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Wheeling Jesuit's Troy Legacy Society, through its planned giving initiative – "Celebrating the Past ... Securing the Future," – has welcomed 12 new members since 2008. This endowment project is focusing the University's earliest graduates by encouraging them to include WJU as part of their estate planning. Through the efforts of class representatives, members of Wheeling Jesuit's earliest classes are responding.

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As of December 31, Wheeling Jesuit has more than 80 members of the Troy Legacy Society.

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William and Carol '63 Yarnall
John '61 and Marlene Yasinsky

Joe Buch, Director of Planned Giving, is available to all alumni who have questions or who seek advice on giving options. For more information or to discuss your gift options, please contact him at 304-243-8144 or jbuch@wju.edu.



Dear Alumni and Friends,

My first months as president have been filled with long but exciting days. I have spent time getting to know students, employees, alumni and friends of the University – many have shared stories about their experiences at Wheeling Jesuit that have provided me with valuable insights into our shared history. These stories have served to reinforce what I had already believed – **Wheeling Jesuit University is truly a special place.**

As I listen to alumni and friends, many have asked "What can I do to help?" The answer is simple – become engaged. Being engaged is more than making a gift. I've been asking alumni to get involved by visiting campus, to meet with the University's senior leadership team, to introduce us to high school counselors or students, to organize regional alumni activities, or to mentor one of our current students. We need your help.

You already know that Wheeling Jesuit has several outstanding academic programs. Let me share with you three more impressive examples of the quality of the intellectual experience at WJU:

- Our students have a placement rate greater than 95% in law schools, medical schools and physical therapy programs.
- WJU undergraduate students are twice as likely as their peers at other similar universities across the country to engage in research with faculty.
- WJU's Challenger Learning Center remains a leader in the development of education programs – while offering on-site and distance learning missions to a record number of students around the world.

The University has launched a strategic planning process and we are engaging all members of our WJU community in this process – including employees, the Jesuits, alumni, students, parents and the members of the local Wheeling community. It is important that all stakeholders have a role in charting our course for the future.

I want to thank you for the many ways you have shown your support for WJU in the past. Your financial support is very much appreciated. Our objective is to reach 100 percent alumni giving participation from each class and become the number one Jesuit university in the country in alumni participation. Please help.

As we set forth on our journey, I ask for your continued support and prayers. I also want to hear your story. So please share with me why you are involved, why you believe so deeply in our University and how your WJU education has helped shape your life. Please email your stories to me at president@wju.edu.

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Q&A



President Richard Beyer & wife
Cindy answer your questions

What attracted you to Higher Education
and Wheeling Jesuit?

I've been affiliated with higher education for more than 16 years. For the past 10 years my professional compass has been pointing me toward higher education and over the past couple of years I have been making plans to retire from the technology field and transition into higher education.

The internal professional compass I refer to doesn't tell us the specific road to travel, but what direction to head. So

when our paths crossed and as I became more knowledgeable about WJU, it became clear this was the right journey and destination to pursue.

I was introduced to Wheeling Jesuit in June of 2010 during the presidential search process. As I started to research the institution, I became very impressed with Wheeling Jesuit during my research and was very impressed with the strong academic and research culture as well

as the overall sense of the University, from its Jesuit/Catholic mission, its undergraduate and graduate programs and the beautiful campus. These attributes really made me realize that this was a great place. I feel and see all the good this University has to offer to students and what it can become. As good as this University is, it has even greater potential for success.

In the next six months, what are your top priorities?

Increasing enrollment is the number one priority. The reason for this priority is to have our education operations become self-funding. We have the capacity to service more students and we will work

to shore up the 2011 class. From April 4 through Sept. 30 we will be collaborating with all our campus community, including alumni, on a five-year strategic plan. This planning process will help us chart

our course for the future. I expect the plan to be approved by the Board of Directors in December. The strategic plan would be implemented for 2012 to 2017.

What are some of the financial issues facing the University
and what is your plan for long-term stability and growth?

Our core educational revenues are less than our expenses, so we're running a deficit. We expect over the next couple of years to reach self-funding of our education operations which includes

funding depreciation and debt service. As the delivery of education becomes self-funding, it will allow Wheeling Jesuit to use its external funds for strategic purposes. We need to build a strategic fund for im-

portant needs at the University. This fund would help to build or renovate residence halls and other facilities. We also will need to work with corporations and foundations for long-term growth of our endowment.

“...keep the mission, vision and identity of the institution front and center.”



Q&A

Could you share some memories about your Catholic upbringing and worshipping on campus?

I grew up in Detroit as part of a large Polish, Catholic family. I remember our family going to St. Hedwig's Church. My mother was in the choir and quite often I would go to choir practice with her in the evenings. Her involvement in the choir and her love of music had an influence on

me. I attended Epiphany Grade School in Detroit also and still have memories of the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary who taught us there.

Attending Mass at the Chapel of Mary and Joseph provides a real sense of

community and support for me. The workdays are long and I enjoy going to Fr. Steltenkamp's Wednesday evening Mass. I get a little break from all of the work and the Wednesday evening Mass allows me time for reflection, prayer and discernment.

As the first lay president in WJU history, what is your plan for keeping the Jesuit identity front and center?

Serving 16 years on governing boards has helped me realize how important it is for a University to keep the mission, vision and identity of the institution front and center. Those years of training along with the fact that I am the first lay president are at the

front of my consciousness on a daily basis. While we work to reach new heights of success, we must foster our Jesuit, Catholic identity and not lose sight of our mission. My close relationship with Jesuits like Fr. Jim Fleming, my chief of staff, Fr. Jim

O'Brien, Fr. Brian O'Donnell and the other members of the Jesuit community help me keep the mission and Jesuit identity in focus and serve as a natural reinforcement.

What can alumni do to help you and their alma mater?

I believe a very good goal for our alumni would be for Wheeling Jesuit to become the number one Jesuit school in alumni giving percentage. That means participation. So, I am asking all alumni to make a gift, no matter the size, because I want to strive for our alumni giving percentage to be 100 percent.

Second, I would ask alumni to communicate to us why WJU is so important to

them and what makes Wheeling Jesuit special. I want to know about those experiences and why their time was so special and why they continue to support Wheeling Jesuit.

Third, I need the alumni to introduce us to high school principals, superintendents, guidance counselors and potential students. This will help our recruitment efforts and help spread the great news about Wheeling Jesuit. I encourage alumni to

connect with Larry Vallar, our new vice president of Enrollment Management. (lvallar@wju.edu)

Please make sure you get involved. Come to alumni events. Come to campus. Serve as a class agent or on Alumni Council. Let me know if you have questions by emailing me at president@wju.edu.

In what ways will you and your wife Cindy become involved in the greater Wheeling community?

Both Cindy and I are already getting involved in the community. Cindy is working with Fr. Fleming and the service office on campus to see how she might best serve people in the local community. I hope to

become more involved with the Wheeling Chamber of Commerce and the Regional Economic Development Partnership. We know that Wheeling Jesuit and the city of Wheeling are interdependent. Cindy and I

want to be involved in the community, attend events and show our support to our new, adopted city.

CampusNews

BRADDOCK GIFT OF \$310,985 REFLECTS A VISION OF PHILANTHROPY

Wheeling resident Dorothy Richards Weiler Braddock died Jan. 25, 2010 and left behind a legacy of caring. Her final wishes carried out the careful planning done for many years by her husband, Dr. John Braddock. Their generosity included a gift of \$310,985 to Wheeling Jesuit University.

"We are very grateful to Dorothy and John Braddock and appreciate their generosity and planning," said Vice President of Institutional Advancement Jim Holt. "The Braddocks were distinguished community leaders and deeply appreciated Catholic education and the work of the Jesuits in Wheeling. We thank them and honor their memory."

Dorothy Braddock was born in Fair Haven, Vt. She was a graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital Nursing School and married Wheeling physician Howard G. Weiler, M.D. after graduation. After Dr. Weiler's passing in 1972, she married her second husband John Braddock, D.D.S., in 1976 and he passed away in 1986.

Dr. Braddock was a leader in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston and is considered a founding member of Our Lady of Peace parish and school, located in the Mount Olivet neighborhood of Wheeling, where the Braddocks resided. He also was a founding member of the Good Shepherd Nursing Home in 1970.

Though a dentist, Dr. Braddock spent his life leading the operation of his family business, Wheeling Bronze Casting Company. He was known as an astute financial planner and worked for the Diocese and Bishop Joseph H. Hodges for many years. His generosity was well known in the early years at Wheeling College.

Dorothy Braddock was a member of the

Wheeling Country Club and a past president of the West Virginia Medical Association Women's Auxiliary. Both served as board of directors for the Welty Home for the Aged, Inc.

"The Braddocks were generous to the Wheeling community and very generous to Wheeling Jesuit," Holt said. "Their faith was truly a faith in action and their legacy lives on in our student's competence, conscience and compassionate commitment. We thank them."

Dorothy Braddock was predeceased in death by her son Wheeling orthopedic surgeon Robert Weiler, M.D., who passed away in 2003. Surviving are her daughter, Gail W. Lilly of Orchard Lake, Mich.; a son, Howard Bruce Weiler of Pueblo, Colo.; eight grand children; six great-grand children; a great-great-grandchild and a daughter-in-law, Anita Weiler of Wheeling.

TOP ADMINISTRATORS HIRED

Wheeling Jesuit University has hired four top executives to lead divisions of the University.



Jim Holt assumed the position of vice president of Institutional Advancement on Jan. 3. Holt brings senior executive marketing skills to WJU, which will be most helpful in the University's efforts to expand its reach and communicate its aspirations to raise development funds. Most recently Holt had been performing strategic business consulting with clients that include: Goodyear, P&G, Notice, Binary Tree, Voccollect and DATATRAK. Prior to that, he was

president of Wolcott Group in Akron, Ohio.

From 2000 – 2005, Holt led Acero, Inc., a Cleveland, Ohio and Palo Alto, Cal. software pioneer for research in biochemistry, genomics and proteomics. He also was chief marketing officer and senior vice president with Computer Associates International, Islandia, N.Y.

Holt earned his undergraduate degree in business administration, concentrating in accounting, with a minor in computer science from Westminster College, New Wilmington, Pa., in 1980.

Also joining the senior leadership team is **Stephen Stahl, Ph.D.**, who began his duties as chief academic officer Aug. 2.

Stahl was most recently special assistant to the provost for Program Development at St. Bonaventure University in New York, where he also held the position of dean of the School of Arts and Sciences from 2003 – 2009.



Prior to 2003, Stahl held the position of vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the college at Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, Va. Before that he was dean of Natural and Social Sciences and Professional Studies at State University of New York, (SUNY), Fredonia, N.Y. and chair of the department of geology at Central Michigan University.

Stahl taught at all of the above institutions and published extensive scholarly work in the field of geology, both nationally and internationally. He earned his bachelor's of science degree from Washington & Lee and both his master's and doctorate in geological sciences from Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.



Larry Vallar began his duties as vice president of Enrollment Management in January.

He comes to Wheeling Jesuit from his *alma mater*, Olivet College, Mich., where he served as vice president for Enrollment Management. He had held that position since 2006. At Olivet, he had oversight of enrollment management, financial aid, registrar's office and athletics. During the past three years, Vallar's team set consecutive records in enrollment at Olivet.

Prior to his success at Olivet, Vallar was the regional director of operations for Dollar General Corp., in Michigan. There, he was responsible for oversight of a budget of \$189 million.

Additionally, he has significant entrepreneurial, sales and operations experience. His entrepreneurial leadership includes owning a family veterinarian hospital. He earned his undergraduate degree in business from Olivet College in 1984.

Also joining the Institutional Advancement team is attorney

Joseph Buch, who has assumed the role of director of planned giving and major gifts.

Most recently, Buch was with Bailey, Riley, Buch & Harman, where he practiced in estate planning, will and trust creation, probate, real estate, business planning and commercial litigation. Buch also was formerly a vice president and trust division manager with United Bank, Inc., Wealth Management Group of Wheeling.



Buch brings to the Office of Institutional Advancement a wealth of experience with regard to the many tax-advantaged techniques for institutional support to benefit the donor and University alike.

Buch earned his undergraduate degree in economics from the University of Notre Dame and his juris doctorate from West Virginia University College of Law. He is a member of both the West Virginia and Florida state bars.



NEW FACULTY JOIN WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY

Seven new faculty members joined Wheeling Jesuit University for the fall 2010 term.

Kelly Brewer, instructor in nursing, formerly taught at Westmoreland Community College and held non-academic positions at the Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic of UPMC and the Allegheny County Jail. She holds an associate degree in nursing from Westmoreland Community College, a bachelor's in nursing from California University of Pennsylvania, and master of science in nursing with a specialty of forensic nursing from Duquesne University.

Derek Elliott is a visiting instructor of philosophy. Elliott is a 2004 graduate of WJU, with a master's in philosophy from Duquesne University, where he is currently enrolled in a doctorate program. He has taught at Bethany College and was an adjunct professor of philosophy at Wheeling Jesuit, and a teaching assistant at Duquesne and the University of Pittsburgh.

Kathleen Klein is an instructor in math. Klein earned her undergraduate at WJU in 1990, her master's degree at California University, and is currently enrolled in a doctoral program at Indiana University of Pennsylvania with her dissertation in progress on social capital. Klein has been an adjunct at Wheeling Jesuit for the past several years, and was formerly a public high school teacher for 11 years.

Jennifer McCracken is a clinical instructor in nursing. McCracken was a nursing instructor at Westmoreland County Community College and held positions at Southwest Regional Medical Center, Waynesburg, Pa., West Virginia University Hospital, Morgantown and Washington Hospital, Washington, Pa. McCracken earned

both undergraduate and graduate nursing degrees from Waynesburg University and her MSN in nurse practitioner from Wheeling Jesuit University.

Daniel O'Hare is an assistant professor of theology and religious studies. Prior to coming to WJU, O'Hare was a visiting assistant professor of theology at the University of Notre Dame. He also taught at Grace College and Theological Seminary. O'Hare holds a master of theological studies and doctorate of philosophy from Notre Dame.

Ann Smith is an assistant professor of nursing. Smith worked at Belmont Technical College and Belmont County Health Department both in St. Clairsville, Ohio, and at Wheeling Hospital. Smith is currently enrolled in the West Virginia University doctorate of nursing program. She is a 2004 graduate from Wheeling Jesuit's BSN program.

Cam Twarog is a clinical instructor of respiratory therapy. Twarog was employed at Select Specialty Hospital, Knox Community Hospital and Coshocton County Memorial Hospital all in central Ohio. He is a 1998 graduate of WJU's respiratory therapy program and earned an MBA from Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio.

Also returning to the Wheeling Jesuit University campus, after a two-year absence is **Lawrence Driscoll**, associate professor of criminal justice.

U.S. NEWS RANKS WJU TOPS IN BEST COLLEGES PUBLICATION



Wheeling Jesuit University ranks the highest of any West Virginia institution of higher education in regional universities in the South, according to U.S. News & World Report's 2011 "Best Colleges" publication.

"A Jesuit education continues to be an excellent value for our students, one that is recognized annually by the *U.S. News* listing," said Dr. Stephen Stahl, chief academic officer at WJU. "We're pleased to share this news with our students, alumni, donors and the community. We invite anyone desiring to discover the difference in Jesuit education to visit us soon."

The rankings examine 572 universities, the same number of schools as last year, within four geographic areas—North, South, Midwest and West. The institutions in this category provide a full range of undergraduate and master's programs.

The 2011 edition of *U.S. News & World Report's "Best Colleges"* ranks WJU number 22 in the "Best Regional Universities" in the South, making it the highest ranked university in West Virginia in this category, a distinction WJU has held for 14 consecutive years.

The annual rating system changed in some ways this year.

"We have made some changes in the ranking methodology. In the 2011 edition, schools are designated National Universities, National Liberal Arts Colleges (last year it was Liberal Arts Colleges), Regional Universities (last year it was Universities-Master's), and Regional Colleges (last year it was Baccalaureate Colleges). The number of colleges in the two regional categories did not change, and schools are still ranked in four regions," explained the *U.S. News* press information packet.

Numerically, *U.S. News* now ranks the top 75 percent of schools in each category, up from 50 percent. Over the past two decades, the college rankings, which group schools based on categories created by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, has become a popular research tool for students and parents considering higher education opportunities.



Brittany Burkhardt earned a prestigious \$1,000 travel award that took her to a National IDeA Symposium for Biomedical Research Excellence in Bethesda, Maryland.



BIOLOGY MAJOR RECEIVES AWARD from National IDeA Symposium for Research

Burkhart was one of only 11 students nationally who received this award.

Burkhart traveled to the biennial science meeting with WJU Biology Professor Rob Shurina, WJU research technician Tara Richard '09 and senior biology major Kaleigh Dami.

Burkhart gave a public talk and explanation of her poster at the meeting.

"Her award was merit based and peer reviewed, so it's very impressive that Brittany was selected from the 23 states and Puerto Rico attending," said Dr. Shurina.

Burkhart's research involves the scientific investigation of angiogenesis and cancer research.

The conference was held in June and offered scientific presentations and open discussions of hot topics in the biological research world. More than 100 institutions participated with more than 450 abstracts and posters presented by the 1,000 participants.

The IDeA program consists of COBRE and INBRE programs. These groundbreaking initiatives have led to new organization of scientific programs and training for productive research careers.

FOUR FACULTY MEMBERS CELEBRATE 30 YEARS OF TEACHING AT WJU



The start of the 2010 academic year marked a milestone for four members of the WJU faculty—30 years of service to the University.

Dr. Margaret Bowman, Dr. Theodore Erickson, Dr. Helen Faso and Dr. Rose Kutlenios observed 30 years of teaching at WJU on Aug. 16, when the opening gathering for faculty, staff and administrators was held. The professors were honored by the University at that time.

Associate professor of nursing, **Margaret "Marge" Bowman** first began teaching at Wheeling Jesuit in the fall of 1980. Bowman earned her bachelor's degree at West Virginia University, her master's at the University of Maryland and her doctorate at Case Western Reserve University.

Mathematics professor, **Theodore "Ted" Erickson**, a resident of Wheeling for the past 30 years, earned his bachelor's degree at the University of South Dakota and both his master's and doctorate degrees from the University of Massachusetts.

Professor of nursing, **Helen Faso**, earned a diploma from Ohio Valley General Hospital, a bachelor of nursing degree from West Virginia University and a master of nursing degree from the Medical College of Georgia and a doctorate in nursing from the University of Texas.

Professor of nursing, **Rose Kutlenios** began her teaching career at WJU in January 1980, teaching nursing. Kutlenios earned her bachelor's from Duquesne and a doctorate and two master degrees in nursing from the University of Pittsburgh. Her specialty field is psychiatric-mental health nursing.

EILEEN CARPINO, WJU LIBRARIAN EMERITA PASSES AWAY

Long-time librarian at Wheeling Jesuit Eileen Carpino passed away Thursday, Aug. 19 at her residence.

Carpino was beloved by many graduates, faculty and employees of the University and remained active in WJU alumni and campus community life. Most recently, she enjoyed the 2010 Alumni Weekend events.

Carpino was a founding member of the Wheeling College staff, joining the campus community in 1955. She served Wheeling Jesuit for 46 years before retiring in 2001, at which time the University honored Carpino with the title Librarian *Emerita*.

She received her undergraduate degree from Catherine Spaulding University and her graduate degree from Catholic University. Carpino was awarded an honorary doctorate degree from Wheeling Jesuit in 2004.



STUDENTS TAKE THEIR RESEARCH ON THE ROAD

Wheeling Jesuit University psychology students took their research on the road, presenting projects at the 50th Anniversary Conference of the Society for Psychophysiological Research last fall.

"This is a milestone year and our students experienced an important moment in research," said psychology professor, Dr. Bryan Raudenbush. Joining Raudenbush at the conference in Oregon were: sophomore psychology major **August Capiola** and senior psychology major **Mark Sappington**; adjunct instructor of psychology **Kristin McCombs '05** and **Jonathan Kolks '10**.

Research topics, presenters and a brief description of the research are:

Effects of Video Game Play on Pain Distraction – The current study examined whether the Nintendo Wii tennis video game can serve as a distraction from pain

perception and increase pain tolerance. The study found participants were able to tolerate the pain significantly longer in the play condition and participants thought they performed better in the play condition. Implications for such research include providing an adjunct to pharmaceuticals for pain management techniques.

Effects of Peppermint Scent Distraction on Cognitive Video Game Performance: A Physiological Explanation – The present study assessed the combination of video game play and peppermint scent administration on physiology, mood, performance, and task load. In terms of physiological data, control group participants had a significantly lower pulse change and diastolic blood pressure change; whereas, participants in the peppermint scent condition experienced no significant difference in pulse, suggesting that the scent administration promoted greater physiological arousal, thus keeping them more engaged in the testing process.

Implications include the combination of video games and a physiologically arousing scent (specifically, peppermint) to further promote cognitive performance.

Physiological Responses of Food Neophobics and Food Neophilics to Food and Non-Food Stimuli – The present study assessed physiological reactions of food neophobics and neophilics to pictures of food and non-food stimuli. No significant differences were found between the groups in relation to non-food stimuli. However, pulse, GSR (galvanic skin response) and respirations were significantly increased in food neophobics when presented pictures of food stimuli. Thus, further evidence is provided to support a physiological component at least partially responsible for differences noted between neophobics and neophilics in sensitivity, psychophysical ratings, and willingness to try personality.

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SPONSORED PROGRAMS RECEIVES \$135,000 BENEDUM FOUNDATION GRANT

Wheeling Jesuit University's Sponsored Programs received a \$135,000 grant from the Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation to create the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center to expand business and economic development in the Northern Panhandle.

The Center will provide services such as technical assistance, SBIR/STTR development assistance, student business planning assistance, commercialization assistance and referrals.

"We are very pleased to have received this grant from the Benedum Foundation, which continues to support growth and development in West Virginia. The funds awarded from the Foundation not only reinforce the entrepreneurial spirit of Wheeling Jesuit University, but also reinforce the commitment that WJU has to the Northern Panhandle area," said Davitt McAteer, vice president of Sponsored Programs.



The Foundation makes grants in three program areas that span both states: education, economic development and civic engagement. In addition, the Foundation supports programs that are unique to each state; in West Virginia, they are health & human services and community development.

FATHER BUCKIUS CELEBRATES 90TH BIRTHDAY WITH CAMPUS PARTY



"I am not growing old, just growing older."



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The WJU community celebrated the 90th birthday of Rev. Walter Buckius, S.J. with a surprise party in Whelan Hall on July 13.

Rev. Jim O'Brien helped lure Fr. Buckius to the Schmidt Lounge where he was greeted by members of the campus and serenaded by those gathered. There was plenty of cake and ice cream for all who gathered.

Fr. Buckius also marked 70 years in the Society of Jesus in June.

What's his advice for growing old?

"I am not growing old, just growing older."

"If I can keep a sense of humor, it helps. To be able to laugh at oneself is part of being a nonagenarian," he said Fr. Buckius also attributes much to living in a community of Jesuits. "It's my inspira-

tion, a big support for me. Through them I'm able to find God in the big and the small."

A native of Lancaster, Pa., Fr. Buckius has been at Wheeling Jesuit since 1973 when he arrived on campus as an academic advisor. He took care of students as they prepared for graduate work, working closely with students who needed academic help. He was also the advisor for pre-law students. Eventually he went into campus ministry, until he retired from active duty in 2004.

In 1973 "A voice called him to Almost Heaven West Virginia," he said. His many friends are glad he listened to the Appalachian Angel and moved to his current address among the West Virginia hills.

The Jesuit Educational Experience

By Rev. James Fleming, S.J.
University Vice President & Chief of Staff

Alumni often comment –sometimes in a worrisome way – that “Wheeling College isn’t like it was back in the day.” They are correct ... It’s not. If it were, we’d still be playing in the old gym, fewer students would be engaged in research with faculty, and residence halls would not have AC.

Although there are several differences between the Wheeling College some alums remember and the Wheeling Jesuit Univer-

sity of this new millennium, one aspect of the Jesuit educational experience has not changed. **Today, as in the past, WJU offers its students intellectually informed serious conversations about important topics in a moral context.**

There are several different and equally worthy ways to describe the Jesuit educational experience. The one I offer here is but one of many that might be helpful to consider. Think of what this four-part description outlines as an educational experience.

1. Intellectually informed: “This is a university, my dears,” I heard a Jesuit remind his students last fall as I passed his classroom, “you’re supposed to be confused.” The 450–year tradition of Jesuit education flourishes on the old Steenrod farm in these rolling hills of Appalachia. Discussions – whether they take place in the classroom, in the B-Room or the barroom – are packed with established knowledge heard for the first time and aimed at uncovering new knowledge as the inquiry continues.

2. Serious conversations: We’ve all been involved in late-night discussions among friends on the way back from practice, after rehearsal or while watching ESPN. Meaningless banter can unexpectedly grow into intense exchanges about topics as new knowledge and reflection on experience combine to reveal the possible consequences of holding this or that opinion. We polish our repartee. We test-out a new argument with a teammate. We speak a long-known but yet revealed truth to a roommate who will be a friend for life.

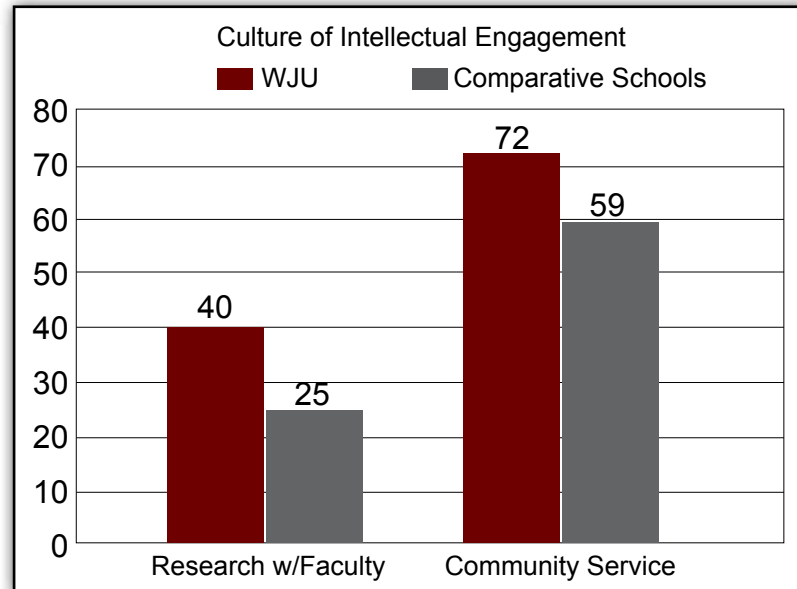
3. Important topics: A Jesuit university is oriented toward the uncompromising and unrestricted pursuit of truth and excellence in all disciplines. At Jesuit universities knowledge gained through inquiry brings with it the responsibility to act justly, to deepen their faith, to prepare for active participation in service to the community and churches and to understand political-economic interdependence. Learning is complex and overlapping – not limited to the formal direct instruction of the lecture hall.

4. A moral context: How many of us have breathed a sigh of relief thinking we’ve exhausted all possibilities on a certain topic - feeling sure we will be viewed with awe and admiration by all within ear shot - only to be stopped dead in our rhetorical tracks by an ethical incongruity raised by a faculty member or friend. Who of us has not been reminded of our finitude when, in prayer, we are opened to a possibility that arises from our conscience finally able to break through with simple holy clarity?

These four distinctive aspects of the Jesuit educational experience have remained constant at WJU: intellectually informed serious conversations about important topics in a moral context. Let me offer some recently collected evidence of the presence and shape of this Jesuit educational experience here at WJU. The sidebars throughout the section provide examples of how alumni and current students put this into practice.



In the spring 2010, 68 percent of the seniors at Wheeling Jesuit responded to email invitations to complete a 30-item questionnaire called the Wheeling Jesuit University Senior Survey 2010 (WJUSS '10). The WJU respondents were representative of the entire graduating class of 2010. Nationally 3,200 seniors from five Jesuit universities also participated in the survey.



In reviewing the responses, we found that WJU students share many of the characteristics of students at other American Jesuit universities. We also discovered that Wheeling Jesuit has a culture of academic engagement. More distinctive, however, is WJU's culture of service. But the most distinctive aspect of the undergraduate experience at WJU is the culture of religious and spiritual reflection.

The WJU class of 2010 reported a **culture of intellectual engagement** that extended beyond the classroom in which faculty played a crucial role. Eighty-three percent identified a faculty member as a mentor and nearly all seniors reported that they had conversations outside of class with their faculty (starting with 68 percent during their first year and growing to 98 percent by senior year).

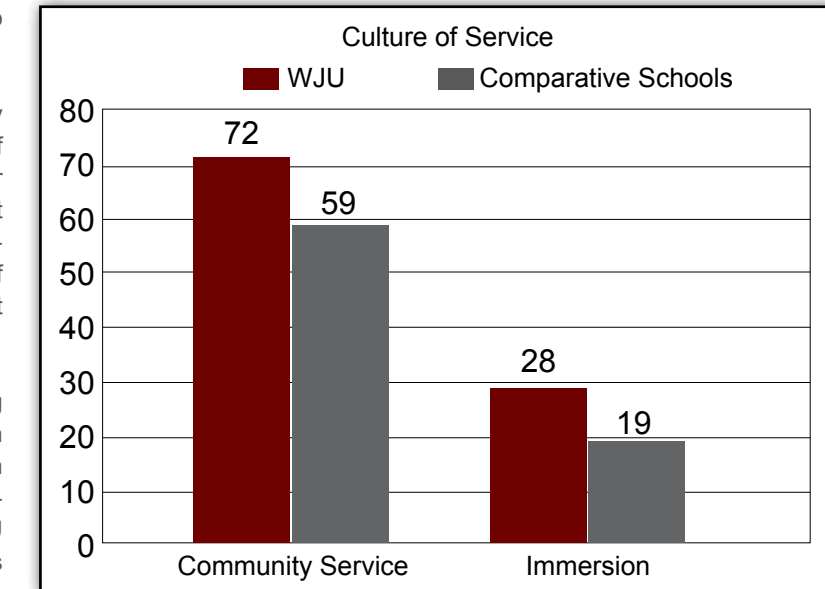
The activity that seemed to most clearly define the intellectual culture for WJU undergraduates was "participation in research with their faculty." In a finding unmatched by the other schools that participated, 40 percent of Wheeling Jesuit undergraduates took part in research with faculty. On average at U.S. colleges and universities, only 19 percent take part in faculty research. This distinguishes WJU as the rare institution that fosters critical thinking through scientific investigation in its undergraduate programs.

The results from the Senior Survey also **highlighted a culture of service**. Community service was the most common co-curricular activity – 72 percent of the seniors reported participating in volunteer community service at some point during their undergraduate years – compared to the national average of 60 percent. Each year, more than 45 percent of the undergraduates participate in volunteer or community service activities. There was no significant difference between the percentage of men and women who participated.

WJU changes students thinking and acting related to community service. During their first year at WJU, 45 percent of the class of 2010 said they planned on doing community service. By senior year 72 percent reported having participated. This 60 percent increase in participation in community service seems directly attributable to the impact of the campus culture on its students. Of those who participated in community service, 85 percent said it had a significant impact on their undergraduate experience.

Seniors also reported that their experiences of alternative Spring Break programs – both domestic and international – were an important part of their experience. Of those who participated in these programs, 83 percent reported that the trips were "a significant or extremely significant part of their WJU experience." WJU seniors reported participation in domestic immersion programs at a higher rate than students at the four other Jesuit universities

who completed the Boston College Questionnaire in 2008. Students reported there is a strong **culture of religious and spiritual reflection**. This culture of reflection can be seen in their participation in regular prayer/meditation, conversations about their beliefs with friends and faculty, and a surprisingly high rate of participation in retreats.



1.6 Learning... RESEARCH PROVIDES UNDERGRADUATES



Undergraduate research is a hallmark of the Wheeling Jesuit educational experience since it allows students to take part in learning that incorporates classroom theory into hands on research.

Many Wheeling Jesuit faculty introduce student research at the undergraduate level – an uncommon trait at many institutions – opening the door for statewide, national and international conferences presentations and accolades.

A recent research project by psychology students incorporates the learning principles from classroom into a real life experiment with goldfish – an uncommon lab partner.

"Our students designed a very successful demonstration of operant and classical conditioning in goldfish," said Dr. Debra Hull, professor of psychology. "The success that the psychology students enjoyed is a result of their effective training methods and ongoing efforts."

Over nine weeks, 15 psychology students interacted with eight goldfish using four large tanks that were outfitted with equipment. Throughout the experiment, the fish learned target responding, how to swim through tunnels and hoops, as well as how to play soccer and respond to stimuli.

"We saw that learning principles apply across the board," said senior Mike Seals. "You think goldfish are dumb but in reality, the fish have better memories than most people think."

Principles learned in the fish laboratory had an impact on their human trainers. Senior Stefanie Mertz said, "I've learned patience with these fish. What I wanted isn't always what the fish will do, which is good experience for future work with clients."

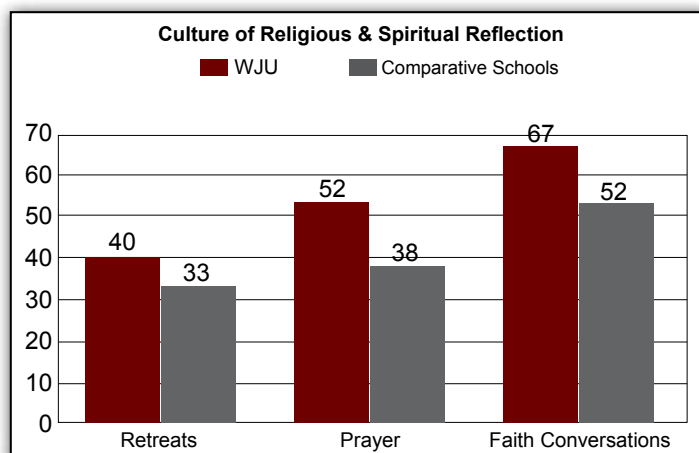
"Each fish is different," added senior Andrew Groves. "Steph and I both had a problem with one fish and ended up learning that you can't always make a fish learn. So we had to change our method."

VALUABLE LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Another important part of a lab project like this, Dr. Hull said, is that the research forces students to observe the fish prior to training in order to see their natural tendency, thus increasing the student's powers of observation.

"Independent research like the fish project is important because it allows students to get experiences outside the classroom, making them more marketable to potential grad schools or employers, because they have skills that go beyond the classroom," said Dr. Bryan Raudenbush, director of Undergraduate Research at WJU.





Fostering an atmosphere of reflection is the business of universities and 94 percent of the WJU seniors reported that “compared with when they entered Wheeling Jesuit their ability to reflect on their own life and life choices was stronger or much stronger.” Of those surveyed, 87 percent reported praying or meditating on a regular basis.

Wheeling Jesuit students talk about their faith with friends and classmates. Male athletes stood out as the group most likely to talk with their friends about faith. The Jesuits were the professionals with

whom all undergraduates most often spoke about issues of faith.

Retreats seem to be the keystone to this culture of reflection. Students who take part in various co-curricular activities reflect on these experiences while on retreats. Retreats are the most typical place to experience this “culture of reflection.” After volunteer-community service, retreats were the second most popular co-curricular activity. More than 40 percent of respondents participated in a retreat while at WJU and of that group, 81 percent found retreats to be a

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Serving...A Life-Changing Experience

Serving others takes the educational experience outside the classroom and makes it real.



“Education goes beyond what students learn in the classroom. Service opens minds and hearts to complex issues in our community, country and world. These experiences and challenges guide students to become men and women for others,” said Adrienne Greene ‘05, coordinator for the Service for Social Action Center.

Each year, hundreds of Wheeling Jesuit students log thousands of hours of services. WJU students are involved in prison ministry, homeless awareness, mentoring at-risk children and visiting juvenile detention centers, just to name a few. Greene said, WJU students are known for stepping up and helping out whenever the Wheeling community needs it.

“Doing service has opened me up to see that there are social programs in our society that are not adequately addressed,” senior

Noah Riley. “Service shows students that there is more to life than earning money – it’s up to us to alleviate the problems in our society and shape a just future while spreading peace and joy.”

Riley understands first-hand the impact of serving one’s community. A resident at WJU’s Mother Jones House, an off-campus, intentional Christian life community located in East Wheeling, he and seven others take a stand for the underserved everyday by working with inner city children, the homeless and shut-ins.

“Though I’m not 100 percent sure what I want to do with the rest of my life, I know one thing for certain. I want to devote my life to God and to serving His people. Service facilitated this calling of mine and led to wonderful experiences that I wouldn’t trade for the world,” Riley said.

Sophomore Laura Kane agrees that service gets her closer to God. She also finds it enjoyable.

“Service is a way I give back to God. I’m always so happy after service trips. There is nothing better than sharing such a wonderful experience with a unique group of people,” Kane said. “Service for me includes laughing, giving, bonding, praising and is a great way to de-stress. No other college offers such a focus on giving to others.”

Students agree that service makes the WJU educational experience worthwhile.

“I know I’ll take what I’ve learned and apply it to my life. I wouldn’t change my service experiences for the world. I have learned so much about myself. I have become stronger than I ever dreamt I could be. I wouldn’t be the person I am today or have the same motivation and will power if it hadn’t been for service,” Kane said.

The service office works year-round providing these life-changing opportunities for students. Perhaps their efforts are best summed up in Greene’s favorite quote from Ghandi, ‘The best way to find yourself, is to lose yourself in the service of others.’

Believing Kairos Retreats Provide Spiritual Development

Kairos retreats offer students a way to grow and explore their relationships with family, friends and God – helping the spiritual and educational development of those who attend.

Rev. Harry Geib, S.J., assistant director of campus ministry and retreat coordinator said Kairos weekends are important because they offer students the chance to explore their relationships. The goal of Kairos is that the connection to God, family and friends that students experience during the retreat will flow into a sense of Christian compassion for all human beings.

“Many students told me that their Kairos retreat was a major turning point for them in their lives as young adults,” said Fr. Geib.

Staffed by a team of nine students who have previously made the retreat, each has a role in the weekend – some giving inspiring witness talks about their personal challenges and others leading group discussions. Held at WJU’s Lantz Farm in Lewisburg, W.Va., Geib said the retreat center provides the perfect setting for reflection and the hubbub of campus life.

“At Kairos, our students hear student team leaders give powerful, honest witness talks and where they see God working in their lives. In small groups, students are able to share about their relationships with family, friends and God,” he noted. Kairos, “has been a powerful college experience for so many WJU students over the years.”

Senior Catherine “Cat” D’Orazio explained that Kairos offers personal reflection — yet is a time of great community.

“Kairos is awesome because it gives people that chance to open up and share things with each other that normally do not come

up in every day conversation. After the retreat I felt connected to the people who attended because I was able to catch a glimpse into their personal lives. Kairos forms a strong community as we are made aware each other’s struggles and learn to love each other for who we are and who we are becoming,” D’Orazio added.

“Kairos is simply the best experience I’ve had in college,” said philosophy major Eddie Peters. “I went on the retreat during a transition period of my life. I was beginning to move from an immature, ‘I can do things on my own’ attitude to a more realistic, dependent point of view.” He said in the year before he went on Kairos he lived off campus by himself and was somewhat isolated.

“I cannot figure out why I signed up, but I now know there was a reason I went. Kairos gave me the time I always needed but never took, to reflect on my life in general, and specifically, on the idiocy of thinking I should try to achieve my selfish goals without seeing the role that the help of other people plays in my life.”

“Kairos touches a side of one’s self, which we all have and most of us neglect. That side is the deeply loving, selfless portion of the soul that we glimpse at when we see a mother giving herself to her children or a stranger helping a stranger. We often forget to help that stranger, mimic that mother – we get caught in the cycle of everyday life. Kairos offered me the chance to realize just how loved we are and how little we acknowledge that, and it encourages us to look for opportunities to love others – to listen, to smile, to hug, to laugh. These actions aren’t cliché. They aren’t foreign. They’re inside us. And that’s what Kairos taught me.”

“significant or extremely significant” part of their college experience. Even 43 percent of seniors who reported that they had no religious affiliation, participated in a retreat.

The large majority of students reported religious and spiritual growth during college and identified particular activities that they considered “very important or essential” to their religious/spiritual growth.

Some were predictable:

63% grew through praying/meditating

53% grew through conversations about faith with peers

Some were unexpected:

51% grew through participating in community service

47% grew through reflecting on topics brought up in class

One was more surprising than the others:

82% of the undergraduates reported that “building strong friendships” was the activity that had the greatest single impact on their spiritual/religious growth during their undergraduate years.

Even the most worrisome alumni surely can identify with the Jesuit experience reported by the class of 2010. If it’s true that **college students, like all of us, tend to act their way into new ways of thinking, rather than think their way into new ways of acting** – WJU undergrads are acting very much like those who have walked before them through these hills of West Virginia and that journey has changed their thinking.



Serving... Ittner Dedicated to Helping Others

For Dan Ittner, serving others is a humbling and healthy experience – one that has given him a great perspective on life.

The 1996 graduate returned to Northern Virginia and began working. Ittner said, “It was a pretty typical post-college existence – a lot of enjoyment, but not a lot of direction.” After five years of working, he was becoming increasingly dissatisfied and knew it was time for a change.

In 2000 he realized he wanted a more – he wanted to serve – and he began to explore options. In April 2001, Ittner moved to Alamosa, Col. to begin work at La Puente Home, an organization that provides shelter and other services for the local community and migrant farm workers. While in Colorado, his life changed in many ways – he met his wife Annie, became the Home’s full-time volunteer coordinator and he realized, he had made “the right choice.”

After three and a half years, Ittner and his wife moved to Minnesota to be closer to family and he began working at St. Stephen’s Shelter. He went back to college and earned a master’s degree in special education. In 2009 he left the shelter to teach special education. “When I graduated from Wheeling as a history major, I always thought that teaching would be my career choice, and this was an opportunity to pursue that path,” Ittner explained.

Ittner’s path in serving others is one that began while a student at

Wheeling Jesuit. He recalls one service trip with Rev. Jim O’Brien, S.J. That trip and Fr. O’Brien he explained, made a real impact in his life.

It wasn’t a flowery speech from O’Brien that influenced Ittner – just a simple moment on the side of a mountain.

“On our second day of the trip, Father and I were standing about 40 feet away from each other on the side of the hill, heaving pieces of firewood down the hill. Father, was smiling intently as we continued this routine task. He didn’t say much, just continued to work and smile. In that moment, I probably was too preoccupied to understand anything significant. Looking back though, I can say that his outward joy in that moment has stayed with me until today.”

Ittner said service is a million little menial tasks that may or may not seem relevant, but, when done with joy, are rewarding.

So why does one choose a life of service?

“A quote by Rachel Naomi Remen sums it up best, ‘when you help, you see life as weak, when you fix, you see life as broke; when you serve, you see life as whole.’ It’s a horribly overused cliché, but the simple truth is that my life has been better because of my choice to be involved in service.”

Believing... Conway Finds Higher Calling



Mike Conway ‘02 plans to put the talents he developed at WJU and at the seminary to use serving the parishioners in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Conway said Wheeling Jesuit helped him to grow as a leader and become more self-confident – two traits he knows will be helpful as a priest. “I think the best thing that WJU helped me do was identify my gifts - including ones I didn’t know I had - and then help me develop those gifts. I never considered myself to be a leader or self-confident before my time at WJU – today I do.

After six years teaching, then working for a mortgage firm and financial services company, Conway entered St. Paul Seminary. In May 2010, Pittsburgh Bishop David Zubik assigned Conway for further formation at the Pontifical North American College, with further theological study at the Pontifical Gregorian University, both in Rome.

With his continued education going full tilt, Conway is at peace with his decision to become a priest.

“I can’t point to one single moment of epiphany,” Conway said of his decision to enter the priesthood. He said the Church always was central in his life and on several occasions felt ‘called.’ After entering the ‘real world,’ he knew something still was missing. Even then, he continued working. It wasn’t until he attended the ordination of Jesuits at Loyola Baltimore “that it all began to make sense.”

A conversation with Rev. Dan Joyce, S.J., former administrator at WJU, during a visit to campus “paved the way for a series of longer, more in-depth conversations that helped me realize that I owed it to myself to at least look at the seminary and see if the Lord was calling me there.”

The more Conway thought about the priesthood, the more he could see himself entering. “I finally reached the point where I had to roll the dice and see if this is my call.”

So he quit his job, entered the seminary. “I have no regrets - only a sense of peace.”

Ideally, Conway hopes that once he finishes his education, he will be assigned as a parish priest. “That’s where all the excitement is - the greatest chance to be a part of people’s lives.”

Learning... Bowman Dedicates Life to Healing Others



Inspired by her mother, mentored by her professors, and nurtured at WJU, Dr. Martha Bowman ‘02 is using her education to help the sick.

A second year cardiology fellow at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind., Bowman credits her late mother, Patricia Bowman, as her inspiration. A lifelong nurse, Patricia Bowman “passed along her passion for taking care of the sick to me.” In fact, her mother fostered her inclination towards a career in healthcare, and encouraged her to work as a summer intern in a Washington, D.C. hospital while she was a junior at WJU.

“That experience enabled me to shadow various medical professionals, and it confirmed what I had suspected for a while, that I wanted to be a physician,” she explained.

While at Wheeling Jesuit, Bowman said Dr. Mary Railing, professor of

chemistry, was a helpful mentor. It was Railing who encouraged Bowman, a psychology major, to minor in chemistry. Bowman said Railing’s encouragement helped feed her passion for science and ultimately medicine.

Following four years at Wheeling Jesuit, Bowman spent four years attending the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, W.Va. After graduating, she entered the internal medicine residency program at West Virginia University. She said the residency program “provided a strong learning environment.” Bowman took advantage of the opportunity to learn at WVU since for two consecutive years, she received the award for outstanding internal medicine resident.

It was during her time as a resident at WVU that Bowman realized that she wanted to pursue cardiology as a specialty. “Cardiology offers a wide spectrum of patient care. It is rewarding to apply specialized knowledge to help patients in the intensive care unit recover and to develop long-term relationships with patients in the outpatient clinics.” Currently, Bowman is enjoying her training in Indianapolis.

Looking back, Bowman is thankful for the impact that Wheeling Jesuit had on her life. The Bowman family has a long history at WJU. Preceded by her father Michael ‘68, Bowman was part of a second generation of WJU Bowman graduates. Also part of that generation are six siblings, Mary ‘96, Joe ‘98, Michael ‘99, Theresa ‘01, Peter ‘04 and John ‘06.

“WJU provided a wonderful environment for me to develop as a person ... I made great life-long friends at WJU. It provided several opportunities for community service, such as the EXCEL program, reinforcing the Jesuit mission of service to others. In short, WJU prepared me, in and outside of the classroom, for the next steps in my career.”



Women's Volleyball Completes Three-Peat and Sweeps WVIAC Awards

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The WJU Volleyball team fell to Clarion in the finals of the NCAA Division II regional tournament, this after capturing their third WVIAC Championship.

The team finished WVIAC regular season play with a flawless 14-0 record and did not drop a single set in any of its matches. The Lady Cardinals carried that momentum into the conference tournament with victories over West Liberty University, the University of Charleston, and Alderson-Broaddus College—notching their third WVIAC tournament title in as many years.

Freshman Jenna Pew received the tournament's Most Valuable Player Award while three additional players were named

to the 2010 WVIAC All-Tournament Team. Senior Keysha Allison made her third All-Tournament Team appearance while junior Kristen DuBroy and freshman Casey Gates were first time recipients.

During the 2010 campaign, Wheeling Jesuit's 29-4 overall regular season record propelled them into the national spotlight. On Nov. 8, 2010, the American Volleyball Coaches Association Division II Top 25 Poll ranked WJU 24th in the nation.

Wheeling Jesuit claimed all of the WVIAC's major volleyball awards this season. Head Coach Christy Benner was named Coach of the Year while the WVIAC Player of the Year Award was earned by senior libero

Laura O'Reilly, who anchored the defense for Lady Cardinals.

Pew was named the WVIAC Freshman of the Year. The middle blocker dominated league play and led the WVIAC in hitting percentage and blocks while finishing third in kills.

In addition, WJU had four players named to the WVIAC First-Team and two members on the All-Freshman Team. First-Team award winners were Allison, O'Reilly, Allissa Ware and Pew while the Freshman Team consisted of Gates and Pew.



Wheeling Jesuit Men's Cross Country Take WVIAC Title

After controlling the top spot in the WVIAC rankings throughout the entire season, the men's cross country team captured the 2010 WVIAC Championship with a strong individual performance at Cedar Creek State Park in Glenville.

Wheeling Jesuit held a 23-point advantage over the field, finishing ahead of West Virginia Wesleyan, with Concord University, Seton Hill University, and Alderson-Broaddus College rounding out the top five teams.

Several Wheeling Jesuit athletes were recognized for their individual performances at the championship meet. The Cardinals secured top honors while five athletes were named to the All-WVIAC team.

Dustin Hall entered the championship race as the league's top athlete and did not disappoint. Hall crossed the finish line first with a time of 25:56, earning the WVIAC Cross Country Athlete of the Year Award and also secured a spot on the First-Team All-WVIAC.

Nick Bonaventure and Stewart Jones also landed on the WVIAC's First-Team with their performances – Bonaventure finished fifth while Jones captured seventh place.



Earning the WVIAC Freshman of the Year Award was Luke Holubeck, who placed 11th, and earning Second-Team All-WVIAC honors. Joining Holubeck with All-WVIAC Second-Team was freshman Patrick Stanton.

In addition, Wheeling Jesuit earned another piece of hardware as Head Coach, Ricky Moore, was honored with the 2010 WVIAC Coach of the Year Award for men and women's cross country.

WJU Inducts Three into Athletic Hall of Fame

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Three former Cardinal greats were inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame during homecoming weekend Oct. 23.

This year's class included Mandy Yustak Turnbull '97, women's basketball, Craig Buell '98, men's cross country and track and Matt Staley '00, swimming.

Turnbull, a Pittsburgh native, was a member of the Wheeling Jesuit women's basketball program from 1993 – 1997.

As a Lady Cardinal, she was part of the WVIAC Tournament championship team, regular season championship team and the National Tournament team. Turnbull was a two-time All-WVIAC player and a member of the winningest team in Lady Cardinal history. She set five school records and finished her career with 1,230 points.

Turnbull graduated from WJU with a bachelor's degree in psychology. She earned a master's degree in education and is certified to teach elementary education.

Buell, a native Huntington, W.Va., was a member of the Cardinal cross country and track and field teams from 1994 – 1998. He earned WVIAC All-Conference honors all four years in cross country. He was the first male runner from WJU and the 10th in conference history to accomplish that feat.

He was an individual qualifier for the NAIA Cross Country National Championship as a freshman and a member of the 1997 and 1998 WVIAC championship teams in track and field.

Buell graduated from WJU with a bachelor of science in biology and a master's in physical therapy.

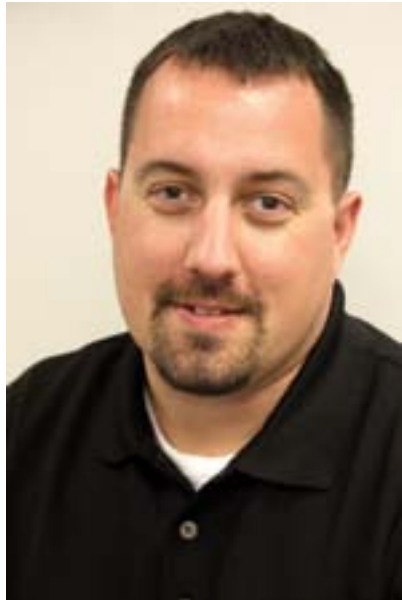
Staley, a native of Mitchell, Ky. was a member of the Cardinal swim team from 1996 – 2000. He was a seven-time NCAA All-American. He was the first swimmer in WJU history to be named All-American and was named Academic All-American twice.

Staley currently holds four WJU pool records in the 100 and 200 backstroke, as well as the 200 and 400 medley relays.

He graduated from WJU with a bachelor of science in psychology and doctorate in physical therapy.

Established in 1987 to honor former student-athletes, coaches or other members of the Wheeling Jesuit community who have made significant contributions to the success of the WJU athletic programs, the Cardinal Athletic Hall of Fame now has 71 members.

WJU Adds Women's Lacrosse



Wheeling Jesuit University is adding women's lacrosse to its athletic programs for 2011 - 2012 academic year and Gregg Gebhard will serve as the first coach.

With the expansion, the Cardinal athletic department now has 19 NCAA Division II varsity athletic teams for men and women.

"Women's lacrosse is growing in popularity everywhere and this expansion allows Wheeling Jesuit to offer young women the opportunity to earn a Jesuit education in the Ohio Valley while competing at the Division II level," said Sancomb. "Lacrosse is often considered the fastest sport on two feet, so our fans are going to love it."

Danny Sancomb, director of Athletics, is excited about the coaching addition also. Gebhard began his coaching career in 1998 at NCAA Division II Pfeiffer University, North Carolina. In 2003, Gebhard became the head women's lacrosse coach at Greensboro College before moving to NCAA Division I, Bucknell University, where he served as the offensive coordinator. His last stop before WJU was The Ohio State University where spent two years as an assistant with his major duties including offensive coordinator, recruiting coordinator and player development.

Men's Soccer Team Finishes with Winning Record

The Wheeling Jesuit Men's Soccer team finished the 2010 season with a record of 10-9-1, ranking fifth in the conference with a 4-4-1 WVIAC mark. The Cardinals advanced to the conference semifinal game before falling to top-ranked Charleston.

The team fought hard all season, capping the campaign off in a rain-soaked 1-0 victory in the season finale against Seton Hill – securing the Cards spot in the playoffs.

The team's success was recognized as six Cardinal players received All-Conference honors.

Sophomore Billy Wilson was named to the WVIAC First-Team for his defensive efforts. Senior goalkeeper Shane Young earned WVIAC Second-Team accolades in his final season as he collected 99 saves with a .805 save percentage.

Sophomore Paul Silvestrone earned WVIAC Second-Team honors for the second year in a row. Silvestrone led the Cardinals' attack, totaling 10 points with five goals.

Junior midfielder Andrew Hickey earned WVIAC Second-Team accolades for his efforts this season. Hickey scored two goals and had three assists in 17 games this season.

Freshman Kevin Robson also was named to the WVIAC Second-Team. Robson notched six points with two goals and two assists this season. Rounding out the Cardinals' WVIAC honors was sophomore Victor Picchio, who collected four assists and three goals.



Women Place Second at WVIAC Championships



The Wheeling Jesuit Women's Cross Country team earned second place at the 2010 WVIAC Women's Cross Country Championship in Glenville.

The Lady Cardinals shared second place honors with Seton Hill University.

Four Lady Cardinals placed among the top 15

finishers and earned WVIAC All-Conference honors.

Megan Truelove captured sixth place while Jessica Zimak finished ninth. Both were named to the All-WVIAC First-Team. Freshmen Jennifer McFarland (13th) and Michelle Pottratz (14th) earned WVIAC Second-Team honors.



Lady Cards Lose in Conference Semi Finals

The Lady Cardinal's Soccer team finished the 2010 season 10-10 overall and ranked fifth in the WVIAC with a conference record of 5-4. Their season came to an end in the semifinal game of the WVIAC tournament after suffering a 2-1 loss to top ranked West Virginia Wesleyan.

The Lady Cards finished strong, winning the final four games of the regular season and ending with a win on Senior Night against Seton Hill University.

Five Lady Cardinals received WVIAC honors. Kara Houston earned the league's top award as she was named WVIAC Player of the Year. In her final collegiate season, Houston tallied a league-high 35 points on 17 goals and one assist. She collected 129 points for her career with 58 goals and 13 assists.

Hannah Walker also ended her college career earning a spot on the WVIAC First-Team for the third time in four years. Walker, a standout from Walsh Jesuit High School, earned this honor in her freshman and junior seasons.

Senior Stephanie Marazza was named to the WVIAC Second-Team for her defensive efforts this season. Sophomore midfielder Ashley McGinnis was named to the WVIAC Second-Team for the second year in a row. She totaled nine points this season with two goals and five assists.

Senior defender Ashley Morris earned WVIAC Honorable Mention honors for her defensive efforts this season.





PHILADELPHIA, PA CHAPTER

The chapter hosted the annual Pieco Open at Paxon Hollow Golf Club. More than 80 alumni and golfers attended the scramble and beef n beer dinner that followed. Money raised from the golf outing goes to fund scholarships annually at WJU. The annual post holiday party also was held in January at the home of Martha (Buckley) Shields '64. President Rick Beyer, along with Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J. and Kelly Klubert, were in attendance.



1961

MIKELL (SCHLOTTER) HEDLEY is a research scientist/science education coordinator at the University of Toledo (OH). She received the 2010 Volunteer Educator of the Year National Award from the Education Committee of America View.

1962

JOHN HATTMAN is a professor of English at West Liberty University.

1965

MARK BURLEY retired from a senior officer position with a financial service company in Kansas.

1967

DOROTHY (TORRESE) BARDIN is a sales associate at Eileen Fisher. She is training to run the San Diego Rock n' Roll Marathon.

1970

TARA (BRAGG) MCCORMICK is a retired teacher, receptionist for Norfolk Public Schools.

1971

MICHAEL WHALEN is an investigator for the Wisconsin State Public Defender.

1972

JAMES PEARL is president of Midwest Tire Marketing, LLC (OH).

1973

BOB HUTCHINGS was inducted in the Millville (NJ) Thunderbolts Sports Hall of Fame.

1975

JUDY (PERHACS) DOYLE is a high school math teacher for Ohio County Schools (WV).

FRANCES (PARK) PALMER-HILL is Lab Manager I for MedImmune, LLC (MD).

JOAN SHELLY is an HR consultant with STG International (VA).

1976

ROY BAKER works for Baker, Davis and McQueen PLLC (WV).

VICTORIA CASEY resides in Bethesda, MD. She is a self-employed psychologist.

1977

KATHLEEN (PAWLOSKI) DONAHUE works for the Contran Corporation in Dallas.

1979

DANIELLE (CAHILL) VELARDI is associate professor of Spanish at Christopher Newport University. In June she received two CNU faculty development grants to attend a workshop in Spain.

JOHN WESCHLER works for Adam A. Weschler & Son in Washington, DC.

1980

KAREN (VAN BENEDEN) COLLEY is employed by Sacred Heart Hospital (FL).

BILL SHANER is president/CEO of Save-A-Lot food stores (MO).

1981

MONICA (BRANICKY) SCHEMP is VP of management control with Fidelity Investments.

1982

JOSEPH CRISTINZIO is a CAD technician for Here's The Plan (PA).

MICHAEL MONAHAN is director of State Bar of Georgia Pro Bono. He received the Tanya Nieman Pro Bono Professional of the Year from the National Association of Pro Bono Professionals and the State Bar of Georgia Young

Lawyers Division Award of Excellence.

1983

SAM SANTILLI is owner of Sam Santilli Photography in Philippi, WV.

JAMES WICKS was named a 2010 New York Super Lawyer in the area of business litigation. He is a partner with Farrell Fritz in New York.

1984

KITTY JO LLOYD is employed by Ormet, an aluminum manufacturer in Ohio.

BOB RITZ and his spouse, **MARY (VADNEY) '85**, reside in Springfield, IL. He is president/CEO for St. John's Hospital.

PAUL WONG resides in Davidsonville, MD. He is a dentist.

1985

JACQUELINE (BRADY) RADA is employed by Marriott Corporation (MD).

1986

CHARLES COOKE is program coordinator for Kankakee Community College (IL).

A. KIRSTEN MITTRICK is a nurse at Mercy Medical Center (MD).

LOUISE (GOVERT) NOBLES is a preschool teacher for Methodist Children's Center (NC).

1987

PAUL BULGERELLI, DO, is a physician with the Veteran's Administration in Pittsburgh.

KEVIN GALLAGHER and his spouse, **REBECCA (THOMAS) '90**, reside in Philadelphia. He works for Toll Brothers, Inc.

CLASS OF '63 FUND RAISING RESULTS IN LEGACY TO MODERATOR

Rev. John Coll, S.J. is a very special person – just ask the members of the class of 1963. Fr. Coll's influence on that class has resulted in a lasting legacy for their mentor and their *alma mater*.

In 2008, the Class of 1963 approached the University to inquire about fund raising ideas as part of their 45th anniversary celebration. That's when the plan to fund an Office of University Mission and Identity was launched and the class jumped into action. The initial plan was for the class to raise \$40,000 with another \$80,000 to be raised from other donors by the Office of Institutional Advancement. In return for its efforts, the class was offered the opportunity to name the new program and chose to name it for their class moderator, Fr. Coll.

In the two years since fund raising began, the class has raised nearly \$45,000 and through the efforts of Rev. James Fleming, S.J., University vice president, the additional \$80,000 has been secured, which fulfills the University's original pledge.

Linda McAlamey Cunningham '63, past class representative said, "For more than 50 years, Fr. Coll has been a significant part of the Class of '63. We consider him an honorary member – check out how many reunion photos he has shared with us. Throughout the years, he has been there for us and he symbolizes all that is good about our college experience. Raising the funds and naming the office in his honor is our way of saying thank you for the support and the memories."

Cunningham said the establishment of the Fr. John Coll, S.J. Office of University Mission and Identity will provide support for religious and spiritual programs that are so necessary for college students today. "In today's world of decreasing values, it seemed worthwhile to us to be able to ensure the continued Jesuit tradition at our *alma mater* by coordinating and strengthening the standards which we have always cherished and which made

our education at Wheeling a cut above."

A key figure in the fund raising efforts, Tom Kelleher, '63 said, "Rare is the opportunity to honor a truly great friend such as Fr. John

Coll. Adding a challenge with an outstanding cause such as the Office of University Mission and Identity is a project the Class of 1963 delighted in. Fr. Coll has never sought recognition, nor reward. We have found delight in him and in us simply by sharing our togetherness. From its inception, our class has accepted the meaningful challenge as a sense of duty. Establishing the Office and the \$40,000 seed money looked like a can-do type of project to our class leadership. 'We will take it on alone and dedicate it to Father Coll,' was our class decision. Thanks to all involved and those who gave so much!"

"Jesuits like John have left such a strong legacy of committed service at Wheeling Jesuit. This series of gifts to honor Fr. Coll recognizes the impact he has had on the lives of so many students during the past 50 years. His friendship and mentorship to the class of 1963 continues to be as strong now as it was 50 years ago," said Fr. Fleming.

"The funding that establishes the Office will support the religious and spiritual development of all the members of the University community, especially undergraduates," said Fr. Fleming. "Because development of the whole person is central to a Wheeling Jesuit education, programs supported by this funding could offer community members opportunities to deepen their spiritual and religious life through worship, reflection and service."



Roann Wojcik and Fr. Coll

Another key figure in the project, Judy Houlihan Geary '63 said, "Since September 1959, Fr. Coll has been professor, mentor and dear friend to our class. He has served the WJU community for more than 50 years with dignity and grace, and our classmates have been delighted to provide a portion of the funding for the Office of University Mission and Identity in order to publicly acknowledge that service. For us, Fr. Coll's life and work epitomize the meaning of Jesuit mission and identity, and we hope that our gift will forever be a remembrance of our regard for him."

Former secretary for the class and Student Government officer, Roann Wojcik said, "It was a great privilege for the Class of '63 to initiate funding for the Office of University Mission and Identity and to name it in honor of Fr. Coll. We especially appreciate and remember his gentle spirit and sense of humor as he gave guidance to our class. As teacher, class moderator and friend, he has transmitted Jesuit values that have enhanced our lives."

According to Cunningham, Roann's late husband and classmate, Allen, was a true champion of this effort and key figure in the fund raising efforts. He died just months after the class' 45th reunion. Many classmates, alumni and friends made contributions to the fund in Allen's memory, which helped raise awareness of the project and accelerated the donations. In the spring of 2010, at a memorial Mass for Allen, Fr. Coll was told about the project and presented with a plaque to commemorate the naming of the Office.

CLASS OF 1960 RAISES \$41,500 FOR TWO PROJECTS

Thanks to the generosity of the Class of 1960, Wheeling Jesuit University physical therapy students now have a top-of-the-line smart technology classroom and the alumni center soon will have some new furnishings.

McDonough Center classroom 224 is now sporting a multimedia whiteboard turnkey system – new technology that will help faculty and students in the physical therapy department.

“This was a huge Christmas present. We haven’t had this technology in the past. It’s a major upgrade and we thank the Class of 1960 for making it possible,” said Director of Physical Therapy Craig Ruby. He added the department has wanted this technology for at least five years. “Part of our departmental strategic plan is to increase our use of modern teaching tools and improve our students’ classroom experience.”

Once Information Technology Manager Greg Sheperd defined the need, Alumni Director Kelly Klubert approached the Class of 1960 to undertake the project as part of their 50th anniversary celebration.

“We are happy to help out,” said Dr. Ed Shahady ’60, one of the



class reunion leaders. “This classroom will make a big difference in the life of many Wheeling Jesuit students, so we are pleased to fund it and support the excellent education that Wheeling Jesuit continues to deliver daily.”

The class raised \$41,500, of which \$12,500 went to the new classroom. The remaining funds will be used to upgrade the furnishings in the Erickson Alumni Center.

“We are grateful to our generous alumni in the class of 1960,” said Klubert. “Their gift will have an immediate impact on our PT students. And we hope to put the remaining funds to use in Erickson soon. The class of 1960 is a shining example of living out our mission to be men and women in service of others.”

The new classroom technology allows instructors to access files, CDs, videos and documents all from one place, then project these on the screen for students. It also allows faculty to create presentations during class, meaning they can now record as they teach. Thus, instructors can create archives and classes can become a video that is perfect for student review work.

ALUMNA NETS PRESIDENTIAL AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE



Cynthia Burke, Director of NSF, Dr. Subra Suresh and John Holdren, advisor to President Barack Obama for Science and Technology.

Alumna Cynthia Burke ’75 received the Presidential Award for Excellence for Mathematics and Science Education this past June and was recognized in December for this achievement.

Burke traveled to Washington, D.C. to receive the highest honor given to mathematics or science teachers for outstanding teaching in the United States.

She has been an educator in Marshall County for 33 years, teaching mathematics courses at Sherrard Middle School. Her love of teaching goes well beyond the classroom. She serves as a staff member for the West Virginia Department of Education’s Teacher Leadership Institute. She has developed standards-based mathematics units and project-based learning units for use throughout the State. Her classroom has been designated a Model Classroom, and a video on the State website features her students engaged in activities from her standards-based algebra unit.

1987-Continued
CHRISTINA GLANCY is employed at Bon Secour St. Francis Hospital (SC).

MARK ZITTLE is a friar with the Order of the Carmelites in Washington, DC.

1988
FRANCIS CICHOLSKI is manager of Human Resources at Conoco Phillips (OK).

SEAN DUFFY is programing coordinator for Ohio County Public Library (WV).

1989
BEEZ SCHELL is the faculty chair of the Department of Sport Management and Exercise Science at SUNY Fredonia.

1990
CDR TOM WELSH, JAGC, USN, has been awarded his third Meritorious Service Medal for completing his tour as executive officer at the U.S. Region Legal Service Office. He served the areas of Europe, Africa and Southwest Asia. He is now stationed in Memphis, TN.

1992
JOHN HARRISON works at the National defense University where he is head of terrorism research at the International Center for Political Violence and Terrorism Research in Singapore.

JODI SHACKELFORD is a therapeutic consultant at REM-The Mentor Network (WV). She is pursuing a master’s degree at Grand Canyon University.

1993
INGRID (TAYLOR) CANTERBURY is a sales associate with Bestlaminate (OH).

1994
MAUREEN (MASTERSON) CARR works for Missionary Cenacle Volunteers (OH).

MICHELLE (HART) WOLLENZIN is a nurse manager at Humana Military Healthcare Services and a major in the USAF Reserves. She completed a master’s in nursing administration this past spring. She is also an adjunct faculty member of Oklahoma State University.

1996
KAREN GOFF works for Liberty Distributors in Triadelphia, WV.

DARLA KACZMAREK is a CRNA with the Veteran’s Administration Health System in Pittsburgh.

REBECCA (BEARER) STEVENS is a physical therapist at Hanover Hospital (PA).

2000
MICHAEL BLACKWELL is an instructor in accountancy at West Liberty University.

JENNIFER (DEAKIN) CONTI is a therapeutic foster care program specialist for Northwestern Human Services.

JIMMY LITTLE is director/retail apprentice for Under Armour (MD).

MICHAEL TRAUBERT served as a volunteer for the West Virginia First Congressional District Democratic candidates during the 2010 election.

2001
THERESA (BOWMAN) PHIPPS and her spouse, Peter, welcomed their second child Dominic on April 18. She is senior financial auditor for the U.S. Government Accountability Office (DC).

DAVID TERRY is a PGA Professional with Dick’s Sporting Goods (MN).

2002
ROBERT BLOSSER works for Washington Hospital Center (MD).

ANDREW CHREST and his spouse, **ERIN (CASTO)**, reside in Baltimore. He is a VPU agent for Maryland Parole and Probation and she is director of stewardship in the advancement office at Maryland Institute College of Art.

MIKE CLARK is program manager in the psychometrics dept. at Applied Measurement Professionals, Inc.

ERIN CONLEY is a financial analyst for University Hospitals of Cleveland.

2003
JESSICA (PERKINS) BOWER is supervising physical therapist for Greenbrier Valley Physical Therapy and Fitness (WV).

TARA D’ANGELO is employed by Wackenhut Services, Inc., in Rhode Island.

SARAH KMET is a science teacher, head cross country coach and assistant track coach for Twinsburg City Schools (OH).



OHIO VALLEY CHAPTER

Three events were held for alumni from the Wheeling area since the start of the academic year. More than 30 alumni attended the annual winetasting at Good Manson Wines in Wheeling. Alumni kicked off the Christmas season in early December at a holiday party. Both young and old were on hand to celebrate the start of the holidays and visit with Santa. In late January, local alumni welcomed men and women’s basketball alumni from across the country back to campus for the annual basketball alumni game and reception.



COLUMBUS, OH CHAPTER

An end of the summer bash was held in Columbus, Ohio where nearly 25 alumni gathered with Fr. Jim O’Brien, S.J. and Alumni Director Kelly Klubert. Alumni of all ages were on hand at the Saturday evening gathering.





BALTIMORE, MD CHAPTER

Nearly 40 alumni gathered for the second straight year at Nick's Crab House along the inner harbor for food and fellowship. Alumni from as far away as Ohio attended the gathering which went well into the evening. Plans are under way for next summer's social.



WASHINGTON, DC CHAPTER

About 40 alumni were on hand for the annual fall Mass and brunch held at Gonzaga College High School near the U.S. Capitol. Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J. and Fr. Charles Currie, S.J. celebrated the Mass. The annual spring event at the Dubliner will be April 30.



2003-Continued

SONDRALUCAS married Jeremy Elson Oct. 2. She is employed by RSM McGladrey.

TRACY (TENNANT) AND CHARLES REED reside in Virginia Beach, VA. She is a special education teacher at Forrest Elementary School and he is an assistant professor of history at Elizabeth City State University (VA).

2004

JAYSON JOHNSON and his wife Brienne welcomed their second child Jaylynne in September.

MICHAEL KING is assistant professor of communications at West Liberty University.

2005

THERESA (GLANDON) CORCORAN is a physical therapist with Ohio Rehab and Diagnostic Center.

HEATHER (HAMMACK) ESGRO is a professional technical writer with Sanofi Pasteur (PA).

MIRANDA HANSON is a post doctorate fellow with the National Cancer Institute (MD).

REBECCA REINDEL is an industrial hygienist with the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

BETHANY ROMANEK is development manager for Crittenton Services, Inc (WV).

THOMAS SEARS is a residential therapist at Jefferson Center for Mental Health (CO).

ANNETTE VINGIA married Seth White in May 2010. She is an accountant.

LAUREN HANSEN-WELCHES is an otolaryngology resident physician at Indiana University School of Medicine.

2006

SHARON (FOWLER) BAL-LARD is a nursing supervisor at Wheeling Hospital.

CHRIS DEVAULT is assistant manager at Mars Chocolate (MD).

LUKE GREGORY is a physical therapist at Holzer Clinic (WV).

PETE HARLAN is science and technology manager, chemical and biological defense program at the Department of Defense.

JENNIFER HASS is an associate at Delta Development Group, Inc (PA).

ERICA (WILLIAMS) AND Christopher Lotte welcomed their first child Paisley Jo March 14. She is an RN in the neonatal ICU at Nationwide Children's Hospital (OH).

LAUREN MATTHEWS is working on a doctorate of psychology at the American School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University in Washington, DC.

ERIC MENA works for Consol Energy (WV).

SEBASTIAN PRICE works for Loyola Blakefield (MD) where he is a teacher, as well as the coach for lacrosse and football.

2007

WINSTON "ALEX" BAKER is pursuing a doctorate in electrical and computer engineering at Marquette University.

CHELSEA (NEISWANGER) MELO-ARTEAGA is a teacher in the Prince Georges County Schools (MD).

SHAWN MCINTOSH is the group sales representative and director of game operations for the Norfolk Admirals.

AMBER THOMPSON is a nurse at UPMC - Pittsburgh.

2008

BETHANY DONESON married Charles Miller Sept. 25. She is a pediatric physical therapist with Easter Seals (OH).

ELIZABETH ELIAS is employed by Felton and Felton AC of Wheeling.

ANNIE LABROSSE AND BENJAMIN WERSHING were married Sept. 18. She is a student at Bill Gatton College of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State University and he is a physical therapist with Rehab Plus (TN).

BRITTANY VENCI is a medical student at Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

ADRIANA ZYSKOWSKI is branch manager for Dress for Success Worldwide West in Hollywood, CA.

2009

MEGHANN MEYERS married **CHARLES KOLB** Sept. 18. She is a physical therapist at East Ohio Regional Hospital (OH) and coach of the St. John Central Pomerettes.

2010

KARL CARPENTER is a staff nurse at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh.

MARISSA DEL VECCHIO married Gerald Dopkiss Sept. 25. She is pursuing an MBA degree.

JOSE' FUENTES is an assistant manager at Walmart in Moundsville (WV).

CHRISTIAN GRECO is attending the WVU School of Osteopathic Medicine.

AMY KNUTH is seeking a doctorate in PT from Wheeling Jesuit.

WILLIAM LONGWELL is attending Appalachia School of Law.

MALLORIE LOTYCZ is attending Barry University.

ASHLEY MCSWEENEY is seeking a doctorate in PT from Wheeling Jesuit.

ANGELA PETROS is attending the WVU School of Dentistry.

JENAFER SASEEN is a teacher at Lyceum Preparatory Academy in Wheeling.

TIM YELENIC is a kindergarten teacher at Immaculata Catholic School (NC).

KRISTIAN WINTERS is seeking a doctorate in psychology at Xavier University (OH).

DEATHS

Thomas Crumme '70 died May 2010.
Timothy MacCarthy '67, spouse of **Marilu (Elsbernd) MacCarthy** '69, died May 2.
Rodney Rogerson '93 died May 31.
Stacey Simpkins '86, died October 7.
Clara Wildman '93 died June 3.
Donald Willis '62 died May 22.

FAMILY, STAFF & FRIENDS

Harry Bonfils, Sr., father of John Bonfils '86, died March 19, 2010.
John Dickey, father of Norma Jean (Dickey) Phillipp '74, died in March 2010.
Ruth Evelyn Fragale, mother of Ruth Ann Fragale '69, died April 16.
Virginia Geary, mother of Mark Geary '62 and Ginny Geary '69 and mother-in-law of Judith (Houlihan) Geary '63, died Nov. 15.
Jay Grimes, father of Jay Grimes III '71 and Marion (Grimes) Gastel '77 and grandfather of Valerie Grimes '09, died April 13.
Martin Hacala, father of Cathy Hacala '85, brother of Tom Hacala '67 and the late Rev. Joseph Hacala, S.J., former WJU president and uncle of Bob Hacala '84, died Nov. 9.

Rev. Albert H. Jenemann, S.J. died March 16, 2010.
Margaret Lawton, mother of John Lawton '72 died June 16.
Jack Lloyd, father for Mary Ellen (Lloyd) Magee '76, died February 2010.
Catherine McCabe, daughter of Kitty McCabe '95 died April 22, 2010.
Rev. Joseph J. McGovern, S.J. died March 15, 2010.
Mary Morgan, mother of Mary Kay (Morgan) Knight '98 died April 7.
John Mortakis, spouse of Jennifer (Bailey) Mortakis '99, died June 20.
Timothy O'Donnell, brother of C.T. O'Donnell '74 and Dan O'Donnell '78, died June 12.
Frank Ross, father of Mary Ann (Ross) Hallemann '78 died March 21, 2010.
Catherine Turkaly, mother of Steven Turkaly '69 died March 22, 2010.

ALUMNUS PAUL MANGEN NAMED INTERNATIONAL OPEN-WATER SWIM CHAMP

Three-time South Jersey lifeguard champion, Paul Mangel '03 has won international open-water swimming contests around the globe. The 11-year veteran of the Ocean City Beach Patrol has brought international fame and notoriety to his summer hometown.

The head swimming coach at Florida's St. Leo University returns each summer to the island's north end to protect bathers and represent his beach patrol in a wide variety of lifeguard events. He's overcome numerous obstacles to become one of South Jersey's most talented open water swimmers.

Bill Dorney, Mangel's Ocean City Beach Patrol coach, said the 29-year-old senior guard is a phenomenal competitor who shines beyond a long list of athletic accomplishments.

"He's the kind of guy you build a team around," said Dorney, "not just because he wins but because he's a fireplug, a leader

that motivates everyone around him, making them all better competitors and people in the process. Everyone performs better when Paul is involved."

"He's always been a great team player, he loves Ocean City and he has brought nothing but pride to our beach patrol. My goal when I coach is to make the athlete not just a better competitor, but a better person. No matter what challenge you give Paul, he gives you everything. He worked since last September to win the South Jersey's last week."

Dorney said Mangel's race was epic. Despite rough surf and strong winds, he edged rival John Maloy, of Wildwood Crest, with a sprint to the finish to take the win.

"You're not going to beat John Maloy unless you do your homework," said Dorney. "Paul worked very, very hard to do that."

"Winning that race meant more to me than anything I have ever accomplished," Mangel said.

The West Virginia native – a high school and college pool star - had never competed in the ocean before he arrived in Ocean City to try out for the beach patrol in June, 2000. He tore up the pool at Wheeling Jesuit University, but the ocean was like another world.

Mangel said his inexperience in the ocean was glaring, to him anyway.

"It was pretty intense, pretty overwhelming for me," he said. "I was so excited to get the job, then to be chosen to compete, but I didn't grow up in the ocean. It took me a while to get used to it, tides, currents, those sorts of things and then I realized I couldn't swim a straight course, so I would have to follow another swimmer and overcome them at the end."

PITTSBURGH, PA CHAPTER

Nearly 100 golfers and friends attended the annual Steel City Golf Scramble. Organized again this year by Jim Welsh '00, the scramble raised money to offer scholarships for deserving WJU students. Alumni in the Pittsburgh area continue to meet monthly to socialize at Bado's Pizza in Mount Lebanon. The monthly gatherings are attracting at least 20 alumni and are held at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month. The annual holiday party, sponsored by the Alumni Office was held at Finnegan's Wake. Nearly 50 alumni attended this year's gathering.



CLEVELAND, OH CHAPTER

Alumni from each decade attended the fall alumni social in Cleveland. More than 25 graduates from all of the Cleveland area participated. Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J. and Alumni Director Kelly Klubert gave an update on the University. Alumni Council member Tom Roddy '85 is working with some other area alumni to organize a spring Mass and social. The Mass will be held May, 22. More details coming soon.

WJU ALUMNA NAMED TO USCCB ADVISORY COUNCIL

A Wheeling Jesuit alumna was one of two Pittsburgh area residents named to the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' National Advisory Council.

Kelly Caddy '02, director of the Change A Heart: Franciscan Volunteer Program, a ministry of the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities in Millvale, joined the 55-member panel of lay people and clergy that provides feedback to the U.S. bishops' Administrative Committee during its gathering in September.

Caddy pointed out that one of the most exciting aspects of the appointment is that it will bring

the voice of young adults to the council. "It's really important for young adults to be involved, to get involved and to stay involved with the church," she said.

She is a member of the young adult leadership team for the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

The Change a Heart Program mentors, supports and empowers young adults ages 18-40 who devote one year of service to the poor in full-time ministry positions.

She is married to Jacob Caddy, a member of the WJU class of 2001.

ALUMNUS REMY MUNASIFI '03 IS TOPS ON iTunes COMEDY ALBUM LIST

An album by WJU alumnus Remy Munasifi '03 ranked in the iTunes Top 100 comedy albums list last fall.

"The Falafel Album," was released by Comedy Central. The album includes the tracks "Saudis in Audis," "Grandma: The Rap," and "Passive-Aggressive Love Song."

Munasifi said he is very excited about the new album and that Comedy Central released it. He hopes that Wheeling Jesuit alumni will check out the new release.

It was in the fall of 2006, that Munasifi first purchase a camera and "has been making videos ever since." His first video on the Virginia Senate race was discussed in the Washington Times and The National Journal.

"When I first started posting videos on YouTube in 2006, I would have been overjoyed to reach a dozen people. Fifty million views later, the songs--and the fun--keep coming."

Munasifi has created a number of videos on YouTube, including "McDonald's: The Rap," "Hey There Khalilah," "Arlington:



The Rap," "Two Percent Milk," "Tabbouleh Song," "A-R-A-B," and "Warcraft: The Rap." He has performed at venues across the country.

A graduate of Wheeling Jesuit University, Munasifi's work has been featured on CNN, Fox News, ABC News, NPR, PBS, MTV, VH1, Washington Post, New York Times, USA Today, National Journal and "my parents' refrigerator."

To see where Munasifi is performing next or to check out any of his videos, log onto www.GoRemy.com.

ERIN DUFFY JORGENSEN '90 HONORED BY IRISH VOICE MAGAZINE

In May 2010, Erin Duffy '90 was named to The Irish Voice Magazine's Irish Life Science 50, a celebration of distinguished Irish Americans in the Life Science industry.

The list is comprised of Americans of Irish heritage from every aspect of the life sciences industry; from research scientists, to CEOs of medical device companies, pharmaceutical companies, professors, and venture capitalists.

All of the honorees have two things in common - pride in his or her Irish heritage and a desire to contribute to advances in the treatment of illnesses.

Duffy received her award from Irish President Mary McAleese. The event was held in The Irish Consulate in New York City.

Duffy is vice president, Discovery Research at RibX Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Rib-X Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a privately held biopharmaceutical company located in New Haven, Conn.

Duffy is a fourth generation Irish American. Her great-great-grandfather John Charles Duffy came to America from Roscommon, and worked as a railroad conductor. He also contributed money to the gun running effort in Ireland.

RICKY YAHN '07 NAMED ASSISTANT COACH AT CORNELL

Cornell head men's basketball coach Bill Courtney rounded out his first coaching staff with the hiring of Ricky Yahn '07. Yahn will join Marlon Sears and Jay Larranaga as the Big Red searches for its fourth straight Ivy League crown.

Yahn spent the 2009-10 season as the video coordinator at George Mason University under head coach Jim Larranaga. Yahn previously had spent one season on the sidelines at Saint Vincent College after

playing professionally in England and Buffalo, N.Y.

Yahn played at Wheeling Jesuit University where he was a two-year captain. He led the team to a pair of NCAA tournaments, including a league title in 2005. Yahn was named team most valuable player and was a First-Team All-WVIAC pick before graduating with a degree in psychology in 2007.

The 2009-10 Patriots went 17-15 and were 12-6 in the Colonial Athletic Association, good enough for third in the always-competitive CAA. George Mason earned an invitation to the CIT, the program's third straight postseason appearance.

In his only season at Saint Vincent, Yahn helped the squad rebound from a 14-11 campaign the year before to go 22-4.

WJU GRADUATE JOINS JVCS

Wheeling Jesuit alumnus Justin Brandt is in his second year of service with Jesuit Volunteer Corps (JVC) Northwest in Bethel, Alaska.

Brandt '09 is one of 142 Jesuit Volunteers part of the program this year, a 15 percent increase from a year ago.

"We're excited these committed women and men are offering a year of their lives in service and working for the transformation of our world. With the growing number of volunteers, our partner agencies will thus be able to increase their outreach and enhance the services they provide to meet the growing need," said Jeanne Haster, executive director for JVC Northwest.



Alumni Come Back to Campus for Homecoming Weekend

Wheeling Jesuit University's Homecoming 2010 welcomed alumni and parents to campus in October

More than 100 alumni and more than 125 parents and families converged on the WJU campus for two days of events which included receptions, tailgates, a dinner-theater, talent show, athletic games, a parade and band.

The weekend was a combined effort by the Alumni Relations Office, Student Development, Athletics and Business Department.

Nearly two years ago, Theresa Bowman Phipps '01 had a vision for Homecoming Weekend and worked with Alumni Council and the Alumni Office to bring the activities to life. More than a year of planning went into the weekend.

"This was a great team effort by all," said Kelly Klubert '85, director of Alumni Relations. "We already are working on next year's activities and look to build upon this year's enthusiasm. This is a wonderful weekend for young and old, with activities for the entire family."

Phipps said, "My family and I really enjoyed alumni homecoming weekend. There were events around the clock. I really enjoyed hanging out in the Ratt with fellow alumni and family like the old times. My family and I most enjoyed the parade and tailgate party on Saturday."

For calendar-2011 Homecoming Weekend is set for Oct. 1.



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- Self-knowledge
- Personal creativity
- Loving cooperation
- For a shared vision

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- Lifelong learning
- Leadership
- Service to others



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