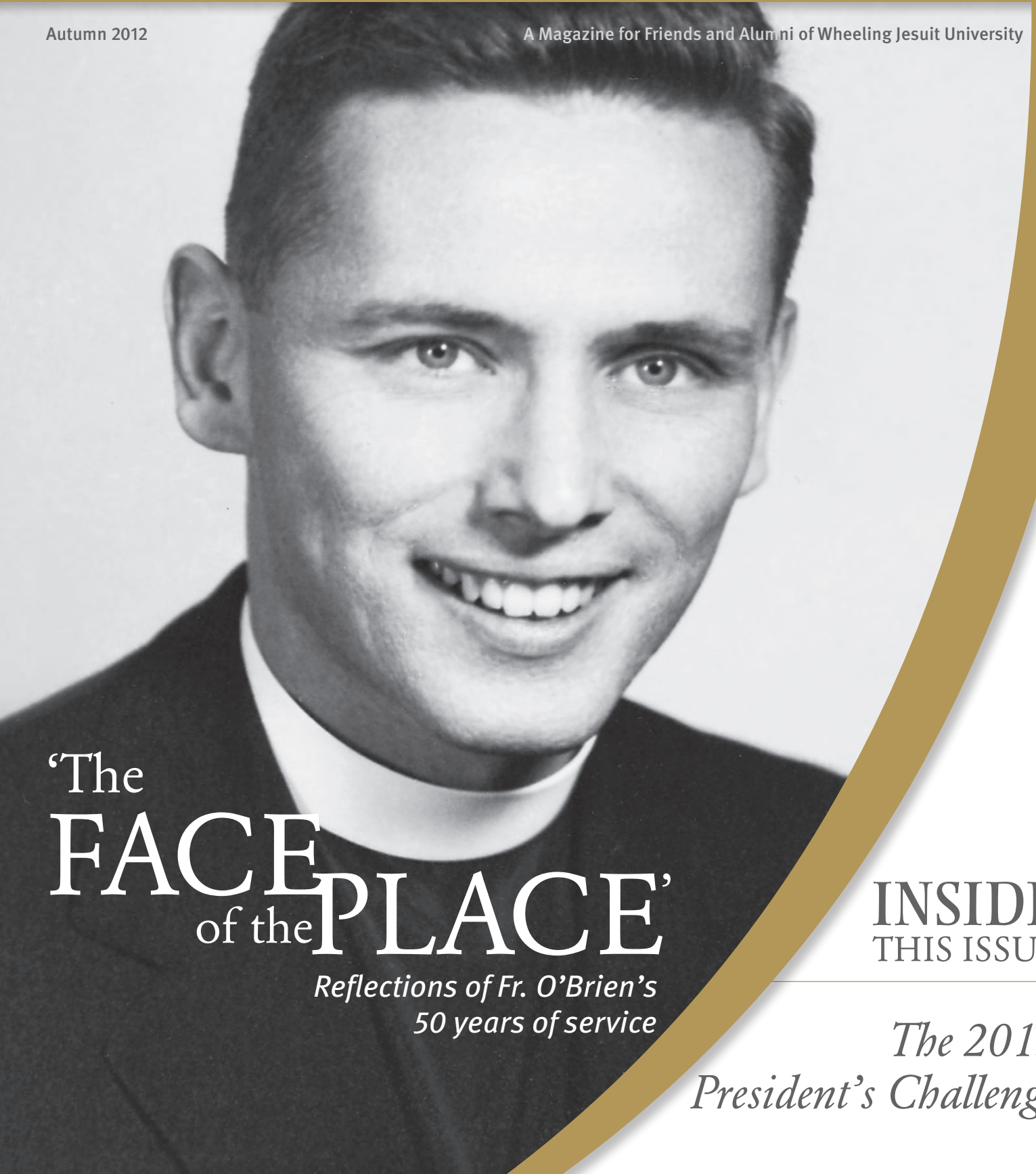


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Wheeling Jesuit University graduates – successful and proud – are educated in the Catholic, Jesuit tradition and leave the campus ready to serve in the world in the fields of business, medicine, religion, athletics, education, the arts and others too numerous to name. They use their WJU education to be a positive force for good in the world.

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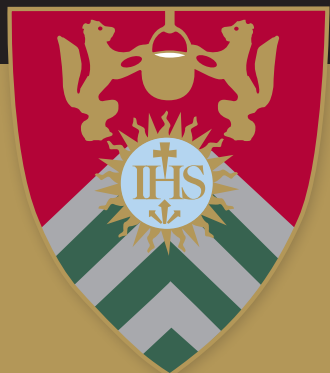


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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to the Autumn 2012 Chronicle! This issue features our own Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J., who celebrated his 50th year of service to Wheeling Jesuit University. Fr. O'Brien has had a positive impact on thousands of students throughout his tenure. Also in this issue is a feature on the University's strategic plan, the next ambitious leg in our journey forward, building on our Catholic, Jesuit identity and our research-oriented academic programs.

On the next two pages of this issue, The 2012 President's Challenge is highlighted. I have had the opportunity to meet with many alumni and friends to discuss WJU's future. I ask you for your support by contributing to The 2012 President Challenge – a drive to raise \$1 million by December 31, 2012. We need your help to ensure a prosperous future.

Our enrollment for the fall has reached record levels as we approach 1,600 total students. Although we are very pleased with this enrollment growth, we have much more work to do. Students from across the country and now 25 countries are attending WJU. I would like to thank our alumni who are helping with our Alumni in Recruitment Program.

In 2012, our Cardinals produced an All-American Track and Field Athlete; four Conference Athletes of the Year; our Volleyball team reached the NCAA Elite Eight and our coach earned both conference and Atlantic Regional Coach of the Year accolades; Women's Golf, and Men's and Women's Swimming teams took home Conference titles, and our Men's Basketball team earned the Cardinal's first-ever win in the NCAA Division II Tournament.

I know you share my enthusiasm for Jesuit education and I encourage you to join The 2012 President's Challenge. Thank you for your generosity and for joining us on our journey and please reach out to me if you would like to arrange a meeting.

Luceat Lux Vestra!

Richard A. Beyer, President
Wheeling Jesuit University





2012 PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

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ACADEMIC LIFE

Academic success

- + Expand Academic Resource Center services
- + Academic support for athletes
- + Measurement of student outcomes
- + Recruit faculty to support growing enrollment
- + Support for Arts and Science, Business, Education, Health Science

Meaningful research mentored by faculty

- + Nursing simulator – Health Sciences
- + Natural and Behavioral Science labs
- + Music/piano labs
- + Support of undergraduate research

New programs of study

- + Implement new Fine Arts majors and minors
- + Launch new Environmental and Sustainability Studies program
- + On-line course development: Bachelors in Organizational Leadership Development, agreements with community colleges, graduate programs in Health Sciences, Education and Business



"Developing distinct strategies for Arts and Science, Business, Education and Health Sciences, allows WJU to address the changing environment within higher education and marks the next step on WJU's journey."

WJU Strategic Plan



VIBRANT STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Real world internships, career planning and job placement

- + Enhance job placement/career planning programs
- + Purchase additional vans for transportation to internships and service placements

Revitalize the Performing Arts

- + Support for our growing partnerships with Pittsburgh's River City Brass and the Wheeling Symphony
- + Grow theater and student performance

Support the intellectual, social, physical and spiritual integration of learning experiences

- + Recruit Jesuit faculty and staff
- + Scholarships for students
- + Enhance Lantz Farm facilities for retreats/meetings/research
- + Support the development of new retreat programs
- + Physical fitness equipment for students
- + Finance additional sports (rugby, wrestling, crew and cheering/tumbling)
- + Enhance international experiences on campus and around the world

STUDENT RECRUITMENT

Growing Enrollment

- + Distinctive enrollment support by areas: Arts and Sciences, Business, Education, Health Sciences
- + Marketing to support WJU awareness to every Jesuit high school in the world
- + Alumni in Recruitment support
 - + Name buys of high school scholar candidates
 - + Upgrade of technology support
 - + Open House support

"The strategic planning process has provided us with a roadmap and a living document that sets high expectations and provides a path that will take WJU to new heights of success."

— Rick Beyer, WJU President

CAMPUS RENOVATION

Upgrades and Campus Repairs

- + McHugh roof and interiors (including AC)
- + Sara Tracy/Kirby roof
- + Expand Mission & Identity offices
- + Benedum Room roof patio
- + Arts/Music practice space
- + Student lounges
- + Athletic facilities



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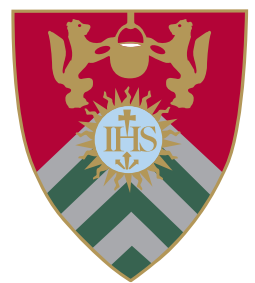
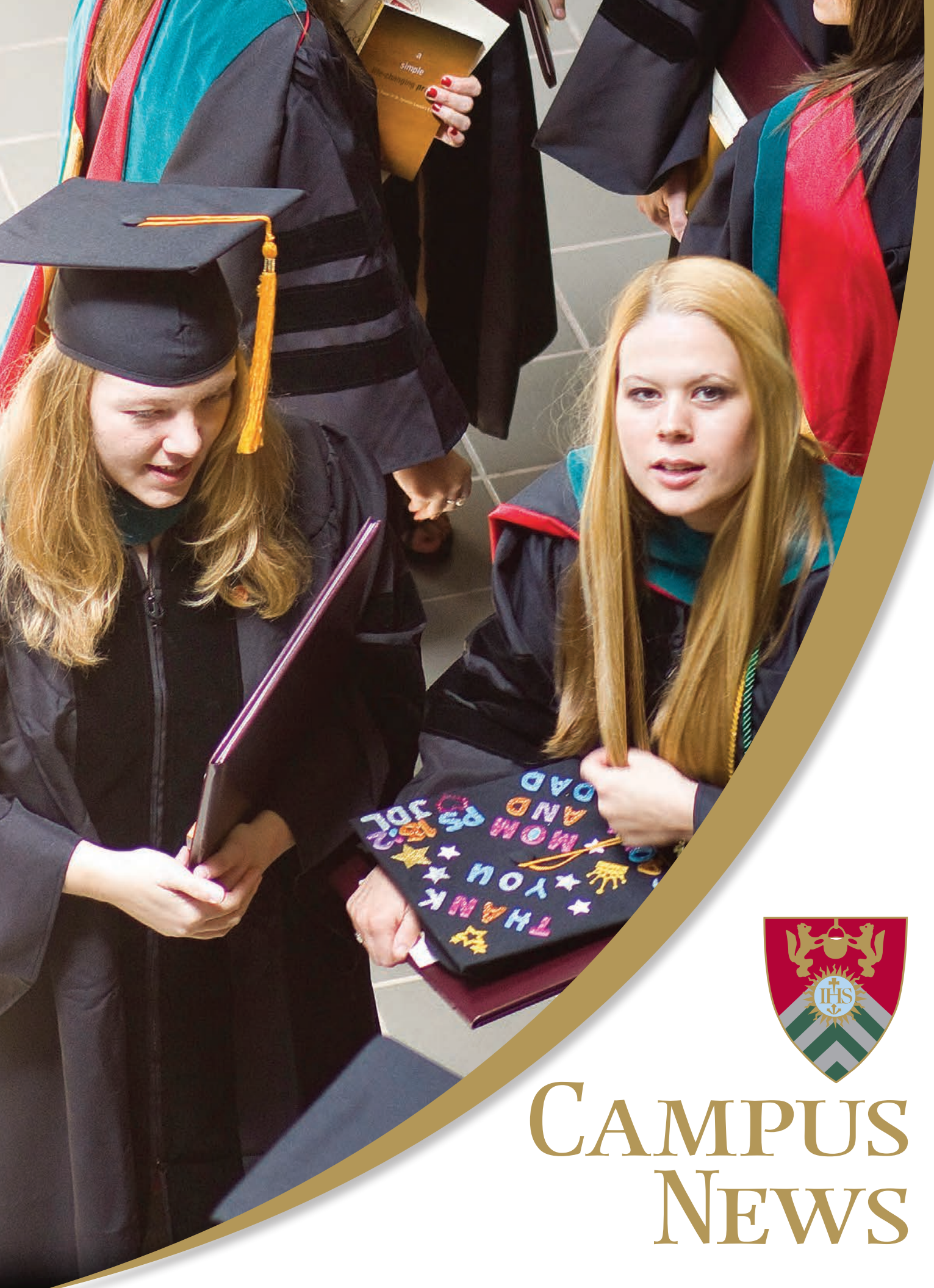
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CAMPUS NEWS

IF YOU WOULD HAVE ASKED REV. JIM O'BRIEN S.J.

in 1962 how long his first assignment as a Jesuit would last, he'd be the first to tell you — probably not 50 years.

But it has been 50 years since O'Brien stepped onto the campus of fledgling Wheeling College in August of 1962. Even for the philosophy professor, it's hard for him to believe he's been at the University so long — but he's not complaining.

Reflecting on his tenure, the humble, soft-spoken O'Brien downplays his impact on the lives of students and the community. "I guess I'm the familiar face. I've been around for a while and people say 'well, gee, here is somebody we know, or there is the face of the place.' After a while, I got to be a bad habit and they figured I wasn't causing any trouble or not too much trouble out here on the edge of the Ohio River. So I stayed and it's been a real privilege."

He's not sure what 50 years is supposed to feel like either. "It doesn't feel heavy or boring or anything. It just seems to be, well, here we are. It's not the same thing. It's different all the time."

O'Brien said what he has enjoyed most is serving others — being there for alumni, students, colleagues and friends.

"Weddings are so special because it's a chance to be with graduates as they put their lives together in such a positive way." While he has no idea of the number of weddings and baptisms he's performed, you can't attend an Alumni Weekend without hearing a number of alums recall that O'Brien had officiated their nuptials or baptized their child.

He smiles when talking about classroom conversations with students, participating in graduations and recalling service trips. O'Brien's greatest joy "comes from seeing people who got it — this whole Jesuit education thing."

As a nursing major, Dana (Cherico) Lark '87 recalls having O'Brien for bioethics. "I remember going to his office one time crying, telling him that I thought that I was going to fail bioethics ... which is really funny because I don't think you can really fail bioethics. And he sat me down. He talked to me and helped me talk things through — and I really think I'm a better person for it, a better nurse for it."

She added, "He totally got us and was on our level. No matter what we said or did — good or bad — he was right there with us. He guided us ... He would join us. He would talk to us and he would never judge us."

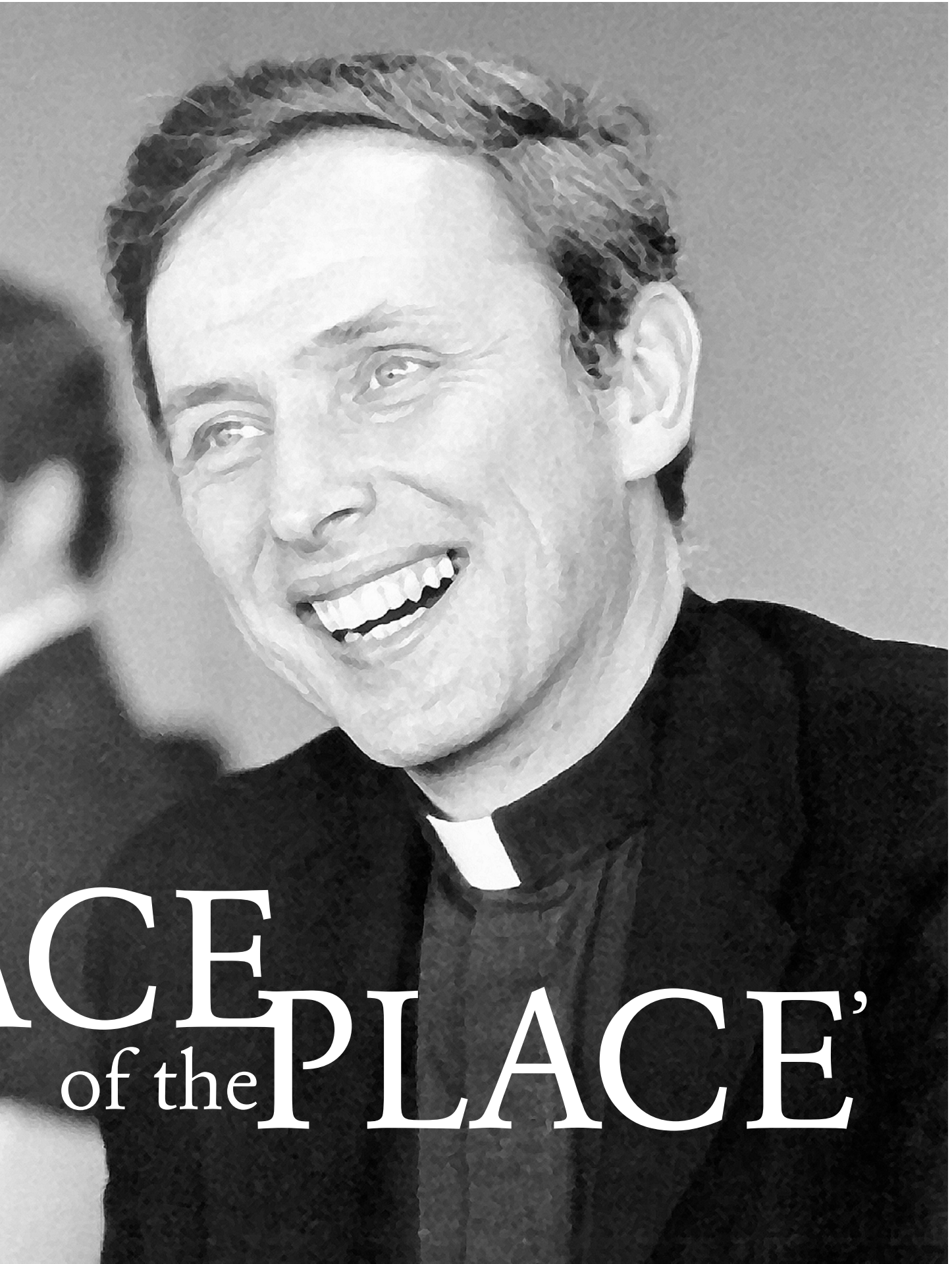
O'Brien believes the 'simplistic secret' of Jesuit education is to focus on the individual student. "We talk about diversity, but each student is his or her own person. I think our task is to encourage people to embrace that and to encourage them to be who they are."

Hollywood writer/director Katie Torpey '91 couldn't agree more. She recalls an ethics class where O'Brien taught the students to look at and study all sides of a situation. "So when I'm in situations or meetings, and people throw things at me, I really listen to all sides of the story and think about it before I just jump to conclusions. I make decisions based on listening to other people's opinions and thoughts. It's made me a better artist ... made me a better writer and filmmaker."

Torpey continued, "What I got from Fr. O'Brien and Wheeling Jesuit is how to believe in myself — to work hard, and not let other people's opinions impact who I am as a person.

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I owe so much to Wheeling and Fr. O'Brien."

He also is proud to have served with the likes of fellow Jesuits, Lewis, Currie, Troy, Buckius and Sanders, just to name a few. "They were great examples of lives dedicated to serving our students."

Many people say, O'Brien also is an example to countless men and women who have walked the WJU campus.

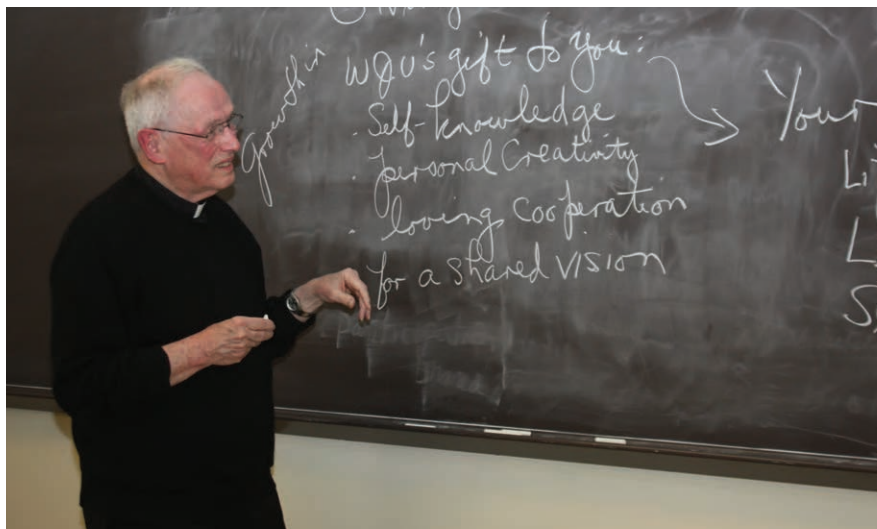
While he may think of himself only as a familiar face, alumni have a much different view. Many believe he has made a significant impact on their lives.

"He's so approachable, so human, so humble," said Lydia (Wanless) D'Anna '91. "O'B can identify the gifts you have inside yourself and show you how to use those gifts

to help others. That's what he did for me — he taught me to give more of myself than I ever thought I could."

Another of his gifts ... knowing when to reach out to someone. "He just knows when to call someone to see if everything is OK. He gets a bad rap for being late to events, but most of the time, he's on the phone or in his office talking to someone. That's what makes him so special — that he always has time for people," D'Anna added.

Terry Lewis '93 explained, "Fr. O'Brien's ethics, service and faith are simply beyond description. For the thousands of graduates he has been an understanding, compassionate and trusted priest, mentor, professor, friend and advisor. His 'light' has shined on all of us, teaching each one of us to be caring adults, parents, spouses and professionals. From Wall Street to the Pacific coast and beyond, many of the personal and professional successes of alumni can be traced to the ethics, service and faith




that Fr. O'Brien has passionately displayed during his 50 years at Wheeling Jesuit."

O'Brien downplays his impact in the lives of students, past and current. "I really don't think my contributions have been as big an impact in their lives. The reality of all our lives has to be community — to be involved in this sharing of the victories and defeats. That has been the context of my life."

That sense of community, O'Brien said is the real beauty of Wheeling Jesuit. "Because we are such a close-knit community, we can see and appreciate the results more freely. This campus is just a 'more real place' and a real lab for students to live a full life."

"I'm a very fortunate individual, and very grateful to God to have been able to hang out at Wheeling Jesuit for so many years."

Fr. O'Brien, Torpey said, "exemplifies what Wheeling Jesuit is all about."

His hope is that he will always be remembered as a person of faith. "There is a line in an old verse that says one should 'live by the side of the road and be a friend to those who pass by.' That's what I've tried to do — be a faithful person to God and others." 



‘Our Journey Forward’ provides roadmap for the future

As part of ‘Our Journey Forward,’ WJU initiated its strategic planning process during the 2011 calendar year. This aspirational journey included community-wide involvement.

The process spanned nine months and involved faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, community leaders and the Board of Trustees. The University looked at its history, core strengths, situational assessments, challenges and opportunities. Through it, the mission was re-affirmed, the 2016 vision was developed and the roadmap to achieve Our Journey Forward and its four strategic initiatives was outlined.

“The strategic planning effort turned out to be an excellent process for building unity within the University regarding our vision and future,” said President Richard Beyer. “We come away from this process with a roadmap and a working document that sets high expectations and allows everyone to be joined on the same path forward – a path that will take Wheeling Jesuit to new heights of success.”

Beyer added, “Our academic programs are exceptional and the Catholic, Jesuit identity of our institution is flourishing. We can point to solid academic learning outcomes, national leadership in undergraduate research and consistency in applying our mission to our work. The strategic plan builds on this strong foundation.”

He explained, institutions of higher learning throughout the country, especially small- and medium-sized private colleges, are facing financial challenges because of their inability to fund their educational operations through tuition revenues. Virtually all institutions rely on external funding, such as the stock market for endowment contributions, annual fund gifts and other external sources of support. In economically challenging times, these external funding sources become less reliable.

“The challenges facing Wheeling Jesuit are no different from those facing many other institutions. As a young

university with a modest endowment and small alumni base, we are particularly susceptible to economic shifts. We have used this strategic planning process as a way of thinking differently about our circumstances and how we might transform the institution beyond incremental improvements, setting the bar high for our future, knowing that it will require new types of aspirational thinking,” the president added.

WJU also will build on its outstanding athletic department to develop a more rounded educational experience for students, as well as use athletics as a vehicle for driving school awareness and attendance numbers. “By activating emerging sports programs such as rugby, WJU will draw students from new domestic and international markets, increasing the diversity of our student population and enriching the educational experience,” Beyer said.

To truly revitalize the University, “we have established a primary objective of fully self-funding our educational operations from tuition, room, board and auxiliary revenues. This is an ambitious goal for any institution,” Beyer said. Achieving self-funding will allow WJU to use annual fund revenues and other external sources of support for strategic purposes. “It will afford the University the luxury of fully investing the gifts of our generous benefactors into the future growth of the institution,” he explained.

The story of Wheeling Jesuit University over the next five years will be a journey where all aspects of the institution, including people, programs and processes, will experience significant movement forward in quality, execution and growth—all while enhancing the mission. President Beyer stated, “This strategic plan is a living document that will be used as the compass for our journey.”

WJU’s 2016 vision is built upon four key initiatives:

1) We provide our students with a vibrant and distinctive educational experience, rich in co-curricular activities and

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Providing a Vibrant Student Experience

Wheeling Jesuit students recognized for research projects

More than 100 Wheeling Jesuit University students presented research projects in nine academic areas during the annual Student Research and Scholarship Symposium. Awards were presented to 28 students at the closing ceremonies.

The prestigious Frank Haig Science Award was given to Andrea Fitzgibbon at Commencement.

Coordinated by Dr. Bryan Raudenbush, associate professor of psychology and director of undergraduate research, the annual research day offers Wheeling Jesuit students a chance to present the results of original research in preparation for graduate school and the professional world.

The award winners in each academic area and the titles of the research projects are:

English, communications and fine arts (oral)

- + **Ashley Pratt**, “Statistical Creation of a Media Guide.”
- + **Patrick Callahan, Samuel Bauman, Megan Truelove and Grace Williams**, “Freakin’ Facebook.”

Information science, computer science, technology and mathematics (oral)

- + **Audra Macri, Ryan Schubert, Colt Street, and Si Gammache**, “Appalachian Institute Mapping Software.”
- + **Audra Macri**, “Digital Signage: Because Pixels are Better than Paper.”

Natural, physical and health sciences (oral)

- + **Andrea Fitzgibbon**, “Leaf Decay Coefficients of Abnormally High Conductivity Streams in Southwestern Pennsylvania.”

Social and behavior sciences (oral)

- + **Thomas Coyne**, “The Limits of the ‘Hidden Hand’ Presidency: A Case Study of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Farewell Address.”

Humanities (oral)

- + **Adam Principe**, “Lend Lease and Its Effects on WWII.”

Natural and physical sciences (posters)

- + **Rory Beck**, “Synthesis and Thermal Decomposition of Tris-Diethyldithiocarbamate iron (IV) hexafluorophosphate.”



- + **Kevin Christopher**, “The Proliferation Capabilities of Radial Glial Cell Line C6 in Vitro.”
- + **Chelsea Guiseppi**, “The Effects of Streptococcus Mutans and Lactobacillus Acidophilus on Dental Carries in the Presence of Various Carbohydrate Beverages.”

Health sciences (posters)


- + **Chelsea Amos**, “In Long-Term Acute Patient Care, Does the Daily Environment Affect the Ability to Wean from Mechanical Ventilation?”
- + **Andrew Penso**, “Diagnosing SPECT/CT Myocardia Perfusion Using One Set of CT Attenuation Connection Images.”

Social and behavior sciences (posters)

- + **Jessica Florian**, “The Effects of Jasmine and Peppermint Administration on Physiological and Psychological Stress Reactions in Enclosed Spaces.”
- + **Sierra Moore, August Capiola, Alaina Antoinette, Joan Cotter, PCassandra Sanderson**, “The Use of Behavioral Methods to Study Imagery.”

Fitzgibbon received a special award designated for the best project that examined an Appalachian issue.

A new award for gender and diversity topics was presented this year by the theology department and was given to two students, **Allison Burke**, for “From Woman to Witch: the Role of Misogyny in Witchcraft Accusation” and **John Pennacchio**, for “The Japanese Internment: The Rise of Racism and the Fall of Human Rights in Total War.”

Honors program special topics poster presentation resulted in one award given to **August Capiola** and **Lewis Akers**, for “An Examination of the Psychological and Physiological Aspects of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.” 

Providing a Vibrant Student Experience

Wheeling Jesuit named to National Honor Roll for community service

Wheeling Jesuit University was named to the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll by the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) in 2012. This honor recognizes the University as a national leader among institutions of higher education for its support of volunteering, service-learning and civic engagement.

"We are proud to be named to the President's Honor Roll for Community Service," said President Richard Beyer. "Wheeling Jesuit's tradition of academic based service-learning, outreach service through Campus Ministry and immersion service trips is thriving. Nearly every student on campus is involved in service of some sort, whether locally, nationally or globally and our Service for Social Action office is a dynamic part of our campus life."

During the 2010-11 academic year alone, Wheeling Jesuit students donated more than 26,000 hours of service. Two hundred forty-three students were engaged in academic service learning and 858 students in total engaged in community service of all sorts.

Additionally, Wheeling Jesuit operates the Mother Jones House in East Wheeling as an intentional Christian service community. Students who live here are required to perform at least 10 hours per week of community service.


"Service provides learning that is meaningful as our students



WJU students interact with local children

help those in need. It also offers leadership experience and our students learn to appreciate their education, as they find their place in the world," said Adrienne Greene '08, coordinator of the service office.

WJU athletic teams and 26 student clubs offer yet another opportunity for students to get involved and help out. These student groups give back to the community in a variety of ways, from reading to local grade school students to providing healthcare needs to senior citizens.

The Community Service Honor Roll is the highest federal recognition a college or university can achieve for its commitment to service learning and civic engagement. 

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opportunities for participation in scholarly research. This initiative recognizes our most important responsibility as a University is to provide for the intellectual, social and spiritual growth of the students and position them for success in career and life.

+ All students will benefit from diverse learning and social experiences outside the classroom such as student clubs, revitalized fine and performing arts, athletics, worship, retreats and community service.

+ Scholarly research will continue to be an important path to learning and accomplishment. WJU will lead the nation in undergraduate research by providing opportunities for all students to take part, building on the current leadership position of 40 percent participation rate.

+ WJU will be a leader among liberal arts institutions in facilitating internships and job placement opportunities for students—outcomes of increasing importance in the ongoing national dialog about the value of higher education. The University will transition our career services role into a comprehensive job placement department with a goal of achieving job placement of 95 percent of graduates within six months.

+ Finally, facilities will be revitalized as envisioned in a new University master plan. WJU's growth requires both refurbishment and new construction, providing potential opportunities for collaboration with the Wheeling community.

2) We operate four successful schools: Schools of Arts & Sciences, Business, Education and Health Sciences, which collectively enroll 2,600 students and provide unparalleled learning outcomes. This initiative marks a major step on WJU's journey in becoming a university, moving from our existing small-college structure to the funding and establishment

of four distinctive schools. While none of these academic areas is new to the University, the operation and marketing of individual schools will provide educational value tailored more specifically to the needs of each discipline.

+ The addition of new, high-impact academic programs will allow each school to capitalize on market opportunities. WJU will broaden recruiting efforts beyond the Ohio Valley to the Cleveland, Columbus, the Mid-Atlantic area, Michigan, Indiana and Massachusetts, taking advantage of its strong value proposition that boasts exceptionally well-rounded

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Operating Four Successful Schools

Upgrades in nuclear medicine lab improve the student experience

New technology in Wheeling Jesuit's nuclear medicine lab is providing student with the latest equipment in the field.

"The lab now has new computers, software and technology to give students advanced training before they ever enter the clinical setting," said Dr. Robert George, director of Nuclear Medicine.

Additional equipment includes a 42-inch plasma TV, Apple TV and an iPad® for teaching; actual radiopharmaceutical management software, which is the same software used in real nuclear medicine hot labs; and a new human body model along with material prep stations.

"The idea is to mimic what students will do in real nuclear medicine departments. Our students learn about doses, equipment and receive preclinical practice that makes all the difference in their readiness for the work world. It builds confidence and creates a more vibrant experience for these students," said George.

Cardinal Health donated the Softrac software and the University purchased five computer terminals that allow students to replicate the duties of material preparation, dose administration and completion of diagnostic studies, just like in a hospital setting.

The lab's simulated dose preparation stations help students to do actual hands-on practical laboratory work in class. Senior nuclear medicine students rotate in the hospital setting for nine months, and this classroom lab experience has proved invaluable," he said.

Deborah Wilkinson, clinical assistant professor of Nuclear Medicine, knows the importance of hands-on learning.



Dr. Robert George and student Trevor Thompson.

"Twenty years ago we learned the material from an instructor and a textbook before entering the hospitals. Today, we can teach with technology and have the students learn by doing, which prepares our students to participate in their clinical practice more quickly and effectively. With advanced preparedness, our students can perform better and rise to challenges in clinical practice such as research and advanced education in molecular imaging," she said.

"Wheeling Jesuit continually strives to offer the latest developments and education in their disciplines and nuclear medicine is just one example. Graduating excellent students to become industry leaders begins on campus and in the classrooms, and WJU is committed to ensuring those rooms are equipped for success," Wilkinson said. 

Providing Greater Global Awareness

Culture Fest showcases Wheeling Jesuit's global community



WJU students performed at the Culture Fest.

International décor complete with flags, travel posters, food, music and dress from many different countries transformed part of the Wheeling Jesuit University campus for Culture Fest 2012 – a showcase of the institution's global community.

"This is a springtime tradition that has gone on for more than 20 years. It's a great example of our growing global campus and the way Jesuit education honors all cultures and celebrates different cultures, faiths and backgrounds," said Eileen Viglietta, director, International Student Center and English Language Institute.


The Culture Fest took place on Saturday, March 24, and welcomed more than 400 people.

Harmonie Nkama and Sarah Lumanu, both from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Vichy Takem and Joel Tchimeigni, both from Cameroon, are active in the WJU International Student Club and took part in planning this year's event along with the International Student Office staff.

"We enjoy this event because we get to share our culture and food with campus and the community," said Nkama, who graduated in May.

A large stage was the focal point of the event with music and dancing from various countries being showcased. Greek, Irish, Italian, Korean, Ukrainian and country line dancing were a few of the performances that took place.

Students prepared food from Argentina, Cameroon, China, Congo, France, Greece, Iraq, Italy, the Philippines, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, S. Korea, Spain, Taiwan, Turkey, Trinidad and the Ukraine. Attendees were able to sample the culinary creations from each country.

"Culture Fest is just a great way for our international students to give back to the Wheeling community. We have many area residents who wait for the event every year and look forward to the chance to enjoy this taste of diversity," Viglietta added. "We are grateful for the involvement of our international alumni." 

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graduates, 100 percent full class pass rates on national board exams and a history of 100 percent acceptance rates into law and medical schools.

+ Funding the new schools will provide compelling opportunities for donors to become engaged with WJU in their personal areas of interest. Wheeling Jesuit is planning a 2014 capital campaign, preceded by a two-year "silent" phase during which it will cultivate major donors.

3) **There is global awareness of Wheeling Jesuit University**, with 20 percent of our campus student body originating from more than 50 countries outside of the U.S. We are committed to widening our focus in recognition of the new opportunities and imperatives the increasing

interconnectedness of the global community requires of our graduates.

+ WJU aspires to significant growth in enrollment of students originating from outside the U.S., representing a wide variety of countries and regions of the world; these students see WJU as an institution offering an excellent education, a welcoming community and the support they need to succeed.

+ We will provide a campus community infused with global flavor and opportunities for cross-cultural interaction among an increasingly diverse student body. The curriculum will promote understanding of the world from an international perspective. Many more WJU graduates will gain fluency in languages and study

abroad. Over time, there will be a growing awareness among prospective students worldwide that WJU is among the leaders in providing a global experience and education.

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University Earns 10-Year Accreditation from CAPTE


Wheeling Jesuit University earned its 10-year accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE).

"We are pleased to report to our students, employees and alumni, that CAPTE has reaffirmed our accreditation. Our program is respected and well known for its service-learning program and the problem-based learning curriculum. I am grateful for the hard work of the faculty and staff in this department whose efforts are responsible for this success," said Dr. Craig Ruby, director of the physical therapy program.

CAPTE is the official accrediting agency nationally recognized by the U.S. Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

A two-year doctoral program, Wheeling Jesuit's program is one of only 213 accredited physical therapy programs in the country. The program admits 50 graduate students annually and consistently has a waiting list of high achieving students competing for admission.

"We find that our students appreciate our problem-based learning curriculum and are well-prepared for leadership roles in different health-care settings," said Ruby.

The problem-based curriculum model has been successfully used in many professional education programs including medicine, law and business. In 1996, Wheeling Jesuit became the first accredited problem-based physical therapy curriculum in the United States. 

Providing Greater Global Awareness

Three faculty members have writings recognized

Three WJU faculty members have penned work that have been recognized or published this year.

Dr. Michael Kirkpatrick, professor of psychology, Dr. Connie Myer, director of Professional Education, and Dr. Daniel Weimer, history professor have been busy writing.

Kirkpatrick conducted a study on runners and their ability to estimate their heart rate as they workout on a treadmill. The study was published in the winter issue of the European Journal of Behavior Analysis.

The findings from this study may be useful for athletes and fitness enthusiasts.

"The next step in this research is to test whether exercisers can learn to estimate or control their heart rate during their normal fitness routines outside the laboratory," Kirkpatrick said.

"The effects of verbal feedback on runners' ability to accurately estimate their heart rate (HR) was assessed in a reversal-replication (ABAB) design with staggered, multiple baselines among 10 participants who ran on a

treadmill wearing a portable heart rate monitor. Five were trained to discriminate or estimate their heart rate," Kirkpatrick wrote.

The fitness-based study was funded by a NASA space consortium grant and co-authored with WJU alumnus, Andrew S. Groves '11.


Myer's paper on effective schools was selected for presentation at an international conference in March.

Her paper, "Strategic Collective Focus: The Critical Element in Effective Schools," describes the shared focus on excellence necessary for a school to be a leader.

"I am so pleased that my study was received enthusiastically by the American Institute of Higher Education. School effectiveness requires a strategic, collective focus on excellence engineered by the school leader. My paper pinpointed the research supporting the notion that there are three broad aspects of school-improvement efforts to be considered: the target, the team and the tactics," Myer explained.

Weimer has written a book titled, "Seeing Drugs." The publication explores how Thailand, Burma and Mexico were deemed the key opium and heroin producing and trafficking nations during the early and mid-1970s. The book also looks at how the respective governments tried to halt drug trafficking and production in those countries.

As a result of his research, Weimer claims that American officials believed that if insurgents connected to opium trafficking in Burma could be defeated, if opium farmers in Thailand could be modernized, and drug crops destroyed through the most efficient means in Mexico, then a big part of the drug problem would be solved.


"In the long run, this drug war 'solution' produced two effects. One, the Nixon and Ford administrations set the parameters of subsequent drug control policy abroad. Two, despite the United States' failure in the Vietnam War and U.S. public skepticism over American meddling across the globe, the drug war guaranteed continued U.S. intervention in the Third World," he said. 

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4) We achieve operational excellence in all that we do by empowering staff, administrators and faculty to strive for continuous improvement in meeting the needs of its students, parents, alumni, donors and other constituents. The University will emphasize teamwork, problem solving and judicious use of technology in pursuit of high-quality outcomes.

+ Wheeling Jesuit will improve processes to achieve high levels of performance, increasing customer satisfaction, reducing costs and building employee engagement. The University will address training issues and develop a multi-year technology roadmap.

+ WJU will nurture a culture of performance, respect and cooperation

among its people in the Jesuit tradition of *cura personalis*. They will be engaged in their jobs and feel rewarded for their contributions. Wheeling Jesuit will implement a University-wide performance management system that provides a structured means of establishing expectations, evaluating and rewarding performance and guiding employees to develop in their roles. 

Achieving Operational Excellence

University participates in National Student Learning Assessment Forum

An assessment plan developed by Wheeling Jesuit earned the faculty team an invitation to present at a national learning assessment forum.

In recognition of Wheeling Jesuit's assessment plan for student learning, the Higher Learning Commission's Academy for Assessment of Student Learning invited the University's team to the Academy's annual forum last December.

Wheeling Jesuit is part of the HLC's academy, a four-year program to improve assessment of student learning. WJU faculty developed a plan to chart student success in a way that can be seen on paper and shared with others.

This concept earned Wheeling Jesuit's team a trip to the HLC presentation.


"We are proud of the way our faculty worked together to develop this comprehensive plan to demonstrate their students' success and to validate the strength of a Wheeling Jesuit education. It can only make the learning experience better for our students," said Dr. Stephen Stahl, vice president of Academic Affairs.

Debbie Wilkenson, chair of the WJU student learning assessment committee, led the team that presented the new assessment plan at the national forum. The other team members were Dr. Donna Simpson, history professor and Jane Neuenschwander, professional education instructor.

"Completing this assessment work and presenting it to the Academy is a real benefit. We always have produced well-educated



Assessment Committee members Debbie Wilkenson, Donna Simpson, Jane Neuenschwander and Dr. Stephen Stahl.

and prepared students, as evidenced by our employment and graduate school acceptance rates, but now we can back it up with data and examples of actual student learning demonstrations," said Wilkenson. "This assessment project is centered on the student learning experience, not the numbers. By taking this look at ourselves, we can say and show without a doubt that each student is nurtured to become the best person we can help them be, in whatever major they choose." 

Achieving Operational Excellence

New 'Alumni In Recruitment' program aids enrollment efforts

Do you ever reminisce about your days as a Wheeling Jesuit student – trips to the Alpha, Gambol productions, acing one of your most challenging finals and, of course, graduation day ... knowing that your Wheeling Jesuit experience provided a great foundation for the rest of your life? With the launch of the new Alumni In Recruitment (AIR) program, grads can support enrollment efforts by sharing their experiences with prospective students.

“We are proud to introduce the Alumni In Recruitment program. The program is specifically designed to engage our alumni in the growth of the University,” said Larry Vallar, vice president for Enrollment Management. “I often use the phrase ‘Help Us Grow’ when talking with our alumni and friends who are engaged in the recruitment of new prospective students to the University.”

Vallar explained that the program is unique in that three specific areas have been identified in which alumni can participate — adopting a high school, participating in a college or high school fair and introducing Wheeling Jesuit to their network of educational constituencies.

“We provide comprehensive instruction and training for our alumni volunteers. In addition, we provide access to our special web site for those who volunteer. A quarterly newsletter also has been designed

to link our AIR volunteers together by providing insight about their activities and overall contribution to the University,” Vallar explained.

Director of Alumni Relations Kelly Klubert '85 explained that AIR is a collaborative effort among Alumni Council, the Alumni Office and the Office of Enrollment Management, where by alumni can volunteer to aid in recruitment efforts. Several Alumni Council members have been involved with these efforts for several years.

“AIR volunteers will provide the one-on-one integration, personal attention and encouragement that can make the difference between a student choosing Wheeling Jesuit or another school. Providing perspective as a graduate is the most important part of the program,” she said. “Sharing those experiences will give prospective students an inside, personal look into what makes the University special.”

Alumni Council Member Judy Geary '63, pointed out that many graduates are very devoted to their alma mater and often ask, “How can I help?” Geary said it's about engagement and leveraging relationships that will ultimately bring more students to Wheeling Jesuit.

“Through our alumni volunteers, we can reach many communities beyond what the University can do on its own,” Geary said. “This is a wonderful way to engage and grow the circle.”


Geary helped bring the concept of AIR to fruition and credits her classmates Tom Kelleher and the late Allen Wojcik for their skills and insights for creating a successful program.

Jerry Schroer '86, also is an Alumni Council member who participates in the AIR program. He has relationships with 20 high schools in the Cleveland/Akron/Canton, Ohio, areas. Enrollment inquiries from those schools have increased in the last year, since Schroer got involved. He said he decided to participate in the program because he believes in WJU President Richard Beyer's goal of self-funding the educational operations, which entails increasing enrollment to a self-supporting level of 2,600 students.

“What's the best way to help the institution? If I can get some students to attend Wheeling Jesuit, it will have an impact,” Schroer said.

Vallar concurs.

“We are a young university, therefore many of our alumni are just beginning in their careers, so for those who cannot give in dollars can give in kind their time by helping us recruit students. Their efforts to help us grow will provide a major economic boost for the university,” he said.

For more information on AIR or to participate, log onto the AIR Web site at www.wju.edu/alumni/air or contact the Alumni Office at 800.888.2586 or alumni@wju.edu. 

Wheeling Jesuit confers 322 degrees at comm

Rev. James O'Brien, S.J., receives honorary degree



Rev. James O'Brien, S.J. receives an honorary degree from President Richard Beyer.

Long-time Wheeling Jesuit University faculty member Rev. James O'Brien, S.J., focused on the Jesuit mission of "life, leadership and service with and for others" and how members of the school's 54th graduating class can continue educating themselves in such a manner as they move into their next phase of life.

O'Brien, who is celebrating 50 years with the institution, delivered

his address to 322 graduates during Wheeling Jesuit's commencement exercises on May 19. Prior to delivering his speech, O'Brien was presented with an honorary degree by President Richard A. Beyer.

"I have a rather long exposure to Jesuit education in West Virginia and have picked up some convictions along the way about how it works and how it can continue to

be of influence in your future lives," O'Brien said.

Referring to a book entitled "Heroic Leadership," authored by former Jesuit turned finance executive Chris Lowney, O'Brien said he chooses it as a guiding source "because it treats its topic in quite concrete and practical terms, measuring success by factual, historical results." The book speaks about four "pillars" as the fundamental internal supports for St. Ignatius, the Jesuit founder, and his vision of life. The four pillars include self-awareness, ingenuity, love and heroism. O'Brien then briefly detailed the importance of each of the pillars in the graduates' lives and careers.

"What I am proposing is that this same value system, enunciated in terms of character and career development, in terms of human growth and flourishing, has been offered to you, embedded in your liberal arts, Christian, Catholic, Jesuit education," O'Brien said.

Beyer reminded the graduates telling them that roots of their Jesuit education dates back more than 450 years.

"I hope that Wheeling Jesuit University has provided you with the tools for life, leadership and service

ncement




for others,” he said, stressing to the Class of 2012 that all tools need to be polished, cared for and sharpened throughout life.

Valedictorian Megan Newrones of Medina, Ohio, spoke to her classmates about a prayer by Fr. Pedro Arrupe, S.J. entitled “Fall in Love.” The prayer states, that “what you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything.”

“Everyone has fallen in love

with something at Wheeling Jesuit University. What was it?” Newrones asked as she reflected on the last four years at WJU and how the Jesuit education has nurtured the graduates to use their talents and knowledge to serve others.

Newrones spoke of future success and advised her class to follow Arrupe’s advice. “Fall in love, stay in love and love will decide everything.” 

Student medals and awards and their recipients that were given during the ceremony include:

*The Henry F. Paul Medals
for Highest 4-year Averages*

Meghan Newrones, Medina, Ohio

Halie Cottrill, St. Marys, W.Va.

*Medals for Second
Highest Award*

Maria Petrasko, Stow, Ohio

Chelsey Keylor, Barnesville, Ohio

*The Anthony T. Basil Medals
for Adult Education*

Tia Masciarelli, Bellaire, Ohio

Highest Average

Natasha Ferrar, Bridgeport, Ohio

Second Highest Average

The Katherine Fouts Medal

Nicholas Garbark, Wheeling, W.Va.

The Mary Woomer Medal

Anne DeFruscio, Wheeling, W.Va.

The Archbishop

John J. Swint Medal

Sean Weaver, Crestline, Ohio





Newly inducted members of Alpha Sigma Nu.

Alpha Sigma Nu inducts 15 Wheeling Jesuit students

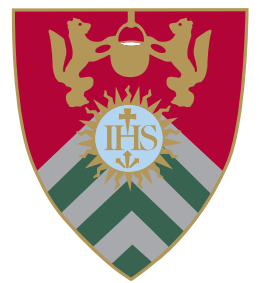
Wheeling Jesuit University recognized 15 students for academic excellence, service to the community and faithfulness to values represented by the institution, by welcoming them into Alpha Sigma Nu, the Jesuit honor society.

Alpha Sigma Nu recognizes students who distinguish themselves in scholarship, loyalty and service. The only honor society permitted to bear the name Jesuit, Alpha Sigma Nu encourages its members to a lifetime pursuit of intellectual development, deepening Ignatian spirituality, service to others and a commitment to the core principles of Jesuit education.

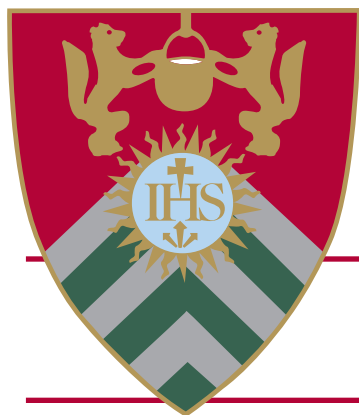
The following WJU students were inducted: James Akers, Evans, W.Va.; Catherine Balbier, Cleveland, Ohio; Christopher Bohinski, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Erin Cannon, Carnegie, Pa.; Nora Crossen, White Oak, Pa.; Andrea Fitzgibbon, Marion, Ohio; Jenna Gleason, Pittsburgh; Rebecca Haley, Fairmont, W.Va.; Sherri Howard, Valley Grove, W.Va.; Maria Petrasko, Stow, Ohio; Lindsay Primyon, Pittsburgh; Jessica Steve, East Liverpool, Ohio; Doctoral Student Matthew Taylor '10, Wellsburg, W.Va.; Sean Weaver, Crestline, Ohio and Grace Williams, Atoka, Tenn.

Patrick J. Reindel '02, director of the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center in Wheeling, was the guest speaker during the induction ceremony, while Alpha Sigma Nu Executive Director Kate Gaertner welcomed the new members and congratulated them on joining the society.

Rev. Michael F. Steltenkamp, S.J., coordinates Wheeling Jesuit's chapter. 



ALUMNI NEWS



Wheeling Jesuit Alumni Weekend

Rev. James O'Brien, S.J., h

WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY welcomed more than 550 alumni and friends back to campus for Alumni Weekend 2012 in June and paid a special tribute to Rev. James O'Brien, S.J., for his 50 years of service to the institution. The record-breaking crowd was lead by the class of 2002, which had more than 60 classmates return.

The 50 Year Club inducted this year's Golden Anniversary group — the class of 1962. During a ceremony Friday night, members of the class in attendance, along with O'Brien and former Coach Ed Coyne, were inducted into the club.

O'Brien received with the MAGIS award during the President's Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Saturday evening. The award recognizes individuals who have acted in the Ignatian spirit of MAGIS by doing more and giving more to others and of themselves. The award is given only when warranted, in light of an individual's hidden, faithful service to the University and its people.

In addition, several alumni were recognized for their contributions to their profession, to society and to the University.

- + **Kevin Kerrane '62** of Newark, Del., received of the St. Ignatius Distinguished Alumni Award that recognizes a graduate who exemplifies the Jesuit ideals of extraordinary competence and personal compassion in one's chosen profession. Kerrane is an English professor at the University of Delaware, where he teaches journalism, drama and Irish studies.
- + **Patrick "PJ" Reindel '02** of Wheeling received the Rev. Pedro Arrupe S.J. Distinguished Alumni Award for living a life in service to others. Reindel serves as the director the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center in Wheeling, where he oversees a shelter for the homeless, a feeding program, emergency assistance programs and community center.



Fr. O'Brien enjoys Alumni Weekend

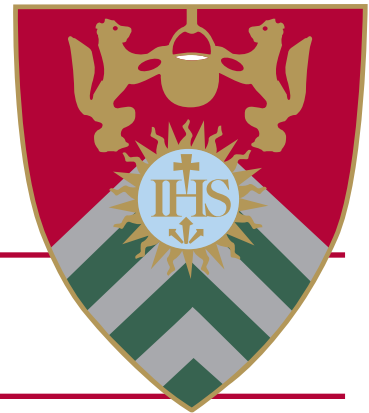


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Jesuit hosts

2012

honored with MAGIS Award



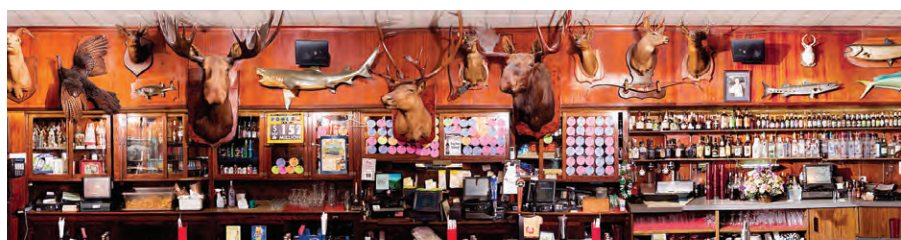
The Class of '62 celebrates their golden anniversary



Above:
Distinguished
alumni P.J. Reindel
'02 and Kevin
Kerrane '62.




Cherese Meadows
Lee '97 received
this year's O'Brien
award.



Alumni Weekend 2012

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- + **Jerry Schroer '86** of Canton, Ohio, was honored with the Rev. Clifford M. Lewis, S.J. Award. The award recognizes extraordinary service, contribution and dedication to Wheeling Jesuit University in the spirit of one of the University's founding Jesuits, Father Lewis, a true "person for others." This is the highest honor presented by the Alumni Council. For more than a year, Schroer has been a driving force in reconnecting Wheeling Jesuit's admissions office with high schools in the Akron, Canton and Cleveland areas. In addition, he has worked with the alumni and admission offices to help build a new program, Alumni in Recruitment (AIR).
- + **Cherese (Meadows) Lee '97** received the Rev. James A. O'Brien Award, which recognizes young alumni who manifest a growing competence and personal compassion and who exhibit strength and promise in areas reflecting WJU's mission of educating men and women for life, leadership and service to others. In 2006, Lee founded the Luke Lee Listening and Language Lab at Marshall University, which provides free services to children with profound hearing loss. Lee, whose son Luke was born deaf and has two cochlear implants, made it her mission to bring services to children with hearing problems.

In addition to the Saturday evening awards dinner, alumni had the opportunity to reconnect with classmates at various reunion events throughout the weekend. Campus tours, several lectures and an alumni mass were held. Mark your calendar for next year's Alumni Weekend, June 21-23, 2013. 



Alumni enjoy Friday night's dinner provided by the Alpha.



Marie (Somera) Bowman '05 and future Cardinal Austin Bowman.



Katie McDonald '07, Kelly Riedel '07, Stacy Keller '09 and Jonathan Proto '08.



Grilling those Alpha burgers!



Carol Dunsworth '72 and Therese Catt '72.



Jerry Schroer '86, recipient of the Lewis Award.

WJU Hall of Honor

WJU reunion classes select 10 of their peers for induction in the Hall of Honor during Alumni Weekend. Created by the University's Alumni Council, the Hall of Honor provides alumni with a voice to recognize former classmates, faculty and staff for his or her contributions to their profession, society and the greater WJU community.

The 2012 inductees were:

- + DR. PAUL ORR**
professor emeritus of English,
inducted by class of '62
- + JAMES DIPIERO '67**
Pittsburgh
- + JAMES FARNAN '72**
Lafayette, Co.
- + MARILOU (GROSS) DOUGHTY '77**
Jeffersonville, Pa.
- + MICHAEL MONAHAN '82**
Dallas, Ga.
- + MARK ZITTLE '87**
Washington, D.C.
- + REV. WALTER BUCKIUS, S.J.**
Former administrator
inducted by class of '92
- + MARY BOWMAN '97**
Morgantown, W.Va.
- + G. BRADY BUTLER '02**
Canonsburg, Pa.
- + SARA BROWN '07**
Farmington, W.Va.

It's all about family for the Florias



Michael Probert, Bill Floria, Jr. '84, Bill Floria '64, Joey Probert '11 and Stephen Probert.

For the Florias, Wheeling Jesuit University is a family affair.

After Bill Floria, Sr., graduated from Wheeling College in 1964, he hoped one of his children would follow in his footsteps. He had no idea that he would not only have a son, Bill Floria, Jr. '84, attend, but three grandsons, Joey '11, Michael and Stephen Probert.

Wheeling Jesuit has a history of alumni legacies. The Glenns, Carrigans, Santers, DiPieros and Shahadys are just a few examples of families who sent multiple members and generations to the University.

For the elder Floria, he was quite proud when his son, Bill, graduated from Wheeling College in 1984. Little did he realize that wasn't the end of funneling family members to Wheeling from Frederick, Md.

"I was excited when my nephew, Joey (Probert), announced he was attending Wheeling. When his brother, Michael, followed suit, that

made me feel even better, and when Stephen made his decision to attend — well that was the trifecta," said Bill Floria, Jr.

In the fall, the three Proberts will be enrolled as students at WJU — Joey, in his second year of the physical therapy program, Michael, a junior athletic training major and Stephen will be a freshman.

"I'm tremendously proud of them. These are three wonderful boys who will get a lot from Wheeling and will give back a lot too," said Floria, Sr.

The brothers agree that there was no pressure to attend Wheeling Jesuit. "They didn't pressure us, but they didn't want us to overlook Jesuit either. And, Pop Pop made sure I didn't overlook it," said Joey Probert.

When Michael Probert was exploring colleges, he admits, "I was looking for somewhere like Wheeling Jesuit. I found I couldn't find anywhere else like it, so I decided I should go there."


The youngest Probert brother, Stephen, admits looking around at other colleges for a place similar to Wheeling Jesuit too. "When I narrowed down my choices, I found Wheeling Jesuit was the right place for me. I felt welcomed," he explained.

The brothers admit its fun hearing their grandfather and uncle tell stories about what Wheeling College was like in the

1960s and 1980s. "It's hard to believe my grandfather lived in Swint Hall and that Donahue was the only academic building back then," said Michael Probert.

One thing each family member agrees on about Wheeling Jesuit — the feeling of being a part of a family still remains.

Bill Floria, Jr. said over the years he's shared stories about Last Blast and life in the dorms. "These traditions are still at the core of what Wheeling is about. The physical campus has changed, but the heart of the campus — that feeling of family — is still the same today."

Bill Floria, Sr. added, "The beauty of Wheeling Jesuit is that you always feel like you get a hug when you are there or with members of the community. You don't get that same feeling other places." 

WJU holds first Alumni Scholar in Residence presentation

Four days of in class discussion and a public forum highlighted the first Alumni Scholar in Residence presentation held last November.

Dr. Ed Shahady '60 served as the first Alumni Scholar in Residence and presented talks to several health science classes as a visiting professor for a week. In a public forum attended by 70 alumni, friends and students, Shahady spoke on "The Current State of Health Care (Health Care Reform)."

The new Alumni Scholar in Residence Program was born from the alumni association's 50-Year Club and began with the assistance of Academic Vice President Dr. Stephen Stahl, University Vice President Rev. James Fleming, S.J., and Alumni Director Kelly Klubert. All expenses incurred by the alumni scholar are donated, as a gift, to their alma mater.

"We are very grateful to Ed and to all our 50-Year Club alumni, who have supported this new learning initiative. Our distinguished alumni are valuable to the University and our students, faculty and the entire community. We will all benefit from this new program," said Fleming.

Shahady, a family physician, graduated from Wheeling Jesuit in 1960 and went on to earn his medical degree at West Virginia University. Shahady is board-certified in family medicine and clinical lipidology.

Shahady has contributed more than 180 scientific articles and five books. He serves on the editorial boards of Consultant, Pediatric Consultant, and the Journal of Clinical Lipidology. Shahady entered academic medicine in 1976 and has been a professor of Family Medicine at the Universities of North Carolina, Florida, Miami and Florida State. His current academic appointments include clinical professor of Family Medicine at the University of Miami and University of Florida.

Now semi-retired, Shahady serves as medical director of the Florida Academy of Family Physicians Foundation Diabetes Master Clinician Program. 🏛️



Ed Shahady '60 talks with students at the first Alumni Scholar in Residence presentation.

Pictorial history book of Wheeling Jesuit available

A pictorial history of Wheeling Jesuit University is now available to alumni and history buffs alike thanks to the efforts of Dr. Joseph Laker, professor emeritus.

"I hope that alumni, students, faculty, staff and those interested in history will find this pictorial story of Wheeling Jesuit University and how it has grown and changed during the past half-century, both enjoyable and informative," he said.


"The theme of this book is community. The transformation of Wheeling College, a small liberal arts institution at its founding, into today's Wheeling Jesuit University. The story is illustrated by pictures, documents and commentary," Laker said. "Many alumni, faculty and others shared their favorite photos with me to make this book happen. I thank them."

Chapter titles include: Bishops, Presidents and Founders; Environment of an Academic Community; The Academic Program; Student Life on Campus; Sporting Life and Students; and The Alumni.

Laker taught history at Wheeling Jesuit from 1974 to 2009. He reviewed thousands of photographs and chose more than 200 images to illustrate the history of the school from its founding in 1954 to the present.

The 128-page paperback is now available through the Office of Institutional Advancement by calling 1-800-888-2586 or advancement@wju.edu. The cost is \$26, which includes shipping and handling.

Those giving a gift of \$100 or more to the University will receive a signed copy of the book. (Please note that for gifts of \$100 or more, \$26 will be deducted for the cost of

the book and the remaining balance will be a donation to the University's Annual Fund.) 



Professor Emeritus Dr. Joseph Laker looks over his pictorial history book of WJU.

Don Benson '92 named OSU College of Medicine 'Professor of the Year'



Don Benson '92

Dr. Don Benson, WJU class of 1992, was named The Ohio State University College of Medicine 2012 Professor of the Year.

Benson was selected for this honor by the 2012 graduating class. Through his work in the department of hematology, Benson was not only a great teacher, but reached out to the students in a caring and friendly way.

In the words of the 2012 Student Council, Benson's "passion for his work, excellent teaching, and kindness to us will be well remembered."

He joined the group of familiar portraits in Meiling Hall (previous POYs) and was featured as the keynote speaker for the class of 2012 Hooding Ceremony on June 7.

Benson earned a Bachelor of Arts in psychology at Wheeling Jesuit. He was a Laut Scholar. His wife, Laura (England) Benson '93, as well as his parents, Donald and Rosemary Benson, '61 and '62 respectively, also are WJU alumni. 🏡

Alumna Rhonda K. Davis '99 honored with community service award

Wheeling Jesuit alumna Rhonda Davis '99 was given the Distinguished Community Service Award by the Boy Scouts of America in the Little Kanawha District of West Virginia.

The Distinguished Community Service Award Dinner was established in 1989 to raise funds for scouting activities and to honor a member of our community who stands apart from the rest and reflects the values of the BSA.

Davis is an outstanding member of our community and reflects a high standard of values worthy of being associated with the BSA.

She is the marketing and public relations director of Jackson General Hospital as well as an instructor at WVU-Parkersburg.

Davis passion for giving back to her community can be seen in her commitment to bring youth-based events to her community. Along with family and friends, she coordinated Project Celebration, to give youth an alternative way to celebrate New Years Eve. Davis serves as the 5th Circuit Teen Court Coordinator, and was instrumental in the formation of the Jackson County Anti-Drug Coalition. She also volunteers for the Jackson County FRN & PRC and the WV Underage Drinking Council National Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America. 🏡

Alumnus Domenic Marzano '06 named first head coach for lacrosse at Wilmington

Wheeling Jesuit University alumnus Domenic Marzano '06 is the new head men's lacrosse coach at Wilmington College.

Marzano will be the first-ever lacrosse coach at Wilmington, when it begins its inaugural season in the spring of 2013.

"He was a standout player at WJU and has had success in coaching everywhere he's been. Dom will do a great job starting Wilmington's program from the ground up. We wish him all the best as he begins the building process," said Jay Sothoron, Wheeling Jesuit's head men's lacrosse coach.

Marzano was a four-year starter at Wheeling Jesuit University. He was an assistant coach at Hilliard Davidson High from 2008 to 2009 and has been head boy's lacrosse coach at Hilliard Bradley High School since 2009. He has been an assistant coach for the Ohio Wesleyan University men's team since 2011 and has been head coach for Titanium Lacrosse summer recruiting team since 2008. 🏡

Alumna now leads Georgia College volleyball program

The Georgia College Athletic Department has named Wheeling Jesuit alumna Gretchen Krumdieck '03 the head coach of the newly-established volleyball program. Krumdieck came to the Milledgeville campus after three seasons as the assistant coach of the women's volleyball program at Division I Davidson College.

"We are thrilled that Gretchen Krumdieck has decided to lead our volleyball program at Georgia College," said Athletic Director Wendell Staton. "She has proven herself as an outstanding assistant coach with tremendous integrity ... Gretchen brings a great value system, tremendous energy, professionalism and attention to detail to our University. We

look forward to her beginning the legacy of Bobcat volleyball."

Krumdieck spent three seasons as the assistant coach for the Wildcats. During the 2010 campaign, she stepped in as interim head coach and led the team to a 16-18 record and fourth place finish in the South Division of the Southern Conference. Prior to Davidson, Krumdieck served as the assistant coach at the University of Buffalo in 2009 and spent the 2007-08 seasons at High Point University. She helped lead the Panthers to a 24-7 record in 2007, finishing third in the Big South Conference.

Krumdieck earned a Bachelor of Arts in elementary education from Wheeling Jesuit University. While

a student, she played volleyball and helped lead the Lady Cards to two West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) regular-season championships and an appearance in the NCAA Division

II Tournament. In 2000, Krumdieck was named WVIAC Player of the Year, WVIAC Tournament MVP, AVCA Great Lakes Region All-Region team and AVCA All-American Honorable Mention honoree. 



Gretchen Krumdieck

David Lisi '04 signs to play pro lacrosse




David Lisi '04

David Lisi '04 signed a professional lacrosse contract with the Kentucky Stickhorses of the North American Lacrosse League.

Lisi earned his Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice at Wheeling Jesuit and played on the Cardinals varsity lacrosse team.

"My true passion is teaching the game the right way," said Lisi. "This is the fastest growing sport in the U.S. and sometimes the integrity of the game can get lost. I want to preserve that integrity. I've learned a lot about myself and about the sport from playing box lacrosse with Native

Americans. I've also achieved a lifelong dream of playing with outstanding teammates and for a great organization. My goal is to help young players reach their full potential and get as much out of lacrosse as I have. Playing professionally will help give me a platform."

The 31-year-old Lisi has been playing lacrosse for more than 21 years, both nationally and internationally. His full-time job is with the Northern Edge Lacrosse organization, which holds skill development camps, leagues, tournaments and teams in the Midwest for K-12 grades. 

George E. Andrews Jr. '85 selected president of Mount St. Joseph High, Baltimore

George E. Andrews, Jr. '85 is the new president of Mount St. Joseph High School in Baltimore.

Andrews most recently served as the principal at York Catholic High School, a post that he held for 14 years and before that he served 11 years at Mount St. Joseph.

Andrews earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in history at Wheeling Jesuit.

Andrews succeeds the late Brother James Kelly who was a mentor and friend to Andrews. Brother James approached Andrews about the position prior to his death and fully endorsed Andrews' appointment as president.

"It is daunting for me to provide service as president after such a great leader. I truly feel I've been called back to this community to do what I can for the mission of the school," said Andrews.

He added, "It was very difficult for me to leave York Catholic High School and I feel truly blessed to have been given the opportunity to serve the school. The students and faculty of York Catholic are generating outstanding SAT and AP scores, the campus is in good shape with a recent Energy Star rating of 94, and no major work is necessary to the structural plant in the near future.



George Andrews '85

Financially, the school remains in good standing for the present and foreseeable future." 🏡

ALUMNOTES

1960

Carolyn Cannon is secretary of the WJU 50-Year Club.

Rev. Joseph Doyle, SSJ works at St. Augustine High School in New Orleans.

1962

Isabel-Lee Malone is board certified trainer in drama therapy and works at the Renfrew Center in Philadelphia.

1964

Mack Hill and his spouse, **Deanne (Aigner)**, reside in Worcester, MA. He was inducted into the Worcester State University Athletic Hall of Fame.

Howard Korth and his spouse, **Lenore (Gillin '65)**, reside in Newton Square, PA. He works for Advent Electric Company.

Jim Smith was named one of Maryland's five most influential Democrats. He joined the law firm of Smith, Gildea & Schmidt.

1965

Larry Albanese works for the Ohio Department of Education.

1966

Lillian (Gangwere) Cale and her spouse, **David '86**, reside in Uniontown, PA. She is employed by Laurel Caverns and he is a professor at WVU.

Rosemary (Peranteau) McCarthy works for the Marple Newtown School District (PA).

Sr. Marguerite O'Brien, CSJ, is a member of the Congregation of St. Joseph in Wheeling.

Tom Scales is executive director of VOICE Today, Inc. and was the recipient of the Unsung Hero Award from Saving our Children and Families.

Mary Elizabeth (Maloney) Spittler works part-time at Calvert Memorial Hospital (MD).

1967

Elizabeth (Strauss) Gates works for HGO Technologies, Inc. in Wheeling.

CHAPTER NEWS — PITTSBURGH

The Pittsburgh Alumni group continues to meet monthly at Bados Pizza in Mt. Lebanon. Each second Thursday of the month, alumni of all ages gather to share stories and network. **Ian '04** and **Toni '04 (Moran) Wilson**, organizers of the monthly get together, encourage all WJU alums in the Pittsburgh and Washington areas to attend the monthly social.

The Pittsburgh Alumni hosted its annual holiday party in December at Tambellini's Restaurant in downtown Pittsburgh. Nearly 50 alumni joined President and Mrs. Beyer, Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J. and representatives from enrollment management for an evening of great food and conversation.



Robert Theobald is professor and chair at A.T. Still University - KCOM. He was awarded the Kirksville Osteopathic Alumni Assoc. Living Tribute Award.

1968

Rosanna Coffey works for Thompson Reuters.

Derrick Latos is a physician with Nephrology Associates in Wheeling.

Arthur Moren teaches physics to seniors at LaSalle High School (OH).

1969

Bob Sharpenberg is the 2012 president of the Georgia Senior Golfers Association.

1970

Veronica (Domsic) Riffle is a chemistry instructor at the International School of Prague.

1971

Sr. Kathleen Durkin, CSJ is a member of the leadership team of Congregation of St. Joseph in Wheeling.

Rube Felicelli is an associate broker with Telluride Real Estate Corp.

Rich Ivaun works for Arcelor Mittal (WV).

1972

Patrick Gannon is a self-employed attorney in the Cleveland area.

Joseph Ruhl is senior principle systems engineer for Elbit Systems of America.

Jeanne Sharpe is employed by New Britain Chiropractic.

Edie (Plunkett) Turna is a major gifts officer at Emmanuel College (NJ).

1973

Alfreda Antonucci works for Aidan Montessori School.

John Mulvey is auditor-financial representative for General Electric (MD).

Patrick Muth is employed with Travelers Insurance Company.

Mary (Rosenberg) Prunchak teaches English literature at Hayfield Secondary School in Fairfax Co., Virginia.

1974

Cecilia Neville works for Southern Trust Mortgage LLC (MD).

1975

Cynthia (Kanick) Burke is employed at Sherrard Middle School (WV). She received the Presidential Award for Excellence in mathematics and science teaching.

Lyn (Huber) Crouse is the new director of the Elyria (PA) Public Library System.

Maureen Hogan works for Pittsburgh Partnership for Neighborhood Development.

John Supan is employed by Louisiana State University.

1976

Victoria Casey is a self-employed psychologist.

William Hunter and his spouse, **Gigi (Emmerth) '77**, reside in Summerville, SC. He is retired and she works at Charles Towne Montessori School.

Michael Murkley is the regional account manager for Comcast Spotlight.

1977

Randy Clark is a resolution assistance contractor for the FDIC.

Marilou (Gross) Doughty works for the Montgomery Co. (PA) Office of Children & Youth.

Kevin Foy is associate attorney with Zauner & Associates, P.A.

1978

James Douglas is employed by ADP.

1979

David Ellwood and his spouse, **Dixie (Durig)**, reside in Wheeling. He works for WesBanco Trust & Investment Services.

Bridget (Link) Lampert is managing director of National Institute of Health.

1980

Timothy Merimee a senior special agent with DEA, has been assigned to Afghanistan since 2009.

Paul Mulholland and his spouse, **Michelle (Morgenweck)**, reside in Haverford, PA. They are owners of Mulholland and Co., LLC.

George O'Donnell is a purchasing agent with Chispanic Enterprises.

Marilyn Perhacs is employed by Weirton (WV) Medical Center.

Gregory Pittner is co-owner of Caring Companies of the Upper Ohio Valley.

1981

Leigh (Arslain) Kademenos is a pediatrics triage nurse with the Ohio Center For Pediatrics.

1982

Marguerite (Hogan) Fritsch and her spouse, Kevan, reside in Drexel Hill, PA. She is a nurse manager in the NICU at Dupont Hospital for Children.

Lisa Kay Rhodes George is employed by R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

Mary O'Leary is an adult program director with the Cattaraugus County (NY).

1983

Peggy (Knuth) Ferguson is employed by West Liberty University.

Robert Hicks a technology specialist with the Seeing Hand Association, Inc. in Wheeling.

CHAPTER NEWS — CLEVELAND

Alumni in the Cleveland area have gotten together for three events in the past year. A fall social at the House of Blues in downtown attracted 30 alumni. President Richard Beyer was on hand to give an update. Fathers Jim O'Brien and Jim Fleming also attended the October 27 social, along with Vice President for Enrollment Larry Vallar and Admissions recruiter Jill Nizan '09.

Several alumni attended the Wheeling Jesuit women's basketball game against Lake Erie in November. Nearly 30 alumni attended the Spring alumni social in Garfield Heights. Fathers Jim O'Brien and Jim Fleming updated alumni on happenings at their *alma mater*.



Robert Wade and spouse, **Donna (Simmons)**, reside in Carlisle, PA. He is attending the United States Army War College.

1984

Chris Conley is employed by St. Clair Hospital (PA).

Kitty Jo Lloyd is employed by Ormet.

Bill Floria is a senior information assurance analyst/engineer CACI. He received the first John A. Martin Lacrosse Officiating Award offered by the state of Maryland.

1985

Celeste (Trainor) Kiss is employed by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Maureen Nash is medical director with Tuality Healthcare. She was selected a 2012 Top Doctor in Psychiatry by Portland Monthly.

Thomas G. Roddy and Katherine J. Sanford were married on Sept. 3, 2011. WJU graduates in attendance were, **William Barrett '85**, **John Bonfils '86**, **Jack Hill '84**, **Kate Carrigan '84**, **Anthony Eisel '86**, **Drew Deering '88**, **Bernard McCabe '89**, **John Kelly '88**, **Jon Triandafilou '87**, **Gerald Schroer '86** and **Jerry Sullivan '85**.

1986

Peter Flynn and his spouse, **Sherri (Black)**, reside in Leesburg, VA. He is employed by the US Navy.

1987

Alums at the Roddy-Sanford Wedding



James Jorden is a regional director for Glaxo-Smith Kline Pharmaceuticals and a member of the Ohio Co. (WV) Board of Education.

Laraine (Dunst) Rasmussen is director, nursing education & staff development for St. Charles Hospital.

Alice (Keating) White is vice president human resources for Allergan.

Mark Zittle was ordained as a Carmelite priest on May 14. Several members of the WJU community were on hand for his ordination.



Mark Zittle

1988

Stephanie Kennedy is employed with West Virginia University.

Steve Simpkins and **Kathleen Linton** were married Nov. 25, 2011.

1989

Bob Knott is senior managing director of strategic communications for FTI Consulting in Washington, DC.

1990

Laura (Hoehl) Weinreb is employed with State Farm Insurance.

Commander Tom Welsh, JAGC, USN, has been selected for promotion to the rank of Captain.

1992

Joseph Askar is an attorney and chief county solicitor for Beaver County (PA).

Christopher Lombardi and his spouse, **Laura (Schoaff) '94**, reside in Miramar, FL with their five children. He is a lieutenant colonel in US Army SOUTHCOM and she is nurse with Memorial Hospital West.

Paul Odell is employed by Triumph of the Cross Cathedral in Steubenville, OH and First Presbyterian Church in Mingo Junction, OH.

Candia (Abel) Riddle works for Ohio County (WV) Schools.

Andrea (Allen) Ross is a nurse with Crestview Manor.

Brian Trischler is employed with Costanzo and Associates, PLLC in Wheeling.

1993

Tina Costain is project manager of RGC, Inc.

Jerome Ferrara is sales manager at Netbiscuits, Inc.

Kara (Wolf) Kennedy is employed with the Bradford (PA) Area Chamber of Commerce.

Melissa (Gregg) Mitchell is special projects coordinator for Wedgewood Family Practice & Psychiatry Assoc., Inc.

1994

Dan Devine is senior sales trainer for First Data Corporation.

Laura Garcia is an associate professor Washington State (WV) Community College.

Debi Gasvoda is lead early educator at the Las Vegas Day School.

John Zoeckler is a corporate claims attorney for Progressive Insurance.

1995

John Gallagher and his spouse, **Paulette (King)**, reside in Apex, NC. He is pricing manager for Dialog, LLC. and has been instrumental in creating the WJU NC Triangle Alumni Chapter.

Charlene Starr is self employed – Autism Assistance Service.

1996

Paul Daly is a teacher and certified school counselor at Frederick County (MD) Schools.

Hope (Sacco) Coffield is a program manager at Wheeling Jesuit University.

Daniel Garvick is a special agent with the FBI.

Darla (Kaczmarek) Osaba is a nurse anesthetist employed with the VA Medical Center in Pittsburgh.

1997

Nancy (Otte) Cunningham works for WesBanco Bank, Inc.

Teresa (Hohman) Kasel is a trial lawyer with The Hanover Law Group.

Jennifer (Scot) Santos is executive secretary for the division chief for the USAF at the Pentagon.

Sharon Berry works for WVU Hospitals.

1998

Michael Heinecke and his spouse **Karie (Berbach) '97**, reside in Waltham, MA with their two children. He is program manager in the home robots division at iRobot.

Cam Twarog is director of clinical education for WJU's respiratory therapy department.

1999

Paula (Brafchak) Amundson is a major and health care administrator for the US Army.

Tiffany (Jewett) Beaver is an accountant with Nexeco Solutions, LLC.

Michelle (Thompson) Bieniek teaches Spanish at John Marshall (WV) High School.

Rhonda Davis is director of marketing and public relations at Jackson General (WV) Hospital.

Jamie Norton and his spouse, **Bobbi (Feher) '00**, reside in Arnold, MD with their three children. He is key account manager with Clear Channel Media & Entertainment.

2000

Nancy Cardone is a business development manager and ISO internal auditor with Confluent Translations in Pittsburgh.

Carrie Chisholm is associate director, digital productions at Carnegie Mellon University.

Donald Megert works for Eastern Hardwoods (WV). He is on the board of directors for ERCC, a provider of short and long term care and rehabilitation services.

Tony Nieto is the regional manager of Delaware County Bank & Trust and is the assistant lacrosse coach at Westerville (OH) South High School.

2001

Kristy (Doyle) Buyok is pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church (OH).

Stacey Copley is nuclear medicine education program director at The Wexner Medical Center.

CHAPTER NEWS —BALTIMORE

Board Chair **Mimie (O'Hara) Helm '84** hosted a reception for President **Richard Beyer** at her home in suburban Baltimore. Alumni of all ages were on hand to hear President Beyer's update on progress made at WJU. Fr. **Jim Fleming, S.J.**, as well as former WJU President, Fr. **Charles Currie, S.J.** was at the reception. Helm plans to host another reception this coming January and hopes that an even larger group attends.



CHAPTER NEWS — NEW YORK

Nearly 30 alumni from the greater New York area were on hand at the Public House restaurant for the annual March chapter social in the Big Apple. Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J. gave an update on happenings around campus. Kim Klaus, director of undergraduate admissions, and Kristin Laing, admissions recruiter for New York, talked about new processes in the enrollment office and explained ways in which alumni could help with recruitment in their areas.



Justin Korona and his spouse, **Mollie (Keller) '03**, reside in New Stanton, PA with their son. He is a math and physics teacher at Elizabeth Forward High School.

Mark Jennings is assistant vice president at LOM Securities (Bermuda) Limited.

Annmarie (Dorich) Macaraeg is special investigator for the Department of State, Diplomatic Security Service.

Ryan Schumacher works for WesBanco in Wheeling.

Shawn Valenta is assistant manager of respiratory care at Medical University of South Carolina.

2002

Michael Clark works for Pearson as an associate research scientist in Tulsa, OK.

Shannon (Bonenberger) Cuniak is an outreach consultant at The Ohio State School for the Blind and an adjunct faculty instructor with The Ohio State University orientation and mobility program.

John Hornyak is an instructional designer for Johns Hopkins School of Nursing.

Natalie Koler graduated from the physician assistant program at Chatham University and is the assistant track & field coach at St. Joseph Academy.

Tess Landgraff is an environmental scientist with GEI Consultants, Inc.

Amy (Criniti) Phillips is a visiting assistant professor of English and director of Student Success at WJU.

James Puglisi is associate director of campus ministry at St. Edward's University (TX).

Brandi (Underwood) Reinacher is a fourth grade teacher at St. Paul's School (WV).

Melissa Lynn (Arnold) Rhoads is an attorney with Tighe & Cottrell, P.A.

Lisa (Traynor) Richardson is an ICU nurse at The Ohio State University Medical Center.

Mark Rodenhauser is senior software developer/team leader with Gexa Energy, LP.

Chris Salvatore is a teacher at St. Vincent-St. Mary High School (OH).

Ben Smeiles and his spouse, **Jamie (Frank)**, reside in Akron, OH. Ben works for Babcock & Wilcox.

James Tebbetts is owner of Jim's Country Store in Front Royal (VA).

2003

Debbie (Hott) Day is special education teacher with Frederick Co. (MD) Public Schools.

Rebecca (McCumbers) Flavin is a lecturer in political science at Baylor University.

Colleen Gavaghan is an employee benefits consultant at PAYCHEX, Inc.

Justin Hershberger and his spouse, **Shaunna (Dunder) '96**, reside in Wheeling. He is an attorney with Rawle & Henderson and she is lifestyles editor for *The Times Leader*.

Allison (Templin) Lamperski and her spouse, Justin, reside in Menlo Park, CA. She joint nurse educator with by Palo Alto Medical Foundation.

Tara (Rohde) Hoelscher is an OCN staff nurse at The Ohio State University James Cancer Hospital.

Michael Hoops is a chemistry professor at Wabash College (IN).



CHAPTER NEWS — OHIO VALLEY

Two winter receptions were held for alumni in the Wheeling area. Alumni young and old welcomed the holiday season at the annual Ohio Valley Holiday Party. Alumni and future Cardinals were on hand to meet Santa Claus and attend the River City Brass performance on campus. More than 50 alumni attended the reception and musical performance.

Ohio Valley alumni welcomed back former basketball players in February. More than 45 alumni watched the Cardinals play Bluefield State and then attended a reception. The chapter is planning several events in the fall for alumni. Check your email for dates and times of upcoming activities.

Alicia Huffman is a physical therapist at HealthSouth in Huntington.

Amy Jennings is employed with Controlled Climate Systems, Inc.

Justin Julian is a relationship manager/VP for JPMorgan Chase.

Frank Kaesser is a software engineer with Hurlburt AFB.

Carina (Toselli) Kaufmann works in the insurance regulation dept. at Securities and Insurance Superintendence.

Brenda Keefer is a family nurse practitioner at Charleston Area (WV) Medical Center. She was the recipient of the WV Center of Excellence Award in Nursing.

Kristen (Lavrinc) Kulakowski is a French teacher at Bishop Canevin High School (PA).

Candace Levitsky works for the U.S. Courts in Clarksburg.

Ty Lollini works for The McKeen Group.

Matthew Murray and his spouse, **Julie (Sabo)**, reside in Dublin, OH. He is an accountant for American Electric Power and she is a middle school math teacher at Hamilton (OH) Local Schools.

Kevin Tait is a respiratory therapist for Flight For Life Colorado/Children's Hospital Colorado.

Justin Zehnder is a revenue examiner for the Alabama Department of Revenue.

2004

Charmaine Jackson works for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Kristin (Gavin) Kunkle is communications manager for UPMC's regional and national marketing dept.

Christine Lane is assistant controller for Aramark at CONSOL Energy Center in Pittsburgh.

Jennifer (Lahner) McCrum is a nuclear medicine/PET

technologist at University of Maryland Medical Center.

Christina Richey received a doctorate in physics from the University of Alabama in May 2011. She was awarded a NASA Postdoctoral Program Fellowship through Oak Ridge Associated Universities at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, and is working with the OPASI-T team on measuring the optical properties of dust analogs.

Mary Robbins is a fellow, department of Neonatology at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH.

2005

Anna Desiree (Wheaton) Davis is staff physical therapist at Meritus Health.

Emilee Romano is program coordinator at Johns Hopkins University and a tax specialist for H&R Block.

Erin (Donovan) Spencer is a fourth grade teacher at Tallmadge City Schools.

Gregory Watson is campaign finance specialist with the WV Secretary of State's Office.

Annette (Vingia) White is an accountant at Williams Lea.

2006

Michael Fink is a faculty member, head lacrosse coach and asst. football coach at Cleveland Benedictine HS.

Pete Harlan is a chemical & biological defense consultant with Kalman & Company in Alexandria, VA.

Bridget Harrison is a legislative aide to Ohio Rep. Mike Duffey.

CHAPTER NEWS — PHILADELPHIA

More than 75 alumni golfed in the 2011 Pieco Open. The annual golf outing serves as a fundraiser to the chapter's scholarship fund. The Chapter has awarded its scholarship this year to Wardell Ham-Gadson, an incoming freshman from St. Joseph's Prep who plans to play rugby at WJU.

Martha (Buckley) Shield '64 and her husband Jim once again hosted the annual Post Holiday Party in January. President Beyer and his wife, Cindy, along with Fr. Jim Fleming, S.J. and Admissions recruiter for Philadelphia, Kristin Laing were on hand to meet the 30 alumni in attendance. The Chapter presented President Beyer with a \$4,000 gift to be placed in its endowed scholarship fund.



Troy Krupica and his spouse, **Lauren (Twigg) '08**, reside in Morgantown. He is an internal medicine resident at Ruby Memorial Hospital and chief resident for 2013-2014. She works as an attorney for WVU.

Chris McCormick is a respiratory therapist at West Virginia University Hospital.

Eric Mena is a financial services representative for Fairmont Supply and owner of RIDDLEBOX Coffee and Stuff.

Christopher Ney is a physician assistant at Eastside Dermatology & Skin Care Center in Columbus, OH.

Jennifer Thomas is state auditor for the Ohio Auditor's Office and adjunct business professor at Wheeling Jesuit University.

Kevin Watson is attorney/law clerk for the WV Supreme Court of Appeals, 23rd Judicial Circuit.

Stephanie (Pauley) Wright is a physical therapist at Genesis Rehab.

2007

Joel Coley is pursuing a doctorate in applied physics at the University of Maryland Baltimore Co.

Jenna (Johnson) Coyne is a middle school special education teacher with Shadyside (OH) Local Schools.

Sarah (Mills) Ensinger works for Lifeline Hospital.

Hal Gorby is a graduate instructor at West Virginia University and a doctoral candidate in American History at WVU.

Shawn McIntosh is an account executive for the Phoenix Suns.

Danielle (Burkhart) Rosen is a family nurse practitioner and works for Wheeling Hospital in the intensive care unit.

Justin Wendling works for PricewaterhouseCoopers.

2008

Lionel Charles is CEO of Verve Financial.

Elizabeth Elias is employed by Felton & Felton, A.C.

Pradeep Nair works at the Harris Theater for Music & Dance.

Brittany (Paulus) Przelenski is an insurance agent with Francis J Paulus Insurance Agency.

Kevin Sikora works for the Office of Personnel Management/Office of Inspector General, PA.

2009

Megan (Richards) Aston is a staff nurse, critical care unit at Camden Clark Memorial Hospital.

Matt Ball works for Kalkreuth Roofing & Sheet Metal in Wheeling.

Leah Blazeski is an admissions counselor for West Virginia Wesleyan College.

Matthew Comer works for PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.

Jenna Derrico is assistant coordinator of caregiving ministries for Faith in Action Caregivers, Inc. in Wheeling.

Emily Howdywell is a phlebotomist at Tampa (FL) General Hospital.

Patricia (Glaser) Johnson is an advanced respiratory care practitioner at Duke University Hospital.

CHAPTER NEWS — WASHINGTON, D.C.

More than 70 alumni were on hand at the Dubliner Irish Pub in Washington, DC in April to honor Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J. for his 50 years of service to Wheeling Jesuit. Alumni from the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s and '00s packed the reception to hear from WJU's longest serving Jesuit. President Richard Beyer and his wife Cindy, as well as Vice President for Enrollment Larry Vallar and Admissions recruiter Chris Rouhier '11 were on hand. President Beyer recognized Fr. O'Brien

for his service to WJU and also gave a brief update on all the happenings at the University. Look for more details soon on the annual fall Mass at Gonzaga College High School.



Shena (Bryan) Koehler is a mineral title abstractor for Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC.

Justin Sabo works for Nationwide Insurance in Cleveland.

Mary Stein works for Crittenton Services, Inc. in Wheeling.

2010

John Dunbar is site coordinator for Taggart Global, LLC in Canonsburg, PA.

Benjamin Ellwood is a credit risk analyst at WesBanco in Wheeling.

Mike Jacques and Hanna Walker '11 were married Aug. 8, 2011.

Logan Wills is a law student at Capital University in Columbus.

2011

DaHee "Rosemary" Kim is assurance staff with Ernst and Young in Charleston.

Amanda Shatzer is a fourth grade teacher at Warm Springs Intermediate School (WV).

Andrew Skrabak is a staff accountant for OVMC in Wheeling.

Deaths

ALUMNI

Mark Bischof '74, spouse of WJU employee Janet Bischof, died Jan. 9, 2012.

Donald "Don" Childers '79, father of Ryan Childers '93 died Jan. 31, 2012.

Jeanne Christopher Davison '68 died Dec. 13, 2011

Michael L. DeMatte '59 died Sept. 18, 2011.

William Ellison '90 died Jan. 14, 2012.

James Keffler '60 died Aug. 17, 2011.

Katherine Kovacs Klettner '64, spouse of William "Bill" Klettner '64, died Febr. 29, 2012.

Lauren Margaret (Zoeckler) Leach '92 died Dec. 1, 2011.

Terri Lynn Bumba Martin '00, mother of **Miranda Jackson Rector '05**, died March 2, 2012.

Leeta Kay (Kedward) Meyers '97, mother of **Nicole Kedward '96**, died Aug. 9, 2011.

Debra Tassey Moses '74 died April 2, 2012.

Karen Roman '68 died Jan. 17, 2012.

Marilyn McCartney Renckly '74 died Nov. 23, 2011.

Mikel Mustachio '08, son-in-law of **Frank '81** and **Mimi (Ellis) '85 Hughes**, died July 6, 2011.

Daniel Francis Plant '68 died Sept. 21, 2011.

Larry Sharp '60, spouse of **Sally Stahl Sharp '60**, died April 16, 2012.

Holly Anne Steger-Archer died Dec. 27, 2011.

Francis "Frank" Treiber '60 died Sept. 15, 2011.

Mary Grace (Paltz) Van Nest '64 died Jan. 31, 2012.

John Weschler '79, brother of **William Weschler '74**, died Dec. 11, 2011.

FAMILY, STAFF & FRIENDS

Mary Agnes Miller Becker, mother of **Billy Becker '72**, died Nov. 7, 2011.

William J. Clancey, father of **Bob Clancey '85**, died Jan. 28, 2012.

Margaret Criswell, mother of **Steve Criswell '75** and mother-in-law of **Carol Criswell '74** and mother of **Dale Criswell '72** and mother-in-law of **Barbara Halsey Criswell '72**, died Feb. 21, 2012.

Marjorie Dalzell, mother of **David B. Dalzell, Jr. '86**, died Nov. 2, 2011.

Jack Descutner, father of **Joy Descutner '92**, died Nov. 24, 2011.

Sean P. Elerick, spouse of **Diane (Saffell) Elerick '97**, died Oct. 10, 2011.

Lawrence England, father of **Laura (England) Benson '93** and **Marc England '92** and father-in-law of **Don Benson '92**, died Nov. 3, 2011.

Charlotte Glynn Flynn, mother of **Peter Flynn '74**, died Jan. 13, 2012.

Debra Heslop, spouse of **James R. Heslop II '75**, died Nov. 3, 2011.

Fred Hess, father of **Fred Hess '73**, died March 21, 2012.

Robert C. Hutchings, father of **Robert W. Hutchings '73**, died March 17, 2012.

Zechariah T. Kostecke, infant son of **Matt '03** and **Olivia (Schilens) '03** died Nov. 13, 2011.

Antoinette Lally, mother of **Joanne Lally '82**, **Susie Lally Levitt '83**, and **Maureen Lally Martin '84** and brother-in-law of **Kevin Martin '85**, died Dec. 18, 2010.

Anthony Parento, brother of **Joanne Lally '82**, **Susie Lally Levitt '83**, and **Maureen Lally Martin '84** and brother-in-law of **Kevin Martin '85**, died Jan. 2, 2012.

Michael Maluk, father of **Zena Maluk Farkas '94** and father-in-law of **R. Luke Farkas '93**, died Feb. 25, 2012.

Winsome Parrish, mother of **Chantelle Parish '00**, died Oct. 4, 2011.

Linda Pearl, wife of **William Pearl '72**, died Oct. 6, 2011.

John L. Peranteau, father of **Larry Peranteau '68**, died Dec. 26, 2011.

Mona Marketta Miller Poland, mother of **Michele Poland '90**, died Sept. 14, 2011.

George Scheper, father of **Tom Scheper '72**, **Paul Scheper '75** and **Jim Scheper '85**, died Jan. 2012.

Rita Scheper, mother of **Tom Scheper '72**, **Paul Scheper '75** and **Jim Scheper '85**, died in October 2011.

Jeannie (Boehm) Splenda, mother of **Ryan Splenda '10**, died March 9, 2012.

Erin (Eddy) Stone, daughter of **Gerald Eddy '63** and **Judie (Saseen) Eddy '63**, died March 2, 2012.

Elizabeth Frances Klempa Strauss, mother of **Elizabeth Strauss Gates '67** and **Kathryn Strauss Lemmon '68**, died Jan. 8, 2012.

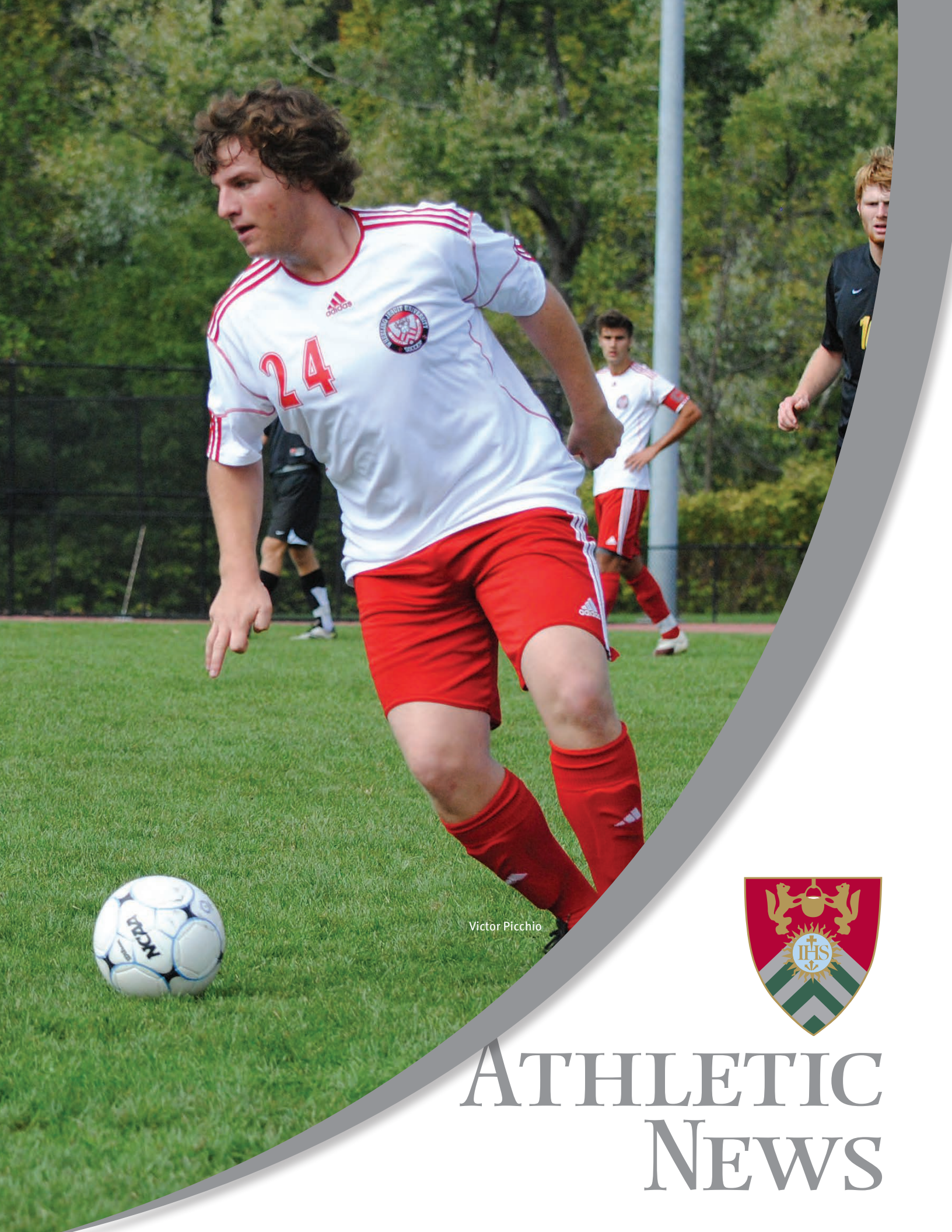
Albert Troiani, father of **Anna Marie Troiani '91**, died April 13, 2012.

Timothy Uhlik, brother of **Lynn (Uhlik) Novy '70**, died Dec. 21, 2011.

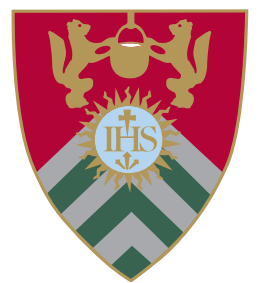
Margaret (Maggie) Vogrin, spouse of **Ronald Vogrin '63**, died July 18, 2011.

CHAPTER NEWS — NORTH CAROLINA

Thanks to the work of **John Gallagher '95**, alumni in central North Carolina have a chapter. In January, Gallagher held the chapter's first social in the Raleigh, Chapel Hill, Durham area where about a dozen alumni attended. Since the launch, the group has been hosting events every other month — from group outings to sporting events to socials. To learn more or to become involved, contact Gallagher at southside_johnny@hotmail.com.



Victor Picchio



ATHLETIC NEWS

Jesuit basketball reloads with outstanding 2012 recruiting class

Two of Ohio's best basketball players will be a part of the Cardinal basketball program in the fall.

According to Head Coach Danny Sancomb, the recruiting class, made up of 11 recruits, is led by Justin Fritts, the 2012 Ohio Mr. Basketball. The 6'1" guard from Mentor High School, is the school's second all-time scorer with 1,691 points. He guided the team to a 22-3 record and a regional finals appearance.

He was the second leading scorer in the state of Ohio, averaging 27.2 points a night. Fritts also averaged six rebounds, four assists, and four steals per game. Along with his Mr. Basketball accolade, he was named the Cleveland Plain Dealer Player of the Year, JJ Huddle First-Team All-State honor and was a participant in the Ohio North-South game.



Justin Fritts


Also signing with the Cards is Tim Goff, a 6'8" forward from Berkshire High School. He helped lead the team to the Ohio Elite Eight.

Goff averaged 19 points, 11 rebounds, and three blocked shots per game. He ended his career as Berkshire's all-time leading scorer with 1,465 points, top rebounder grabbing 834 miscues and best shot blocker with 228. He was named the state's Division III Player of the Year by the Ohio Basketball Coaches Association, the Chagrin Valley

Player of the Year, First-Team All-Northeast Ohio and JJ Huddle First-Team All-State. He also played in the Ohio North-South All-Star Game.

"We are extremely happy to have Justin and Tim commit to Wheeling Jesuit. I believe both will have great careers both on and off the court" said Sancomb. "Not only are they great players, but they're great people that understand the Wheeling Jesuit mission."

Sancomb continued, "Fritts is a 6'1" do-everything combo guard and Goff is a 6'8" forward that can play inside and out. They will fit in very nicely with how we play and both will have the opportunity to earn minutes right away."

Joining Fritts and Goff, are Eric Siefert, a 6'4" combo guard from Reynoldsburg, Ohio, Darin Harris, a 6'5" forward from Cincinnati power Mason High School, Alex Irvin, a 6'7" power forward from Northern Burlington High School, Samuel Peduto, a 6'1" guard, and his twin brother Joseph Peduto, a 6'0" guard from Quaker Valley High School, Cottrell Wise, a 6'4" forward from Westlake High School in Maryland, Rashaad Hargrave, a 5'9" point guard from National Christian Academy, Jacob Sisson, a 6'0" guard from Sissonville, W.Va. and Alex Bergen, a 6'6" forward from Cincinnati, Ohio, round out the recruiting class. 



Rugby returns to Wheeling Jesuit

After a long hiatus, rugby has returned to Wheeling Jesuit University.

With its renaissance, the program will operate as a varsity sport – one of only three in the country. Coach Eric Jerpe is recruiting a roster that will play its first match this fall. Matches against Georgetown, Boston College and Army, as well as teams in from the tri-state area are planned. The team also is planning an international tour during its 2013 season.

“We were impressed with the quality of the candidates who were interested in leading our rugby program,” said Danny Sancomb, director of Athletics. “The search committee believed Eric’s impressive experience in organizational leadership and coaching was a perfect combination for the position. Eric brings a proven record of success to our rugby program and we are very excited about his leadership.”

A resident of Pittsburgh, Jerpe comes to Wheeling Jesuit with experience as a player, coach and administrator. He played for 23 years as a member of the Division I Pittsburgh Harlequins, as well as the Excelsior Blues of New Zealand. He also has competed internationally – in South Africa, Argentina, England, Ireland and Wales. Jerpe has held head coaching positions at the University of Pittsburgh Carnegie Mellon University, Slippery Rock University, California University of Pennsylvania and the Collegiate Select Side of the Allegheny Rugby Union.



Rugby players Luke Titus and Patrick Callahan.

“I’m extremely pleased with the opportunity to lead Wheeling Jesuit’s rugby program,” Jerpe said. “The University’s choice to make rugby a varsity sport is a testament to its commitment to creating a great program.”

“Rugby is deeply rooted in the Wheeling Jesuit story, as well as the life of other Jesuit colleges and high schools across the country, indeed, around the world,” said President Richard Beyer. “I believe that Eric’s experience and leadership will

provide a solid foundation for success as we move forward to recruit outstanding student-athletes with our goal of building a nationally recognized program.”

Rugby began at WJU in 1967, with the Cards playing Notre Dame for its first-ever match. From 1967 to the late 1990s, the student-lead teams regularly played schools such as Penn State, Pittsburgh and The Ohio State University. In one of its most successful seasons, the WJU ruggers beat both Ohio State and Penn State. 



Wheeling Jesuit Athletics

Year in review


Six championships, two national playoff appearances and an NCAA Track and Field All-American

The Wheeling Jesuit University Athletic Department reached new heights of success this past year with teams participating in nine conference championships, which resulted in four titles and three NCAA post season appearances.

In addition to excelling in their chosen sport, Cardinal athletes made great strides in the classroom, compiling an overall 3.1 GPA.

WJU athletic teams made appearances in the NCAA Volleyball Elite Eight, NCAA Men's Basketball

Tournament round of 32 and the NCAA Track and Field Championships. Additionally, the women's golf team captured the WVIAC Women's Golf Championship by 22 strokes while the men's and women's swim teams captured the Appalachian Swimming Conference crowns.


In addition to all the team success, the Wheeling Jesuit athletic department added a new Web site, logo and mascot, while launching one new program in the spring – women's lacrosse. 

Year in Review: Fall Sports Roundup

CROSS COUNTRY

Stewart Jones named runner of the year

The men's and women's cross country teams added to the department's success with a pair of runner-up performances at the 2011 WVIAC Cross Country Championships. Junior Stewart Jones captured the WVIAC's Runner of the Year award with a first place finish, and Senior Dustin Hall finished second. Jones, Hall and Sophomore Luke Holubeck who finished ninth, earned All-WVIAC First-Team honors while Junior Russ Mulley, Junior Matt Mason and Senior Evan Bratcher claimed Second Team All-WVIAC awards.

Sophomore Jennifer McFarland and Junior Megan Truelove, who placed fifth and seventh, respectively, led the women. McFarland, Truelove and Junior Katie Balbier finished in the top 10, earning All-WVIAC First-Team honors while Sophomore Jessica Zimak secured Second-Team accolades. 



Stewart Jones



Jen McFarland

*Year in Review: Fall Sports Roundup***VOLLEYBALL****Lady Cardinals keep tournament streak alive**

Once again, the Lady Cardinal volleyball team dominated play in the WVIAC, capturing its third straight regular season title and fourth straight tournament title. The team captured the NCAA Division II Atlantic Region Championship and advanced to the NCAA's Elite Eight in San Bernadino, Calif., at the end of the season.

The 36-4 Lady Cardinals placed four players on the All-Region First-Team squad — Kristen Dubroy, Casey Gates, Jenna Pew, and Allissa Ware, while head coach Christy Benner earned Coach of the Year accolades.

The Wheeling Jesuit “fab four” led the Cardinals in nearly every statistical category.

Dubroy centered Jesuit's offense, despite battling several health issues during her senior campaign. In 123 matches, Dubroy tossed 987 assists to lead the Cardinals with 8.07 per game. The setter is also a staple in the Cardinal defense, ranking fourth in digs with 1.9 digs per game, 234 overall.

Last fall, Dubroy earned her first WVIAC post-season award when she was selected to the First-Team. In addition to the yearly awards, Dubroy was recognized on the All-WVIAC and All-Region tournament teams.

Joining Dubroy with All-Region honors was Gates. The sophomore made her presence known during the 2011 WVIAC Tournament. Gates garnered the tournament's MVP award as she led the Cardinals in kills, posting two double-doubles and compiling a .309 hitting percentage. She continued her dominance at the regional tournament registering double-doubles in all three matches. She led the team in kills (18) and digs (19). She earned All-Region Tournament honors and ranked second on the team in kills with 435 and 3.43 per game, while protecting the backline with a third-best 306 digs.

Pew ranked first in team blocks, hitting percentage and




service aces. The sophomore middle blocker averaged 1.13 blocks per game with 26 solo blocks and 123 block assists and contributed 1.16 digs per game (153 digs) to the defense. Offensively, Pew's 2.92 kills per game (385 kills), 3.14 assists per game (414 assists) and 37 aces solidified the Cardinals' offense.

As 2011 WVIAC Player of the Year, Ware was the catalyst that ignited the Cardinal offense, contributing 3.69 kills per game and amassing 506 kills. The junior outside hitter eclipsed 1,000 career kills as a third-year player.

Coach Benner also received the region's highest honor as 2011 WVIAC Coach of the Year. She received the honor in 2003, 2004, 2010 and 2011.

Coach Benner reached a career milestone during the 2011 season: since taking over the reins in 2002, she compiled 300 wins with an overall WVIAC record of 156-4.


In 10 seasons, the Cardinals went unbeaten in regular season play seven times, and claimed eight regular season championships and five WVIAC tournament titles. 

*Year in Review: Fall Sports Roundup***GOLF**

Women's team takes two major tournaments, men finish fourth

The women's golf team won WVIAC Championship and the WVIAC Southern Regional to claim two of the three major tournaments of the season. The Cardinals received outstanding play from all four individuals during both the fall and spring seasons. Sophomore Julie Hirauk led the charge at the WVIAC Championships, finishing one stroke behind the leader with a 152. Junior Erin Metzger navigated the Cardinals through the Southern Regional in dramatic fashion, claiming the crown in the third playoff hole shooting a 159. Junior Whitney Young and Sophomore Lauren Merholz contributed solid rounds to the Cardinals successful season.

Hirauk, Metzger and Young were named to the WVIAC's All-Conference team, while Merholz received Second-Team honors.

The men's golf team added five new faces and finished the season capturing fourth place at the Wheeling Jesuit Invitational in Moundsville, W.Va. Andrew Strobe led the way for the Cards with a two-day total of 154, tying for fifth overall. David Hartke and Bailey Warfield shot 158 and 161, respectively, while Kodi Peterson and Andrew Bozinowski shot 163 and 171. A second team of Cardinal golfers competed in the two-day event and was led by Jeff Becca, 180 and Garrett LaBrosse, 186. Jason Totty and Kevin Roy finished at 190 and 199. 



Julie Hirauk

SOCCER


Men's soccer team makes playoffs; three Lady Cards recognized

After a six-year drought, the Wheeling Jesuit men's soccer team played for a WVIAC Championship last fall. The Cardinals wrapped-up the 2011 season with a third-place finish in the WVIAC regular season standings at 5-2-2 and a second-place finish in the WVIAC playoffs.

Ignacio Fernandez was named the WVIAC Freshman of the Year. He led the Cardinals with five goals and four assists and was selected as a WVIAC First-Team honoree.

Senior Andrew Hickey and Junior Victor Picchio also received First-Team honors. Picchio finished second on the team in scoring, finding the back of the net five times and adding two assists. Hickey anchored the Cardinals' defense and scored two goals with three assists.

The WVIAC Second-Team honorees included Billy Wilson and George Noubossie, while Dominic Welsh and Phil Mshelbwala earned WVIAC Honorable Mention recognition.

The women's soccer team comprised of nine sophomores, five freshman, four seniors and one junior landed three players on the All-WVIAC teams. Senior Megan Newrones was the Cardinals' only WVIAC First-Team selection and led the squad to a 6-9 record. In addition to her efforts on the field, Newrones was named the WVIAC Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Freshman Allison Geary earned second-team honors, while Sophomore Caroline Gacka was honorable mention. 



Ignacio Fernandez



Megan Newrones

*Year in Review: Winter Sports Roundup***BASKETBALL**

Cards earn NCAA Tourney berth

Lady Cards team members earn All-WVIAC awards

The Wheeling Jesuit men's basketball team earned a bid to the NCAA D-II national tournament and advanced to the second round of the tournament — a University first.

The Cardinals finished regular season and tournament play with an overall record of 22-10 and posted a 16-6 mark in the WVIAC. Wheeling Jesuit won five of their last six outings prior to the NCAA Tournament, including a 109-99 victory over number one nationally ranked West Liberty.

The Cards defeated the University of Charleston 79-76 in first round game. Steve Catich led the Cardinals with 24 points and eight rebounds. He was recognized by the WVIAC as a First-Team honoree and was named to the National All-Jesuit team. He averaged 20.7 points and 5.8 rebounds per game. Junior Ben Siefert was named to the WVIAC's second-team with 10.8 points and 7.0 assists per game.

Two members of the Wheeling Jesuit women's basketball earned All-WVIAC awards. First-year head




Emily Robinson

coach Debbie Buff guided the eight-player roster through a 5-22 season. The Cardinals ended regular season on a high note, defeating Alderson-Broaddus College 65-53 at the Alma Grace McDonough Center.

Senior Cassy Sanderson was selected to the All-WVIAC Honorable



Ben Siefert

Mention team, starting all 26 contests, while averaging 15 points per game. Freshman Emily Robinson earned a place on the WVIAC's All-Freshman team. The rookie point guard guided the offense, averaging 12.8 points and four assists per game. 

*Year in Review: Winter Sports Roundup***SWIMMING**

Squads win the ASC, despite obstacles



Henrique Fructuozo was named the ASC Men's Swimmer of the Year.


The WJU swimming motto, "Individuals Win Races, Teams Win Championships," proved to be a profound statement this season, as the men and women's squads faced many hardships and overcame several obstacles to win the Appalachian Swimming and Diving Championship (ASC).

The Jesuit men flew to five, first

place finishes and captured their third straight ASC title by a 237-point margin of victory over Asbury University. The Lady Cards soared to claim the title, winning six races en route to a 556.5-510 victory.

Sophomore Henrique Fructuozo added a second-consecutive ASC Men's Swimmer of the Year award, finishing first in four of five events.


Sophomore Lydia Kidd led the women's team, winning five events. She set a new school record and conference mark in the 100-yard breaststroke.

In addition, the Cardinals made 14 additional trips to the winners' podium at the meet with second- and third-place finishes. 

*Year in Review: Spring Sports Roundup***BASEBALL**

Cardinals baseball starts, ends strong



The Wheeling Jesuit baseball team had a successful seventh season as they recorded a second consecutive 20-win season, finishing with a 21-22 mark. The Cardinals flew out to a 9-5 program-best start and carried a 21-20 record into the final series of the season. Redshirt freshman Pat Ammar earned All-WVIAC Second-Team honors. He suffered a season-ending injury during 2010-11, and returned to WJU in 2011-12 to make an immediate impact with the Cardinals' offense. His .368 batting average, .541 slugging, 49 hits and three triples were tops on the team. 

Pat Ammar


*Year in Review: Spring Sports Roundup***TRACK and FIELD****Four Cardinals make All-Atlantic Region Team**

The men and women's track and field teams wrapped up the indoor season and flew into the outdoor season in record-breaking fashion. In addition, Junior Stewart Jones reached All-American status, qualified for the NCAA Track and Field National Championship meet in Pueblo, Colo., and finished seventh in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

The Cardinals placed four athletes on the All-Atlantic Region Team. Jones and Kyle Davies were honored for the men, while Olivia Lent and Ashley Field received the nod for the women. Jones earned All-Region honors for his efforts in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and the 5,000-meter run. The junior posted a WJU school record of 8:56.60 in the steeplechase and was named the WVIAC Men's Track Athlete of the Year. Davies received

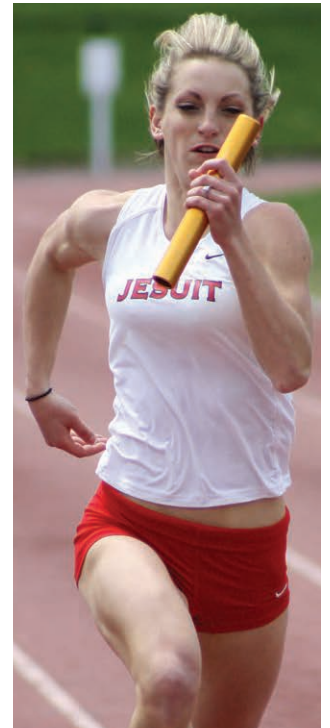
All-Region accolades for his performances in the pole vault.

For the women, Lent, a junior, set multiple school records on her way to an All-Region bid in the 400-meters. She won four conference championships at the WVIAC meet and earned the meet's MVP award. She was named the WVIAC Women's Track Athlete of the Year.


Field earned the All-Atlantic Region honor in the discus. The freshman won the WVIAC championship in the discus with a toss of 38.03-meters and improved her mark at the Ohio Open, reaching a distance of 40.57 meters. 



Stewart Jones




Olivia Lent

reaching a distance of 40.57 meters. 

SOFTBALL**New coach leads Lady Cards to successful season**

The Lady Cards softball team finished the season with 16 wins under the tutelage of first-year Head Coach Jim Walker.

WJU placed three individuals on the All-WVIAC teams. Sophomore utility player, Jarah Ice, was a WVIAC First-Team selection. She led the Cardinal offense with a .400 batting average, which was fifth best in the WVIAC. She collected 70 hits and stole a league best 42 bases. Sophomore Erika Jusko and Junior Aleecia Sunagel

earned WVIAC honorable mention awards. Jusko finished the season with a .285 batting average. She had 38 hits and nine home runs, which ranked fifth in the WVIAC. In addition, Jusko compiled a 2-2 record as a pitcher, striking out 33 batters in 44.1 innings pitched. Sunagel posted a .333 batting average with 41 hits, which included 10 doubles, five home runs and a triple. The Jesuit first baseman had a team-high 33 RBI while earning a .401 on base percentage. 



Jarrah Ice

*Year in Review: Spring Sports Roundup***LACROSSE**

Men's lacrosse named 'most improved' for 2012; women's team launched



Rob Mills



Annie Campbell

Tim Florence returned to WJU to lead the newly launched women's lacrosse team to a 2-10 finish in its inaugural season. The Cardinals opened the season Thursday, Feb. 23 against Waynesburg College. After a 0-4 start, WJU used a shutout performance to record the first win in school history, defeating Hollins University by a score of 12-0, and Cardinals came from behind in their second win, netting seven second-half goals en route to a 10-9 victory on the road against Urbana University. Sophomore Sara Fitzsimon led the Lady Cardinals' offense with 19 goals and two assists, totaling 21 points. Sophomore Stephanie Katona followed with 13 goals and five assists, while Sophomore Haley Rush tallied nine goals and two assists.

The Wheeling Jesuit men's lacrosse team was recognized as the NCAA Division II's Most Improved Team for 2012. The Cardinals finished the 2012 campaign ranked 15th in the NCAA with an overall record of 8-8, climbing 16 spots in the national rankings.


The Cardinals were among the best in the country in 10 statistical categories. Wheeling Jesuit was 10th in the nation at face-off winning percentage, posting a 55.6 win percent average with 183 wins in 329 attempts. Wheeling followed with 14th ranking in scoring defense, allowing 125 goals for an average of 7.81 per game, 16th in team ground balls, 18th in scoring margin and 20th in scoring offense.

Jesuit also finished 25th in points per game (224 points, 14 points per game), 28th in assists per game (70 assists, 4.38 per game), 33rd in man-down defense (12 goals in 37 attempts, 67.6 percent), 38th in man-up offense (13 goals in 65 attempts, 20 percent) and 40th in saves per game (135 saves, 8.44 per game).

In addition, multiple Cardinals were ranked among the nation's best individual statistics leaders. Junior Josh Lambert played in all 16 contests and finished seventh in the country in ground ball pick-ups and 15th in face-off winning percentage.

Joining Lambert on the ground ball list were Senior Austin Grimes, who was 28th in the country with 63 ground balls, Junior Matt Maccario, 62nd and Sophomore Aaron Gofreed, 98th.

Junior Jim LaPenna was recognized in three individual categories from the goalie position. He placed 15th in goals against average, allowing 7.78 goals per game, was 27th in save percentage and 38th in saves per game.

Freshman Tyler Buchan was 45th in the nation in goals per game with 28 on the year and 1.75 per game. 

THE TROY LEGACY SOCIETY

Your opportunity to Create a Legacy

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 on 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.

Becoming a member of the Troy Legacy Society is as simple as making a provision in your will, gift annuity, retirement fund, life insurance policy, trust or other planned gifts that will eventually result in a donation to the University's endowment, while presenting tax advantages to you today.

As of June 30, Wheeling Jesuit has more than 85 members of the Troy Legacy Society.

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Raymond Benack II '82

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