million expansion program is announced.

**July 15, 1966** – Rev. Frank Haig, S.J. becomes the University's third president.

**Nov. 24, 1953** – The groundbreaking ceremony for the college is held. Construction of Swint, Donahue and Whelan halls began.

**Sept. 26, 1955** – Wheeling College opens its doors for the first time.

**Feb. 12, 1956** – The Caviar Club holds its first public performance.

**Dec. 1, 1956** – The Cardinals play their first game, losing 92-71 to a WVU freshman team, which includes future NBA Hall of Famer Jerry West.

**June 7, 1959** – Wheeling College graduates its first class of 50 students. Archbishop Swint receives the college's first honorary degree.

**Fall 1959** – McHugh and Sara Tracy residence halls open.

**March 29, 1962** – The college is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

**Fall 1963** – The first formal meeting of the Wheeling College Alumni Association is held. Thomas C. Jones '60 is elected as the group's first president.

**Feb. 8, 1969** – The women's basketball team wins its first-ever game. Mary Fitzpatrick is the high scorer with 14 points.



## A Faculty Perspective

During the early years, Eileen Carpino, former librarian and a member of the original staff, recalls that the Jesuits were very “adaptable to do whatever it took to make the school succeed. Those first Jesuits were the cream of the crop—they were an impressive lot.”

She recalls one of Fr. Joseph Duke’s first tasks wasn’t making sure the chemistry labs were set up – he had to match up all of the keys to all of the locks on campus because of a building contractor’s error!

Wheeling Jesuit was the first college in the Maryland Province that was co-educational—a new twist for the first Jesuits. “None of the Jesuits had experienced teaching girls and because Josephine (Savaro) and I were the only two female employees (that first year), they would always come to ask us how to deal with the girls.”

“The people have always been the most important part of Wheeling Jesuit,”

*Eileen Carpino*



During her 40-plus years at the University, Carpino saw thousands of students pass through campus. “They were different from year to year, but they were always connected to the school. They loved it, did all they could for it and appreciated what they got out of it.” The same could be said for the many professors, staff and administrators, she added.

Paul Orr, professor emeritus of English, came to Wheeling College for a chance to teach “something other than intro courses.” And like Carpino, he found a home at Wheeling.

“It was a young person’s school back then,” Orr recalled. “Everything has become more luxurious today.”

He watched the campus transform from the three original buildings to 16 buildings. Orr remembered when faculty shared phones and typewriters.

## Setting the Standards—the Co-Founders



On Sept. 25, 1955, 90 young men and women made their way onto the campus to begin classes at the fledgling institution. Fifty years later, the memories for the members of the first class – 1959 – are as vivid as ever.

Rick Berthold recalls arriving to a campus “not quite finished and being welcomed by Jesuits cracking jokes.” Construction on the campus wasn’t complete, he recalled, even with the opening being delayed by a week.

For those pioneers, he said, there were no traditions and no upperclassmen, which meant the class of 1959 got to do everything for the first time—setting the standards for other classes to follow. His classmate Carson Bryan said, “Everything we did was a Wheeling College first.” The class picked the mascot and school colors.

What Sr. Joanne Gonter remembers about those early days was the “MUD.” Yes, Sr. Joanne remembers walking around the new campus, which included little, if any, pavement. “I was wearing a long habit then and I would measure how far up my robe the mud mark was and compared it to the Jesuits,” she recalled.

“My first view of Wheeling College was seeing three buildings surrounded by dirt. We parked at Mount de Chantal, dressed in our mandatory coat and ties, and walked on wooden boards to get to the buildings,” Bryan added.

Academically, Berthold remembered, “those many hours of philosophy classes” and learning “a new way of thinking.” The class graduated with 141 hours of credits – none being earned in an elective course. As yearbook editor, he also remembers the many hours spent editing the Manifest.

While there were fun times, like weekly dances and other activities, Bryan said, “I don’t want to leave the impression that we had an academic ride in



the park. An education at Wheeling College required study and thought. The faculty let us know from the very beginning that they wanted no fools entering the real world with Wheeling College stamp on their foreheads."

Whether it was the dirt, mud or the newness of the college, each of the classmates believes their experience was worth it.

In looking back today, Sr. Joanne said the campus appearance has changed, but much remains the same. "What's the same? The accessibility of the faculty and staff, the high academic standards and our connection to the city continue to be strong."

Berthold said the one thing that has remained constant over the past 50 years is "the Jesuit tradition of intellectual excellence."

"One of the highlights of my life was to be lucky enough to be ready for college when Wheeling College opened her doors. Life experiences influence who you are ... the College's influence was one of my most significant," Bryan added.

### **A Place To Build Relationships and Grow**

Roseann Rosnick '76 transferred to Wheeling Jesuit as a sophomore to be on a "smaller campus."

Like so many other alums, Rosnick's son is a graduate also. "I loved when my son was there. It was the same campus in many respects."

She recalled bringing him to campus to visit in 2004 and seeing Dr. Rich Mullin as they approached the Admissions Office. "Dr. Mullin was coming out of the chapel and he called out my name. Jonathan couldn't believe that he remembered my name nearly 30 years later. I think that sealed the deal for him!"

Involved in theater, Rosnick said many of her memories are of the productions she was involved in. There were Caviar Club, One Act Plays and who could forget the elaborate Gambol productions, she reminisced.

"There was something about the camaraderie when all these different people came

together to help with Gambol," Rosnick recalled. She said Gambol brought students from all areas together – some built sets, others managed costumes, while others were in charge of sound and lighting. "Not everyone sang or acted, many did things behind the scenes to make this huge production happen each year."

Angie Zambito '05 spent a lot of her four years participating in activities in Campus Ministry.

"I remember the hours I spent in the Chapel singing with Campus Ministry, the research I accomplished in the library, the study group sessions I led at the Academic Resource Center, and of course, the classes and professors. But I also recall the fun events, like multicultural celebrations, lectures, debates, French Club activities, dances and parties. Plus the excitement of athletics and sporting events, while I cheered on my friends."

"I also loved singing at the Ratt with other student-musicians on Thursday nights or hanging out at the Acker Science Center Kiosk on breaks from class. WJU's campus was like another little world, one that I remember fondly," Zambito said.

"Wheeling was and is a place where students could build relationships with other students and faculty, and that's something that I miss the most," Rosnick added.

Technology and academic programs have advanced, but Rosnick said what continues to make Wheeling unique "is that the academic environment is still small enough to allow students to grow personally and professionally."

"We're all better for having gone there!"

### **Passing the Torch to the Next Generation**

Bill Floria Sr., '64 like Rosnick is the proud parent of a Wheeling Jesuit graduate. His son, Bill, Jr. graduated in 1984. He's also the proud grandfather of a current Wheeling Jesuit student and has two other grandsons who are leaning toward entering the University in the fall of 2009.

Floria came to Wheeling by way of Washington, D.C. and through the encouragement of Joe Chincheck who attended the same high school as he.





**June 15, 1970** – Dr. Thomas Wack becomes the college's first lay academic dean.

**1972** – Rev. Charles Currie, S.J. is named the fourth president of the College.

**Fall 1976** – A bachelor of science in nursing program is approved.

**Fall 1978** – Graduate business courses are added to the curriculum, and a master of business administration program begins.

**1982** – Rev. Thomas S. Acker, S.J. is named the fifth president.

**1984** – The Chapel of Mary and Joseph is completed. The first public Mass is held on Christmas Eve 1984.

**Sept. 7, 1988** – Women's soccer becomes a varsity sport.

**1989** – The College is designated as the site for the Robert C. Byrd National Technology Transfer Center and the Erma Ora Byrd Center for Educational Technologies.

**Fall 1989** – Physical therapy program begins.

**January 1992** – Alma Grace McDonough's \$6 million gift is used to build the McDonough Center, a health and recreation complex.

**Winter 1970** – Student body president Jim Doherty is one of 10 student body presidents in the nation chosen by the United States National Student's Association for a special tour of Vietnam.

**Sept. 13, 1976** – Men's soccer becomes a varsity sport.

**Winter 1976** – The Rathskellar opens for business.

**1981** – The Laut honors program, named for Rev. Stephen Laut, S.J., begins.

**1983** – The English Language Institute (ELI) is founded.

**Spring 1986** – Fr. Acker announces plans to add the word "Jesuit" to the name of Wheeling College.

**Oct. 25, 1988** – The Donahue Hall renovation is completed and a rededication ceremony is held.

**March 8, 1989** – The men's basketball team earns a trip to the NAIA National Championship Tournament. The Cards turn in their finest season ever – ranked No. 4 in the nation and finishing the year 31-4.

**1990** – The NASA Teacher Resource Center opens.

**April 1993** – An addition is made to the Benedum Room. The new campus store, mailroom, switchboard and security offices are located beneath this addition.

**July 12, 1993** – Ground-breaking ceremonies are held for Ignatius Hall.

**Sept. 3, 1993** – Ground-breaking ceremonies are held for the Robert C. Byrd National Technology Transfer Center and the Erma Ora Byrd Center for Educational Technologies.

**Nov. 22, 1993** – The college announces the formation of men's and women's swimming and track teams.

**Oct. 25, 1994** – Senator Robert C. Byrd and Congressman Alan B. Molohan dedicate the Erma Ora Byrd Center for Educational Technologies.

**June 1996** – Construction of the track and field complex begins.

**Fall 1999** – Sen. Robert C. Byrd secures funding for the construction of a new \$8.5 million computer and science center.

**April 2000** – The first-ever student research symposium is held.

**May 13, 2000** – U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno delivers the Commencement address.

**September 2000** – WJU's swimming ace Zoran Lazarovski, representing his homeland of Macedonia, swims at the 2000 Sydney Olympics. Lazarovski was the first WJU athlete to compete in the Olympics.

**June 2003** – The University launches the online bachelor's program in healthcare leadership.

**Fall 1993** – The college adds master's degree programs in nursing administration, physical therapy and technology transfer.

**Nov. 1, 1993** – The Alma Grace McDonough Center opens.

**Sept. 22, 1994** – Challenger Learning Center hold its first mission.

**Nov. 28, 1995** – Wheeling Jesuit's Troy Theater is renovated.

**Oct. 16, 1997** – The National Technology Transfer Center is officially dedicated.

**1999** – The Lantz Family donates a 540-acre farm in Jacksonburg, W.Va. to the University.

**May 7, 2000** – Kirby Hall, named in honor of Philip and Evelyn Kirby is dedicated.

**July 31, 2000** – Rev. George F. Lundy becomes the sixth president.

**April 2001** – Wheeling Jesuit announces it will bring back women's fast pitch softball in the spring of 2002 after a 10-year hiatus.

**Aug. 28, 2002** – The Acker Science Center is dedicated.

**July 2003** – Rev. Joseph R. Hacala, S.J. is named seventh president of the University.





When Floria came to campus he was met by Rev. William Troy, S.J. "He said to me 'You are the luckiest person in your class because you have had an Augustinian education in high school and are about to receive a Jesuit education in college -- you will know how to love, and to reason.'"

Family issues forced Floria to take a break from his studies early into his second year. His sophomore roommate Bill Hillenbrand had trouble adjusting to living on his own and to help make up for the loss of his roommate, Hillenbrand called home to his father, the owner and founder of Batesville Casket Company, for a stereo.

"An 18-wheeler delivered a huge stereo and I was told by my first year roommate, Leon Hegner, that the Batesville Casket truck was a fitting symbol of my leaving and the stereo was a good replacement," Floria joked.

He wasn't surprised when "Billy" decided to attend Wheeling. "Billy was always proud to be born in Wheeling. He always said he was going to go to Wheeling College. In fact, Billy never wavered on his college selection as he approached college age."

When then-President Rev. Charles Currie, S.J. welcomed the class of 1984 in the fall of 1980, the freshmen and their families were told "Your son or daughter will contribute to the future of Wheeling College and will benefit from their experience here. Not for now only, but for the rest of their lives. While they are here, they will not go unnoticed and they will not be able to hide. We are a family."

That, Floria said, is still the case. He sees that spirit on the campus today when he visits his grandson Joey Probert. He is proud that his grandson is at his *alma mater* and hopes the next two will be on campus in the fall.

"Wheeling College was a family where everyone was known and respected, where everyone helped one another," Floria said. He still loves his *alma mater* and is happy to see that "Wheeling Jesuit has preserved the finest qualities of its founding fathers. You still care, in a special and unique way for our children and our grandchildren."

### Life on 'The Hill'

The three apartments that made up "The Hill" provided many memories for students from the 70s, 80s and 90s. From parties to sled riding to outdoor study sessions, The Hill provided a bird's eye view of the campus.



Dick Riley '84 remembers living on "The Hill." This is the biggest change he sees now when he visits campus. "Although the new Ignatius dormitory is luxurious by comparison, those old Hill apartments were a place of fun and fond memories. From sloppy keggers, to watching double-sessions of Hawaii Five-O on Sunday nights to pulling the furniture out of the living room onto the street to just hang out with friends. There was no better place to watch the sunset than from those Hill apartments."

Karen (Albert) Emmerth '84 agrees. "The Hill is a special memory for me. Oh what fun we had there - even though I didn't live on The Hill, I was able to spend most of my free time up there. 'The A-P-T,' as the apartment was affectionately called, was the gathering place of some of the special people in my life at that time. Elsie Plummer, Courtney Cosgrove, Lynne Lafferty, Mimie O'Hara, Beth Coss, Kate Carrigan and Trish Marner, just to name a few."

And who could forget sled riding down the hill on trays from the B-room and sneaking onto the library and loosening all of the screws on the tables and chairs.

"The four years that I spent at Wheeling College were full of fun, discovery, learning, exploring and traveling ... Some of my fondest memories were when we went on the Appalachian service trips. We would put up fences, fix up a house on the property, paint a clinic and help with the livestock on the farm. We went there with hope in our hearts and faith in our God that we would be able to make a difference in the lives of people who lived there. We were putting our Jesuit education to work - being persons for others," Emmerth added.

"I believe that I'm a better person because of the education that I received at Wheeling. WJU is a very special place, with special people who are still there."

### It's About the People

Laura (England) Benson '93 was one of the last classes that called 'The Hill' home. Not long after she graduated, the apartments were razed to make way for Ignatius Hall.



"Living on The Hill for three years was an amazing part of my life at Wheeling Jesuit," she recalled. "Those of us that lived there still, to this day, talk about living there."

She witnessed the beginning of the campus' transformation. The Donahue Hall renovation was complete and new growth was happening with the construction of the McDonough Center.

"It's amazing to come back to campus and see the NTTC and CET buildings. Sara Tracy is completely different, but one of the biggest changes to me is Swint Hall, Benson said. The renovations did away with the Front Page, a popular place where students socialized and hung out between classes, she explained.

The renovation to Swint also brought about a new look for Troy Theater, Benson said. "We would perform one act plays or children's plays on the little corner stage in Troy Lounge and then transform the B-Room into a theater for Gambol."

But with all the change, Benson said what makes Wheeling Jesuit unique is "the people. From the professors to classmates to the staff -- Wheeling Jesuit is still defined by the people you interact with on a daily basis. I made friends from all over the world, but at the same time, it was a comfortable and safe environment for intellectual and social development. I loved my time there. I have made friends - students and professors - that I will have for the rest of my life."

That sense of togetherness among the students and employees, Benson said, continues to carry-over to today's campus life. "The students seem similar and the professors are much the same. The environment and atmosphere seem similar as well. The education one gets from Wheeling Jesuit is second-to-none. That, I hope, will never change."

Dallas Kratzer '05 agreed with Benson.

"At Wheeling Jesuit University, I forged friendships with my peers, professors and priests that have made, and continue to make a difference in my life. My time spent cheering in the Bird Cage, playing foosball at the Ratt, staying up for nights on end in the Ignatius computer lab and discussing literature with my professors has made all the difference.

"Above all things, at Jesuit I found myself growing closer to God, developing my personal philosophy. Through the RCIA program and Kairos, I found myself drawn to the Catholic faith and,

with the encouragement of my friends and the Jesuit Community, joined the Church. At this juncture, I could not imagine my life without my faith, without my Jesuit education, without my Jesuit experience."

## The Times They Are A Changin'

From the mid-80s through the early 00s the physical characteristics of the campus changed dramatically. New buildings and facilities cropped up and with the growth came new technology and programs.

"What sticks out in my mind when I think back on my time at Wheeling Jesuit is the campus footprint. I remember how beautiful the campus was with its rolling hills and green fields -- and The Hill apartments, which are now Ignatius Hall. Ah, the memories of Last Blast," said Carrie Fox Abraham '94.

"It's still a beautiful campus, but it's grown with the addition of many new buildings -- a testament to the academic and technical growth happening on campus," she added.

"While studying physical therapy in 1994, my classmates and I spent two years in one classroom in Donahue Hall and now the students enjoy greater space and resources in the McDonough Center as well as graduating with the Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. It seems that everywhere you look, you see change, but in the center of it all stands one constant -- the Chapel of Mary and Joseph. A reminder of why we chose Wheeling Jesuit as the springboard to our future adventures," she continued.

Chad Carter '99 summed up the changing campus this way, "Having been associated with Wheeling Jesuit for more than 10 years as an undergraduate student, graduate student and now registrar, I have seen many changes from different perspectives. One of the biggest changes was the evolution from college to a university: as a freshman, I was admitted to Wheeling Jesuit College, but graduated four years later from Wheeling Jesuit University.

"While I've witnessed the changing landscape of buildings, technology and personnel, it has been the faculty and staff's spirit of caring for the students and the desire to help them realize their fullest potential which has remained the strong cornerstone of the WJU experience," he added.





**November 2003** – The MBA Program celebrates its 25th anniversary.

**September 2004** – Hundreds turn out for the September 24th kickoff of the year-long 50th Anniversary celebration.

**Feb. 26, 2005** – The newly formed baseball team earns its first win.

**September 2005** – University announces the opening of Schenk Center for Informatic Sciences.

**November 2006** – New athletic training program begins.

**December 2006** – WJU Institute for the Study of Capitalism is founded.

**Oct. 10, 2007** – The Alumni Office launches an official Facebook site --JesuitGold-- for alumni.

**September 2008** – University's Charleston Center Opens.

**August 2004** – University establishes Service for Social Action Center.

**March 2005** – The men's and women's basketball teams win their respective West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference tournaments.

**April 2005** – Cardinal Avery Dulles, S.J. speaks at WJU.

**Sept. 16, 2006** – Rev. Joseph Hacala, S.J. retires as president and Executive Vice President James Birge is appointed interim president.

**November 2006** – Chemistry Professor Dr. Norman Duffy is named a U.S. Professor of the Year

**Aug. 22, 2007** – Rev. Julio Giuliani, S.J. becomes the eighth president.

**Fall 2007** – The Master of Science in Organizational Leadership program starts.

**November 2008** – New student group forms and promotes AIDS Awareness.



# Alumni Join New Project to Leave a Lasting Legacy

“TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN, MUCH IS REQUIRED”  
-- LUKE 12:48

“I believe in our University, and hope it will always endure. Though the news presents a bleak picture for our economy, it is at times like this that people should review their future plans in light of current challenges. Opportunities exist to achieve their goals, and charitable gift planning is certainly worth considering- regardless of one’s age,”

**-- Andrew Fenton ‘04,**  
**the youngest member of The Troy Legacy Society.**

A new project, launched by the University and key alumni, will allow members of its earliest classes to leave a lasting legacy for future students.

“Celebrating the Past ... Securing the Future” is an endowment project calling on members of the classes of 1959-1968 to encourage them to include WJU in their estate making plans. Organizing the efforts are Brent Bush, vice president for Institutional Advancement, and alumnus Steve Haid, ‘63.

To date, several alumni from the first classes have become partners with the University in this planned giving project. Those who make the University a part of their income or estate planning will become members of The Troy Legacy Society -- named for the second president of the University, Rev. William Troy, S.J. Becoming a member of the Troy Legacy Society is as simple as making a provision in your will, gift annuity, retirement funds, life insurance policies, trusts or other planned gifts that will someday result in a gift to the University’s endowment.

“This project is vital to the future of the University. We want all our alumni to know they can leave a lasting legacy for future students,” said Julio Giulietti, S.J., president. “I hope that many members of our University family will join us and leave a perpetual gift to their *alma mater*.”

As the University embarks on its first 50th class reunion with the class of 1959, Giulietti said, “It is important to prepare a foundation of consistent and generous support with all our alumni. We must create a culture of philanthropy and partnership which will sustain the University into the future.”

Haid said, “It is critically important that those among us who were the earliest students of the University reflect upon the impact Wheeling Jesuit had upon our lives. We are all better having attended this wonderful institution and we need to make provisions so that future generations can have this same life-changing experience.”

Those alumni who have already committed to the project will be contacting their classmates this year to update them on the University and to stimulate interest and ignite curiosity.

“The goal is to build an awareness of the benefits of planned gifts, and to provide information about these strategies in order to create a culture that will build an endowment that will ensure the future of the University for generations to come,” said Bush. “Private, selective higher learning is secured by the continued investment of those who were beneficiaries of this education – by those who appreciate the impact a Jesuit education had on their lives.”

Class volunteer John Aluise ‘64 said, “This is a remarkable opportunity, as my class celebrates its 45<sup>th</sup> reunion, to not only make an annual gift to the University in recognition of this milestone, but also to consider making a gift which will perpetually support our *alma mater*.”





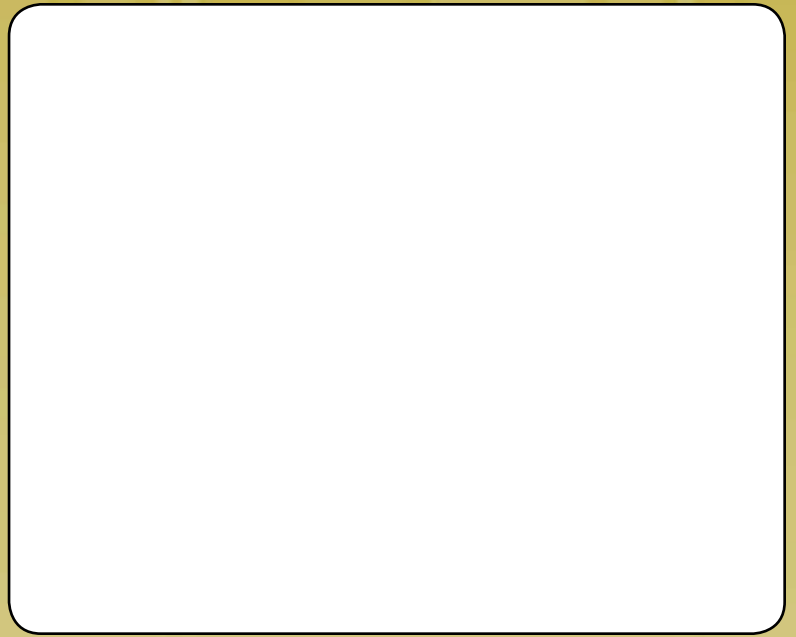
# Class of 1964 Gift Project

To celebrate the Class of 1964's 45th Reunion, John Aluisse has produced a DVD to recall many of the special memories of campus life from 1960-64 and depict some of the life events of the class members after Wheeling College.

The DVD, made up of pictures from yearbooks, school newspapers and photos submitted by classmates, will provide memories of those early years at Wheeling -- the faculty, campus life, Gambol, socials, athletic activities, and much more! The DVD also will feature music reflecting this time in history.

The DVD will be shown at the summer reunion, and individual copies will be available for a donation of \$150 to Wheeling Jesuit University. To place your order, send your donation to the WJU Alumni Office, 316 Washington Ave., Wheeling, WV 26003 and please specify the gift is for the Class of 1964 DVD Project.





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# ALUMNI WEEKEND

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