

WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY CHRONICLE

Summer 2013

A Magazine for Friends and Alumni of Wheeling Jesuit University



a Blueprint for Growth

WJU undertakes expansion projects

**INSIDE
THIS ISSUE**

*Lady Cardinal Volleyball:
A Tradition of Excellence*

2013 Summary of Giving and 2014 Outlook

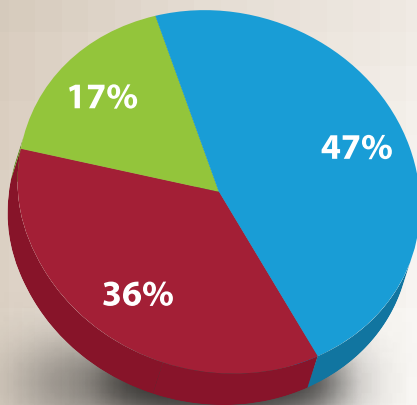
Annual Giving plays an important role at Wheeling Jesuit University. Each year, the University relies on alumni, friends, and other external sources for funding to help support its operational expenses and to make improvements throughout the campus. Gifts are categorized into the following three types:

Unrestricted – gifts can be used at the University’s discretion to meet the strategic initiatives,

Designated – gifts given to support a particular area of the University, i.e. College of Health Sciences, Chapel, Library,

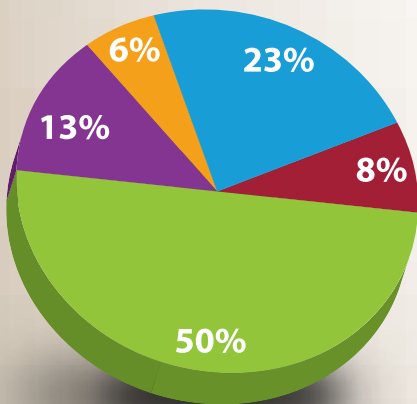
New Endowments - gifts given to establish new scholarships or support existing scholarships,

In fiscal year 2013 the University raised more than \$2.9 million dollars.



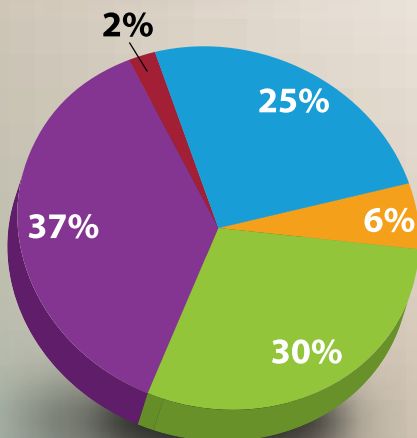
FY2013 Types of Gifts

Designated	=	\$ 1,376,750	or	47%
Unrestricted	=	\$ 1,074,792	or	36%
New Endowments	=	\$ 491,916	or	17%
TOTAL AMOUNT	=	\$ 2,943,458		



FY2013 Sources of Funds

Alumni & Friends	=	\$ 679,440	or	23%
Estates	=	\$ 245,005	or	8%
Foundations & Corps.	=	\$ 1,471,801	or	50%
Institutions	=	\$ 384,410	or	13%
Trustees	=	\$ 162,802	or	6%
TOTAL AMOUNT	=	\$ 2,943,458		



FY2014 Projection of Funds

Alumni & Friends	=	\$ 500,000	or	25%
Estates	=	\$ 40,000	or	2%
Foundations & Corps.	=	\$ 600,000	or	30%
Institutions	=	\$ 750,000	or	37%
Trustees	=	\$ 120,000	or	6%
TOTAL AMOUNT	=	\$ 2,010,000		

BY THE NUMBERS

Total Alumni
11,591

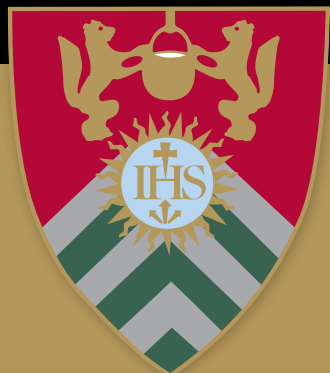
Degrees conferred in 2013
385

States Represented
25

Countries Represented
26

Service Hours Worked
25,000

LUCEAT LUX VESTRA



WHEELING
JESUIT
UNIVERSITY

Dear Alumni and Friends,

With a new academic year about to commence, so much is happening on campus and in the local community — happenings that will impact our students, faculty, neighbors and alumni. This issue of the Chronicle provides insights into a number of projects that are changing the teaching and learning as well as the landscape of the campus — projects that will provide a *blueprint for our future*.

Enrollment is up again this year with more transfer students and international students than ever before in the history of the University. Every bed on campus is filled and plans are being made for the public-private development of townhouses for faculty and graduate students.

We made a decision in the Strategic Planning Process to establish two colleges within the University — the College of Arts and Sciences and the School of Health Sciences. The move positions the University to provide educational value tailored to the needs of each academic discipline and resulting in exceptional student learning outcomes.

Focused growth is a phrase that explains what is happening around campus today.

In order to handle the expansion of the physical therapy doctoral program members of the University community worked with city and regional economic development officials to move the program to downtown Wheeling, where it will take up residence in late August.

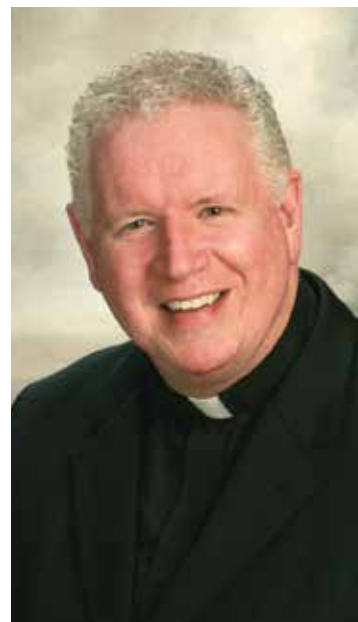
Upgrades to the outdoor track and field are planned. Last year, a fundraising effort was launched to turf the stadium field and make important renovations during the next few years to the stadium and the track. Work has begun on Phase 1, which is expected to be completed in late October.

A new recital hall, planned to open this fall, will keep the legacy of the Sisters of the Visitation alive in Wheeling — on the campus of WJU. And, wrestling was added as the newest varsity sport, bringing the number of men and women's sports teams to 20.

In this new academic year, I ask again for your continued support and prayers. I begin my tenure as your president with a deep faith in your love of Wheeling Jesuit and enthusiasm for Jesuit education. I look forward to seeing you on campus as we work together to build a stronger campus and community.

Luceat Lux Vestra!

Rev. James J. Fleming, S.J.
President





WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY CHRONICLE

WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY

CHRONICLE

AUTUMN 2013

CONTRIBUTORS

Brian Dennison '08

Kathryn Kelly

Luke Kopp

Drew Mistak

Noah Mull '09

Jasmine Lo

Janet Nolan

Eric Taber

Editor

Kelly Klubert '85

DESIGN

Susan Mazur

SusanMazurDesigns, Inc.

FEATURES

*Wheeling Jesuit establishes
music conservatory*



8

*WJU's Physical Therapy
program moves downtown*



6

*WJU celebrates its 55th
annual Commencement*



14

*Hundreds return for
Alumni Weekend 2013*



22

ALSO IN THIS ISSUE

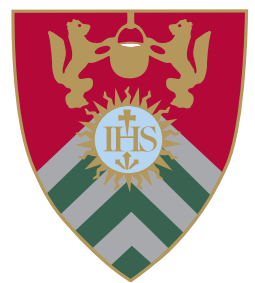
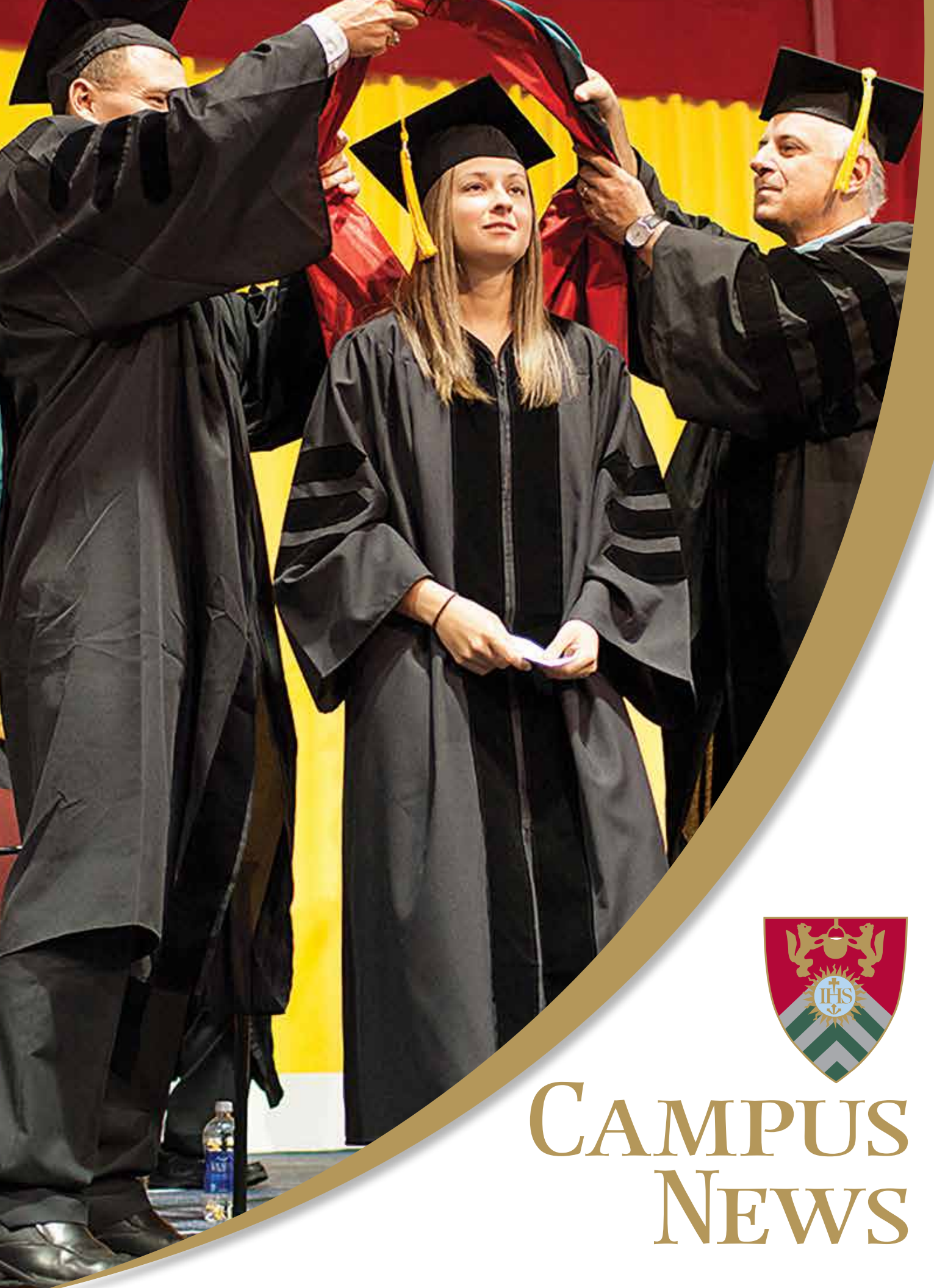
Campus News	1-20
Alumni News	21-30
Chapter Updates	31-36
Athletic News	37-50

The **CHRONICLE** is a magazine for the alumni and friends of Wheeling Jesuit University and is published biannually by the WJU Department of Alumni Relations.

Contributions to Alumni News, address changes and corrections may be sent to:

Kelly Klubert
Executive Director of
Alumni and Communications

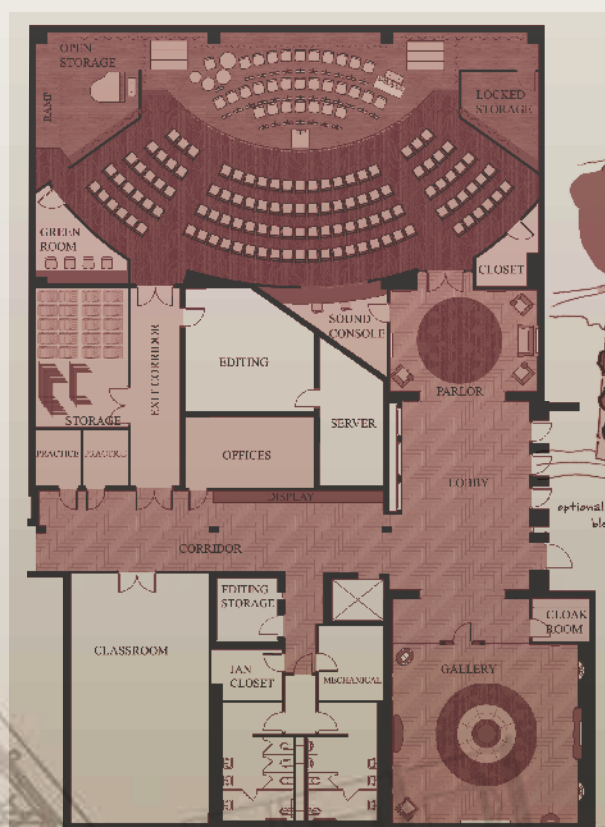
Wheeling Jesuit University
Office of Alumni Relations
316 Washington Avenue
Wheeling, WV 26003
Phone: 800.888.2586
Email: alumni@wju.edu



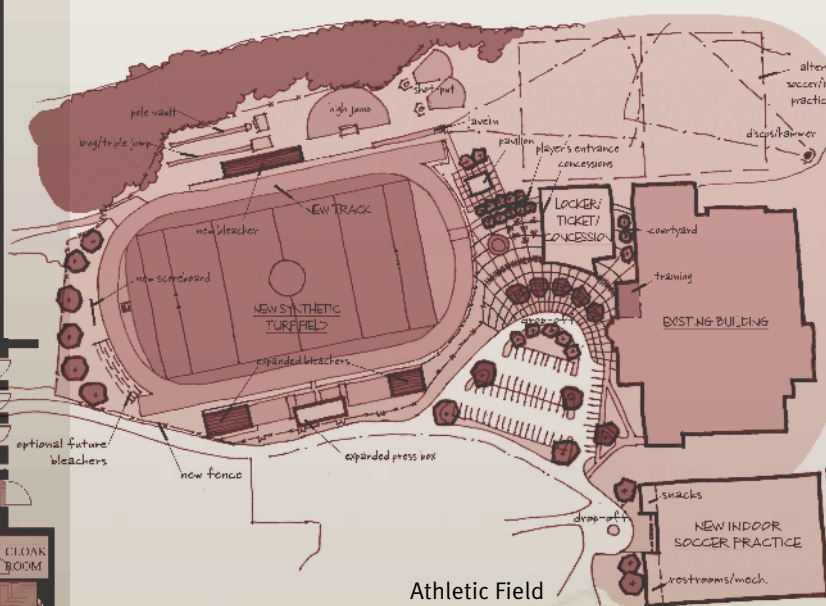
CAMPUS NEWS



Wheeling Jesuit undertakes ex



Arts



Athletic Field

a **Blueprint**

mit pansion

EXPANSION, GROWTH, RENOVATIONS —

are words echoed around the campus. This year, the University undertakes a number of projects to enhance current facilities, increase enrollment and programs, as well as position Wheeling Jesuit for continued success.

Three major renovation projects are under way, all made possible by the generosity of alumni and friends.

The Home Field Advantage project calls for renovations to the main stadium, including turf on the stadium field and resurfacing the track.

The Mount de Chantal Music Conservatory is being planned for the ground floor of the Center for Educational Technologies building. The project will provide recital hall for performances, practice rooms and a gallery that will keep the legacy of the Mount alive and available for all to enjoy.

And in a twist, the University has moved its physical therapy program to downtown Wheeling into a former department store. The move will provide state-of-the-art facilities for the PT program, as well as free up on-campus space for expansion of other academic programs.

Expanding the academic structure is another key element of growth around campus. This year, Wheeling Jesuit established two schools of study — the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Health Sciences. This move falls in line with the University's strategic plan.

Additionally, Wheeling Jesuit added wrestling to its expanding sports teams and introduced an engineering program, while recruitment is finding success attracting students from outside the U.S. borders. International recruitment is on the rise.

In the pages that follow, you can see all the details of these projects and their impact on Wheeling Jesuit.



Physical Therapy

t for Growth

Two new schools, two n

In a move that is consistent with the growth outlined in its strategic plan, Wheeling Jesuit established two schools within the University — the College of Arts & Sciences and the College of Health Sciences — and named two long-time WJU educators as deans.

The new College of Arts and Sciences consists of the liberal arts such as English, history, theology, business and biology, while the College of Health Sciences is comprised of athletic training, physical therapy, nursing, nuclear medicine and respiratory therapy.

to the needs of each academic discipline, raising our performance and resulting in exceptional student learning outcomes,” he said.

Fr. Fleming added that having two separate schools better serves the University’s growing student population.

“Our institutional structure needs to reflect our strong belief in the importance of the traditional liberal arts degree programs, while also supporting our growing health science programs,” he said.

“The move of physical therapy to its new home in downtown

new structure.

“I would like to encourage more conversations and collaboration across disciplinary boundaries,” stated Phillips, who has served as chair of the department of social science at WJU since 2008. “So much good work goes on not only in the classroom, but all across campus and out in the broader community, and we need to let more people know about this good work. Our graduates are exceptionally well prepared to succeed not only in the work force, but also in professional and graduate school. As a faculty, we know their success stories and should not hesitate to tell others about them.”

Of the College of Arts and Sciences, Phillips says, “We have a good blend of programs in the professions and the liberal arts, plus a great faculty who are committed to teaching and research. We need to build upon the strengths we already possess, so that we can provide an even better education for our students.”

Faso, who was professor of nursing before being named dean, and served as associate academic dean from 1998 through 2010, echoed Phillips’ desire for collaboration.

“Combining all of the health sciences in one school will allow students to develop collaborative relationships with those professionals they will be working with in the provision of medical care to a wide variety of patients,” she said.

Pointing to the recent opening of

“The establishment of the two schools fits with our strategic plan... raising our performance and resulting in exceptional student learning outcomes...”

At the helm of the two schools will be two experienced educators: Dr. Robert Phillips, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences; and Dr. Helen Faso, dean of the School of Health Sciences.

According to Rev. James Fleming, S.J., president of Wheeling Jesuit, the new organizational structure will allow Wheeling Jesuit to provide more specialized attention to the curriculum and better meet the needs of the students.

“The establishment of the two colleges fits with our strategic plan and positions the University to provide educational value tailored precisely

Wheeling, the rapid expansion of four on-line nursing programs, our academic partnership with Wheeling Hospital and our new simulator laboratory, help make this the right time to create two colleges within the University,” he continued. “In addition, by having two academic schools, the deans can work more closely with our faculty, which will result in better teaching and learning experiences for both graduate and undergraduate students.”

The new deans are settling into their new roles, and both have a vision for how the students and the University itself will benefit from the

ew deans

a simulation laboratory, which will be used by students in various disciplines within the College of Health Sciences, Faso explained, “By practicing together, the students will become more knowledgeable about the functions of the other medical professionals they will be working with in actual practice. It is our plan to be able to share visiting experts with all of the health science majors, rather than just one.”

Faso also said that discussions are under way regarding the addition of common courses that could be offered to all health science students.

The new deans have had impressive careers both before and since coming to Wheeling Jesuit.


Phillips came to Wheeling Jesuit in 1998 as an instructor of political science and was associate professor at the time of his being named dean. He also has served as curriculum

coordinator for the Master of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL) since 2005.

He holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from North Central College and a doctorate in political science from Northern Illinois University.

Prior to coming to Wheeling Jesuit University to teach in 1980, Faso was a staff nurse at Ohio Valley General Hospital, Duke University Medical

Center, West Virginia Medical Center, Flushing Medical Center in New York and Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Virginia, and an instructor at the Medical College of Georgia.

Faso holds a bachelor’s degree in nursing from WVU, a master’s degree in nursing from the Medical College of Georgia and a doctorate in nursing from the University of Texas at Austin. 



Dr. Helen Faso



Dr. Robert Phillips

New engineering sciences degree at WJU set to kick off in Fall 2013

Two years of planning and preparation came to fruition in January when the University announced it would offer a degree in engineering.

According to Dr. Peter Ehni ’81, chair of the Engineering Science Department, the impetus for the new program stemmed from rising demand for qualified workers in local industry.

“The school had talked about having some sort of engineering program. But I think the final stimulus came from

having some local industry folks saying we’re going to need more engineers, and would we be willing to start a program ... and that they thought there would be employment available,” Ehni explained.

The program is designed to give students solid footing in the engineering sciences to prepare them for the rigors of third and fourth year course work, and for specialist graduate school programs.

See ENGINEERING on page 13

Expanding to downtown

PT Program moving



State-of-the-art facilities and additional space are what physical therapy students and faculty can expect in late August when they relocate into the former Stone

and Thomas Building in downtown Wheeling.

In April, the University announced a joint venture with the Regional Economic Development Partnership (RED) and the city of Wheeling to develop a portion of the former department store, now known as the Stone Center for PT classrooms/labs, an auditorium and a free clinic. This collaboration will, according to Rev. James Fleming S.J., WJU president, move WJU's PT program from its current 12,000 square feet facility inside the McDonough Center into the Stone Center, where it will occupy more than 30,000 square feet on two floors.

"We couldn't have done this without the help of RED and the city. The renovation costs are being covered by both these entities and the University will repay this expense through rent over a 15-year period," said Fr. Fleming.

The total cost of the renovations, he said, is about \$4 million, and the University did not have to provide any of the upfront costs associated with

the renovations.

The city, said Craig Ruby, director of the Physical Therapy program, will benefit from an influx of students and faculty in the downtown region.

Talk of moving PT out of McDonough, Ruby said, had been discussed for about three years, because the program has run out of space. "With 50 students per section now, we have simply outgrown our current classrooms and labs. We are just crunched for space."

The fourth floor location in the new facility has two times the number of classrooms and skills labs that the McDonough Center offered. There is also a student lounge/study area, a computer lab, 14 faculty offices and an adjunct faculty office, Ruby explained.

The new location also will provide the program with the opportunity to "marginally" increase enrollment in the future. Ruby said any expansion of enrollment has to be in line with the accrediting board.

Fr. Fleming said of all the programs at WJU, physical therapy is the only stand-alone program – moving it off campus will have no negative impact on any other academic program.

What both he and Ruby are excited about is the urban setting the program now has.

"Ignatius was clearly an urban person and saw the importance of

colleges being a part of a city. Being in the center of Wheeling makes Wheeling Jesuit and its students much more available for our mission," Fr. Fleming explained.

Ruby said the new location would allow the students and faculty to live out Wheeling Jesuit's mission to be men and women for others.

"Having the free clinic in the city will allow us to serve residents without insurance or who have exhausted their insurance benefits. We will work with other community partners to provide medical services to those who are in the most need," he added.

While the PT program has offered free services on campus to indigent residents and the under insured, Fleming said, many of those who are most in need have no way of getting to campus. The relocation to the Stone Center places the free clinic in an area that is more accessible to those people most in need of its services. In addition to students and faculty from the PT program, students and professors from other health science disciplines will be volunteering at the clinic as well.

The 1,500-square-foot clinic is located on the first floor of the building and can be accessed from the newly renovated Market Street entrance. Ruby said he hopes with additional funding to expand the clinic operations from two mornings

to Stone Center

a week to offering daily services. And he thinks, referrals will increase from the local hospitals, other health care agencies, the Catholic Neighborhood Center, in addition to the current agencies who make referrals.


The area provides separate treatment rooms and specialized equipment required for a proper treatment facility. About \$300,000 of outside funding is being sought to cover the cost of new equipment for the clinic. Alumni and friends can contact the WJU Advancement Office at advancement@wju.edu for more information on ways to help.

In addition to the clinic, Ruby said the first floor area has a gym, locker rooms, a dedicated research space and an auditorium that can hold 140 people. The auditorium can be split into two rooms to accommodate smaller meetings or conferences.

“The new location will provide faculty and students with

a new culture. I’m excited to be in the city. This move makes us an even greater, more visible part of the Wheeling community.”

Fleming agrees. “This is a win-win for Wheeling and Wheeling Jesuit. Our students and faculty will bring more life and business into the city’s downtown area. We hope it will be a springboard

for future development in the downtown. The new location provides the PT students and faculty with a better, larger learning environment, which I believe will result in an exciting educational experience.” 



Workers renovate Stone Center

Jesuit athletics adds varsity wrestling

In December 2012, Wheeling Jesuit University announced the addition of wrestling, expanding the varsity sports line up to 20.

Wheeling-area resident, Sean Doyle will be the inaugural coach of the fledgling program.

“Wheeling Jesuit has been built on a tradition of excellence, which is a great partnership with the sport of wrestling, because of the character, discipline, work ethic and leadership skills the sport demands,” Doyle said.

“We hit the ground running and identified student-athletes that fit the institution’s mission perfectly.

We have 30 student-athletes committed to our first recruiting class, which includes state finalists and qualifiers from West Virginia, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, New York and North Carolina,” the coach added.

A large majority of incoming wrestlers are freshman coupled with a few transfers. The Cardinals secured four West Virginia state second place finishers in Nate Starkey, Skyler Terrell, Danny Colby and Logan Bowman, and added one Ohio state runner-up award winner, Corey Siegfried. Austin Short



AD Danny Sancomb and Wrestling Coach Sean Doyle

(Va.) and Dominick Nania (Pa.) were fourth in their respective state competitions, while Scott Lopez (W.Va.), Brian Estep (Pa.), Damon Outward (Ohio) and Dustin Kuhlwein (Ohio),

See WRESTLING on page 17

Continuing the legacy

Wheeling Jesuit establishes conservatory



The WJU Symphonic Band, under the direction of Dr. James Gourlay, accepts applause from a standing-room-only audience after its December 2012 concert.

Sisters. “We are fully confident in the University’s plans to expand its reach into the fine arts by establishing the Conservatory and we look forward to its growth in the years to come.”

Wheeling Jesuit has received nearly \$1 million in gifts toward the \$3 million goal for the Conservatory. This includes a leadership gift of \$300,000 from the Sisters of the Visitation. Local foundations and individuals have contributed additional major gifts, and Mount de Chantal alumnae have supported the initiative with donations totaling \$43,000.

One foundation gift allowed for the appointment of the University’s first director of bands and instrumental music, Dr. James Gourlay, who is also music director of Pittsburgh’s popular River City Brass (RCB). WJU began a collaboration with the RCB in 2011 whereby Dr. Gourlay helped the University establish and form the symphonic band and pep band. The symphonic band, now numbering some 35 members, is joined by the RCB for concerts.

Part of Sister’s contribution also was used to establish an education fund that will provide scholarships to female students who participate in the symphonic band or any of the

Construction is under way on a new initiative on campus – the Mount de Chantal Conservatory of Music at Wheeling Jesuit University.

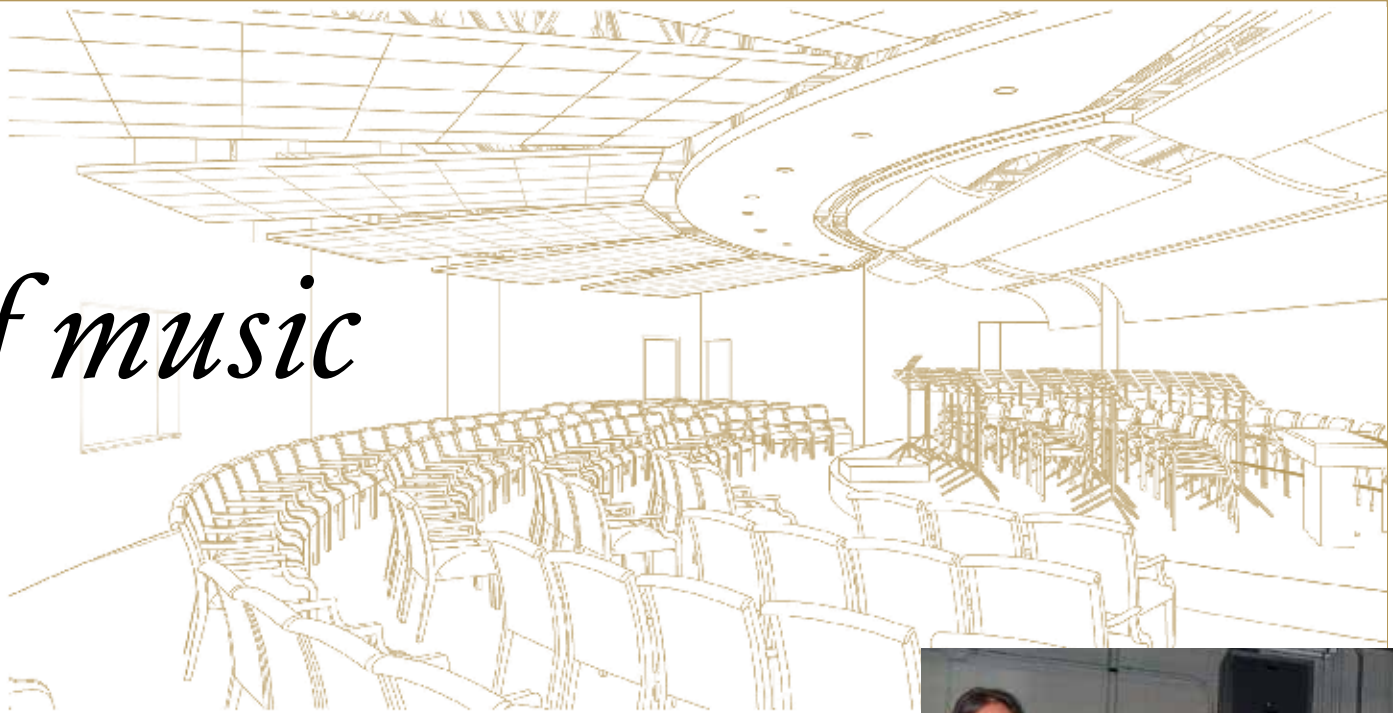
In October 2012, the University joined with the Sisters of the Visitation in announcing plans to establish the facility to honor the legacy of the Sisters and keep their educational mission alive by providing WJU students with musical instruction in the tradition of Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy.

“The idea of creating the Mount de Chantal Conservatory of Music at Wheeling Jesuit University is built on a friendship that has flourished for centuries between the Visitation Sisters and the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), and locally for more than 50 years between Mount de Chantal and WJU,” said Wheeling Jesuit President Rev. James J. Fleming, S.J.

Renovation began this summer on a 5,000-square-foot space in the University’s Center for Educational Technologies building, transforming it into the new home for the study and practice of music on campus. The Conservatory will include a recital hall, which will seat 112 and easily convert to a classroom setting; and the Sisters of the Visitation Gallery, showcasing antiques, artwork and artifacts from Mount de Chantal. The two spaces will be joined by a lobby and a parlor. Behind the scenes will be office space and rooms for lessons or practice.

“We are tremendously happy to entrust our legacy – the legacy of Mount de Chantal – to Wheeling Jesuit University,” said Sr. Joanne Gonter VHM ’59, a Mount grad, former teacher at Mount de Chantal and superior of the Wheeling-based

of music



The Recital Hall (as shown in the rendering above) will accommodate 112 audience members. For classroom use, the room can be reconfigured easily by moving chairs and bringing in tables.


four choirs. Each year, one incoming female student will receive a \$10,000 Mount de Chantal Music Scholarship, renewable annually for four years. The first recipient is Samantha Herrington, from Bethel Park, Pa.

The Sisters also have donated various items from Mount de Chantal, including the building's front door, beveled glass panels that surrounded the door, and two chandeliers – from the front hall and the Parents' Parlor. These items will be incorporated into the new space. The Mount's 800-pound bell, which hung for 150 years in the school's tower, will be given a place of prominence at the entrance to the Conservatory.

Archival items donated by the Sisters, on display in the Sisters of the Visitation Art Gallery, include photographs, music and publications including an 1858 book entitled

The Life of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which belonged to Sr. Mary Agnes Gubert. In the mid-19th century, Sr. Mary Agnes gave up a promising international singing career to join the Sisters of the Visitation and is credited with bringing fame to Mount de Chantal's Department of Music.

The University plans to hold a formal dedication of the Conservatory Nov. 16 and 17.

Fundraising continues as the University seeks to build the scholarship fund and support fine arts faculty. In addition, naming opportunities are available for the recital hall, the parlor, the donor wall and others. For more information on making a gift, contact the WJU Advancement office at advancement@wju.edu or Kathryn Kelly at kkelly@wju.edu. 



Katharine Klos, WJU '65, at left, is one of four 1961 Mount de Chantal graduates who toured the Conservatory space prior to construction. With Klos are Dolores Wallace, Catherine Rakow and Mary Rita Sonderman. They stand behind the 800-pound bell that hung in the Mount's bell tower. The bell will be displayed in a place of prominence in the Conservatory.



Renovations planned for outdoor athletic complex

A major upgrade to the Wheeling Jesuit outdoor athletic complex will make the facility competitive with any college facility in the region.

With seven sports vying for the use of the field or track, plus student intramurals, the University made a commitment to upgrade the main field to provide year-round access for both students and athletes, as well as its community partners.

“Natural grass surfaces are no longer an option with men’s and women’s soccer, men’s and women’s lacrosse and rugby each needing time on the field. When you factor the weather conditions into this equation, turfing the field provides our sports teams, students, and the community with the best options for nearly year-round access,” said Rev. Jim Fleming, S.J., president.

Director of Athletics Danny Sancomb said due to the poor field conditions over the past two years, some of the sports teams have had to practice at neighboring fields and in some cases, played their home games off campus.

“The renovations will give our student-athletes the opportunity to play on the best complex in our region and will help us attract the

best student-athletes. We need to keep our teams on campus to play their home games – allowing them to showcase their talents in front of the students and have a home field advantage,” Sancomb continued.

In March, Wheeling Jesuit launched a drive — Homefield Advantage Campaign — to raise the funds necessary for the facility upgrades. To date, \$1.4 has been raised for the project and WJU leaders continue their efforts to raise funds for the renovations.

The University has partnered with the Cardinal Athletic Club, Wheeling Central Catholic High School and the family of former Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, The Most Rev. Bernard Schmitt, on the campaign.

Fr. Fleming said the University plans to name the field in Bishop Schmitt’s honor. He noted that Wheeling Jesuit has named other facilities around campus in honor of past bishops and it seemed only appropriate to recognize Bishop Schmitt in this way.

“Bishop Schmitt was a true sports fan and a great supporter of education, and the Cardinal Athletic Club and the University decided naming the field in his honor was a small way

to recognize a man who had been such a friend to this university,” the president added.

Members of Schmitt’s family, lead by his brother, Bob, are actively involved in the campaign and the drive to raise the funds necessary. The Schmitt family and the Cardinal Athletic Club have committed to raising a half million dollars for the project.

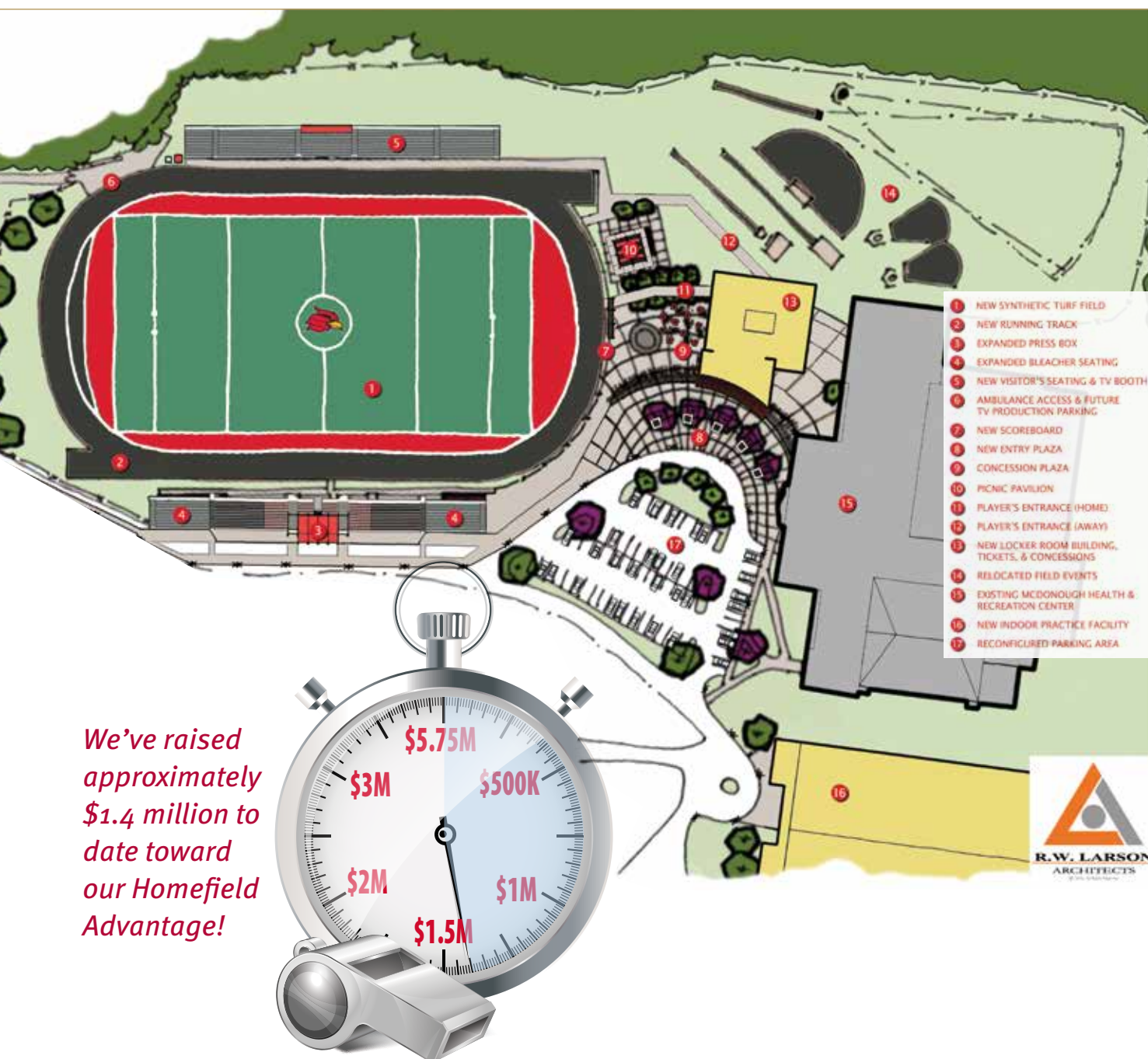
The complex renovations will be done in five phases at a total cost of more than \$5.75 million.

Phase one of the project calls for synthetic turf surface on the stadium field.

Phase two calls for lighting upgrades, resurfacing the track, expanding the home and visitors seating, renovating the press box, installing a new scoreboard and reconfiguring the entrance area. This phase should begin in the spring of 2014.

Construction of a new locker room facility, concession stand, ticket booth and pavilion make up phase three of the project. Phase four will be configuring the track throwing area and the final phase is the construction of an indoor practice facility.

Developing of the plans and




bidding the projects has begun. According to Fr. Fleming and Frank Connelly, director of facilities, work to resurface the field could commence in September. Sancomb and athletic teams are eager to see the project started.

In addition to Wheeling Jesuit teams, the Wheeling Central Catholic football team will call "Schmitt Field"

home. Once the complex is complete, the Maroon Knights will play their home games on campus.

Sancomb said, "Wheeling Central needs a place to play their games. They currently play at Wheeling Island Stadium, which is Wheeling Park's home field. Schmitt Field will give them the opportunity to have their own home field."

"This is a perfect match and it will help to bring high school students on our campus," he added.

Anyone interested in making donations or learning more about naming rights, should contact Noah Mull, alumni gift officer, at nnull@wju.edu for more information. 

Increased international enrollment adds to college

Wheeling Jesuit University has seen increased enrollment numbers recently, thanks in large part to a 18 percent increase in overall applications during the last three years — and nowhere is that increase more apparent than in the international student population.

When walking around campus, an international presence can be felt. Different languages can be heard, and different cultures are represented in sometimes small, but meaningful ways.

“The fact we’re such a small university, and we have students from 26 different countries, we know this provides an enhanced learning experience for all students,” said Larry Vallar, vice president of Enrollment Management. “You could be sitting

from five different countries, speaking five different languages. That provides a different learning experience for students, and one we consider a point of pride.”

WJU has more than doubled the number of international students on campus since 2010, with a total of 159 enrolled in 2013. The number of international applicants has also grown by 164 percent since 2008.

Vallar added that these statistics are achieved not by coincidence, but by design, planning and effort.

“The institution made international enrollment a priority and built it into its strategic plan — this notion that we want to be an international campus. Wheeling Jesuit’s core mission of life, leadership and service with and for others is global in its nature. The world is a small place. We want students to have a comprehensive and holistic experience. We believe engaging with other students from other parts of the world is a unique, collegiate experience that we can offer.”

Once increased international enrollment became part of the school’s strategic plan, Vallar and his team had to put the right people in place. One of the key contributors to the cause is Octavie Nkama ‘09, who is currently the international admissions representative.

“My philosophy is to hire former WJU students, because they are the individuals that can best articulate


the essence of the University,” said Vallar. “Octavie is a WJU graduate, has her master’s, is

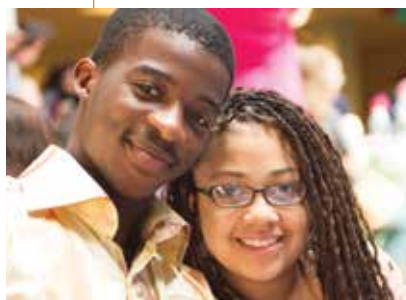
from the Congo, Africa and speaks multiple languages. She’s a good fit.”

Nkama has been a major contributor to the growth of the international representation on campus. As a graduate, she attributes the school’s welcoming family atmosphere as an example of why the international representation has grown.

“It shows that the campus is diverse and very welcoming,” says Nkama. “When I was a student, my freshman year, I was the only student from Africa. Now there are more than five countries representing Africa on this campus.”

Nkama added that the school’s reputation and location also play a major role in giving international students the confidence to choose WJU for their American education experience.

“International students like the location (an hour from an international airport), the safe environment, the attention the students receive on campus, the scholarships that they receive and, mostly, the good reputation that Jesuit education has around the world,” she added. 



Engineering sciences degree begins this fall

Continued from page 5


“Engineering programs typically have drop out rates of 50 percent and higher,” Ehni said. “WJU’s program is specifically designed to retain students through a special calculus sequence and freshman engineering orientation program.”

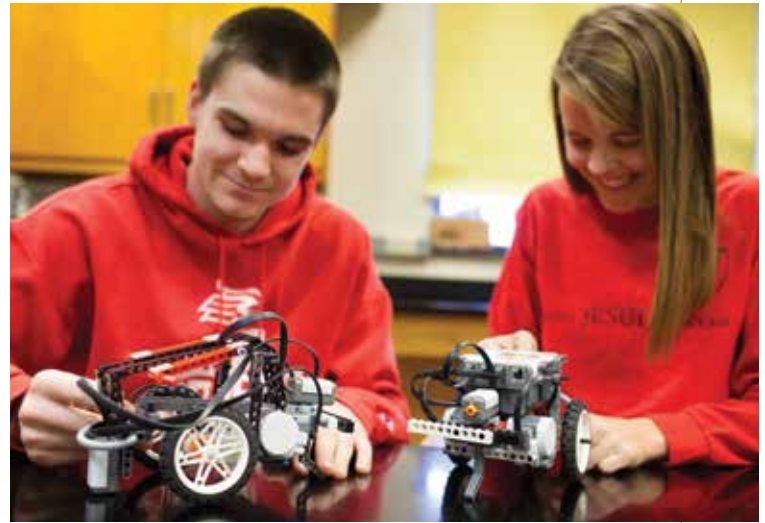
Since the announcement in January, Larry Vallar, vice president for Enrollment Management, and his team have been busy recruiting the first class of students for the four-year program. The first cohort has 15 students. Vallar also points to the growth of the local industries as an opportunity to deliver an in-demand education.

“We did a lot of traveling to raise awareness of the engineering science degree,” said Vallar. “We concentrated in the Baltimore, DC, Philadelphia areas and locally, and have gotten some traction. We’ve talked with parents, students and school administrators, and when you say engineering science their eyes get big. They know this is a hot sector right now in industry. This is what kids are interested in.”

With fall classes right around the corner, the three faculty members who will teach in the program have been busy preparing the course of study. Four years worth of class syllabi have been written, and re-written. According to Ehni, because it’s new, the program actually lends itself to a degree of flexibility, allowing faculty to tweak and adjust the course material as the first cohort moves through its studies.

“I’m really excited. I’ve been looking at the classes for next year, the books, and I’m excited to start with this cohort of students,” said Ehni. “They’ll get to be the first, and they’ll get to help shape the program. We’ll see what their needs are, and we’ll see some things that work really well, some things that don’t really work, and their feedback will help us make a better program.”

Alumni who work in the field of the engineering science can contribute their expertise to this group of engineers-to-be. The Engineering Science Department is seeking alumni to sit on an advisory committee to ensure the curriculum remains cutting edge and relevant to today’s workplace. Interested alumni are encouraged to contact Ehni at pehni@wju.edu. 



Engineering students work on various projects to help build their knowledge.

Wheeling Jesuit Class of 2013 commencement with message

The Wheeling Jesuit University class of 2013 carried from the school's 55th annual commencement ceremony a message of kinship for their fellow man as they set out to make a difference in their community, country and the world in which they live.

Rev. Greg Boyle, S.J. of Homeboy Industries in Los Angeles, Calif., delivered the inspirational commencement address to the 385-member graduating class, their cheering families and friends and the WJU faculty and staff.

Recalling stories and experiences from his work at Homeboy Industries, where he leads one of the nation's largest organizations dedicated to the reintegration of at-risk youth and former gang members back into society, Fr. Boyle expressed a message of kinship and service to fellow man as the driving force behind his works, and the potential force of the graduating class that could be unleashed on the world.

"You go from here with a vision of wanting the world to look differently than it currently looks," said Fr. Boyle.


"You want to create a community of kinships so that God in fact might recognize it. So all of us are called to imagine a community of kinship and a circle of compassion."

"Then we are called to imagine that nobody is standing outside that circle," he added. "So we inch our way out into the margins where we get to stand with the poor and the powerless and the voiceless. If kinship is our goal, we will not be promoting justice, we would in fact be celebrating it. No kinship, no justice. No kinship, no peace. To the folks on the margins of life, no prison can keep your kinship with them out and no death can it away.

Fr. Boyle also was awarded an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

Wheeling businessman Michael D. Ferns was awarded an honorary doctorate of business. The owner of A&B Auto Sales started out with a small car lot along National Road in 1992. Today, his car dealership operates a 130,000-square-foot facility in Benwood, W.Va. He has been a supporter of the University through his involvement in the Cardinal Athletic Club (CAC) for the past 10 years. Ferns and the CAC have helped to coordinate the University's efforts to provide WJU students and the community with a state-of-the-art athletic facility at Wheeling Jesuit.

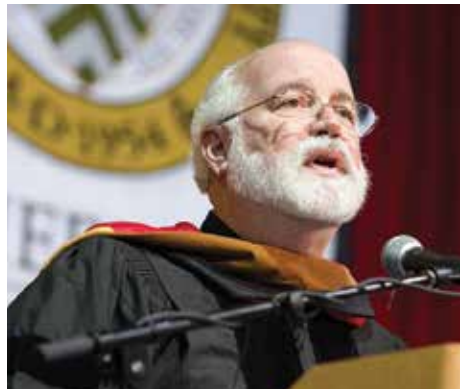
Valedictorian Rebecca Olsavsky of Wheeling, and graduate of the Linsly School spoke to her classmates about choices, and how their experience together at Wheeling Jesuit will shape their choices for years to come.

"What are choices?" she asked. "They are the deliberate decisions we make every day. We face both small scale and large-scale choices in our lives. While some are easy, others are hard. Sometimes choice even means reacting to negative things, like failure or loss, as all of us have experienced at some point in life. Yet, we have the benefit of a Jesuit education that not only entails developing our abilities within the classroom, but also making choices in life, leadership and service. These choices build character." 



Rebecca
Olsavsky

celebrates of community



CLASS OF 2013

AWARD RECIPIENTS

The following students received awards or medals during the commencement ceremony:

Frank R. Haig, S.J.
Science Award
Cassandra Cnihfield

Katherine Fouts Medal
Jennifer Elias

Mary Woomer Medal
Jennifer Elias

Archbishop John J.
Swint Medal
Christopher Bohinski

Wheeling Jesuit showcases student research at 14th annual symposium

2013 Top Award Winners

HUMANITIES ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Emily Amos — *Ravensbruck: The Dual Suppression and Exploitation of Women*

ENGLISH, COMMUNICATIONS AND FINE ARTS PRESENTATIONS

Jayla Speece — *The American Dream Girl*

Brynne Jewell — *Tourette Syndrome Awareness Campaign*

NATURAL, PHYSICAL, AND HEALTH SCIENCES ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Cassandra Carihfield — *Analysis of the Thermal Decomposition of Several Cis-dicarbonylbis(diorganodithiocarbamate)iron(II) Complexes*

Vera Filatova — *AFAP-110 as a Prognostic Biomarker for Prostate Cancer*

SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Michael Little — *The Effectiveness of Aftercare in Terms of Juvenile Recidivism*

INFORMATION SCIENCE, COMPUTER SCIENCE,

TECHNOLOGY AND MATHEMATICS PRESENTATIONS

Cody Skonecy — *Computer Club Egg Hunt: Applying Existing Technology to Build an Automated Text Messaging System*

NATURAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES POSTERS

Erin Metzger — *The synthesis of unique amines*

Giovanna Bonasso — *Analysis of coral reef health at six dive sites in the Caribbean*

HEALTH SCIENCES POSTERS

Eric Knuth — *What are the effects of mindfulness meditation on test-taking anxiety of the senior Respiratory Therapy class?*

Jenna Gleason — *What is the public's perception of ionizing radiation as used in diagnostic imaging?*


SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES POSTERS

Sierra Moore and Patrick Dwyer — *Effects of 5 α -ANDROST-16-EN-3 α -OL scent administration on gambling behavior in males*

Killeen Schlegel, Kristin Custer, Kelsey Leach, Justin Amos, Ryan Naumann and Lucas Lemasters — *The effects of color and sex on job candidate suitability*

More than 100 students from Wheeling Jesuit University presented research findings at the 14th annual Student Research and Scholarship Symposium.

The event featured 58 poster presentations and 52 oral presentations on student research in the areas of clinical, natural and physical sciences, humanities, social and behavior sciences, computer science, and technology development.

Student research topics covered a wide variety of subjects. 



Students show off poster project.



Dr. Raudenbush hands out awards to winners.

WJU physics major earns major overseas research opportunity

Growing up in Morgantown, W.Va., Jenna Klemkowsky had dreams of being an astronaut and studying air and space. Little did she know that one day her love of science and math, and her dreams of studying the heavens would take her around the world to pursue that dream.


Klemkowsky, a senior physics major and a member of the women's soccer team, was awarded an international research opportunity along side some of the world's best researchers at the University of Birmingham in England. As an undergraduate, she is studying graduate-level gravitational physics at Birmingham's School of Physics and Astronomy. The University of Birmingham and the University of Florida co-sponsor the prestigious summer-long trip across the pond.

"I feel like every kid wants to be an astronaut when they grow up," said Klemkowsky. "I went to space camp through the Challenger Learning Center when I was little, and I believe that sparked my interest from the beginning."

As only one of 12 students nationwide selected to the program, WJU Chair of Physics Peter Ehni said Klemkowsky deserves the recognition for all her hard work.



Jenna Klemkowsky

"It makes me feel good to see her succeed," said Ehni. "She's the kind of student that typifies Wheeling Jesuit University. She comes from West Virginia, she's worked hard and now she gets an opportunity to experience the world, which is one of the goals of a WJU education. We are very proud of her." 

University adds wrestling to varsity lineup

Continued from page 7


claimed fifth in their state tournaments.

The Cardinals' schedule includes 17 matches with six home matches at the Alma Grace McDonough Center. WJU will open the season on the road in Charleston, S.C. against The Citadel, Saturday, Nov. 2. Wheeling Jesuit is scheduled to host its first home match Friday, Nov. 8 against Alma College (Mich.). The schedule of meets can be found on the team's web site.

"We want people to be excited and support Wheeling Jesuit wrestling," said Coach Doyle. "The University is located between two powerhouse states for wrestling, Ohio and Pennsylvania, which are arguably two of the best in the country. We have attracted student-athletes from seven states, have a top notch venue for competition and intend

to compete at a high level in our first year."

In addition, a state-of-the-art wrestling room/practice facility will be added in the McDonough Center.

Doyle began his coaching career at Wheeling Central Catholic High School. He spent two seasons with the Maroon Knights. After the 2006-07 season, Doyle was named head coach at Wheeling Park High School, where he led the Patriots for five seasons (2007-12). During his tenure, Wheeling Park finished in the top five of the state tournament four-out-of-five years, garnering two runner-up trophies. He earned the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Coach of the Year award twice, and in 2008, was named West Virginia Coach of the Year. 

Wheeling Jesuit health sciences receives grant to develop innovative learning model

Wheeling Jesuit University has been awarded a major grant to improve health care education to meet the needs of the future of the industry, particularly for underserved populations.

The Congregation of St. Joseph has awarded WJU a Generous Promise grant of \$35,000 to develop an innovative, Collaborative Learning Model (CLM), which implements a trans-disciplinary systemic change in health care education. Central to the CLM is a new human adult patient simulator, which allows students to practice their skills in real life medical scenarios.


“With the help of this grant, Wheeling Jesuit students will be expertly prepared to incorporate advanced collaborative skills in their careers, which will position them well as health care professionals who will serve our community,” said Rev. James Fleming, S.J., WJU president. “We are so grateful to the Congregation of St. Joseph for making it possible for our students to receive such an excellent learning experience.”

The program replaces learning silos with interdisciplinary and collaborative academics and activities. The learning model shifts the paradigm in which health professionals are trained, encouraging them to work as highly skilled teams, improving patient care, especially



Members of the Congregation and Fr. Fleming officially open the lab.

for underserved populations. The learning model and patient simulator are essential components of WJU’s newly established College of Health Sciences.

“Quality health care requires a collaborative, respectful and evidence-based approach in treating to whole person,” said Cam Twarog, WJU director of Clinical Education for WJU’s Respiratory Therapy program. “I’m proud to be part of an institution that is proactive in adjusting curriculum to meet the health care needs of today and tomorrow.” 



WJU recognizes two community leaders with new award

Two Wheeling area community leaders were the first recipients of the Communitas Award given by Wheeling Jesuit University at its Graduation Banquet Thursday, May 16.

Each year during commencement ceremonies, Wheeling Jesuit honors members of the graduating class, alumni and community members for their service and contributions. This year, WJU chose Regional Economic Development Partnership (RED) Executive Director Don Rigby and Brad Blair, market president, JP Morgan Chase, who serves as president and chairman of the RED board of directors, to receive the Communitas Award.

“The University designed this award as a way to recognize community members who exemplify WJU’s mission of life, leadership and service,” said WJU President Rev. James Fleming, S.J. “Both Don and Brad lead visionary community initiatives through their involvement in RED,” he added.

“RED’s support of the University’s plan to move its physical therapy program to the Stone Center and the establishment of a free physical




Fr. Fleming recognized Brad Blair and Don Rigby during the graduation banquet.

therapy clinic to aid the underserved residents of Wheeling, epitomizes the award’s intentions. Wheeling Jesuit sees both Don and Brad as role models for our students. They personify the very spirit of community,” said Fr. Fleming added.

Since joining RED in 1999, Rigby has assisted more than 100 companies to expand in or relocate to West Virginia. Through his efforts, RED is now the

largest economic development organization in the state of West Virginia.

Blair, a 1987 graduate of Wheeling Jesuit’s MBA program, has worked hand-in-hand with Rigby and RED to attract business development to the Wheeling area. He too played an instrumental role in helping the University relocate its physical therapy program to downtown Wheeling. 

*Help Continue the Legacy of the Sisters of the Visitation by making a gift to the Mount de Chantal Conservatory of Music at Wheeling Jesuit University.
To learn more, log onto www.wju.edu/conservatory.*

Alpha Sigma Nu inducts new members

Wheeling Jesuit University inducted 17 new members into Alpha Sigma Nu, the national Jesuit honor society, in April.

Alpha Sigma Nu honors students who distinguish themselves in scholarly pursuits, loyalty to the ideals of Jesuit education and service to others.

WJU's Fr. Michael Steltenkamp, S.J., said, "Alpha Sigma Nu is the premier honor society on each Jesuit university campus. To qualify for induction, one must be recognized for excelling in academics, service to others, and fidelity to values represented by Jesuit tradition. Even then, only a limited number of juniors and seniors are inducted each year."

WJU Alpha Sigma Nu chapter was

recognized in 2005 by the University of Kentucky's Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues as a model program for the 27 other Jesuit insti-

tutions of higher learning, as it is the only school whose service project of delivering leftover bread from grocery stores and bakeries to Wheeling's Catholic Neighborhood Center is a year-round operation.

This year's inductees participated in a wide array of service projects in addition to the "Daily Bread" runs, including immersion trips to New Orleans and El Salvador.



Following is the complete list of 2013 inductees.

Shriya Adhikary, Brandi Bahmer, Sarah Creamer, Robert (Zac) Currence, Jennifer Elias, Ashley Fagert, Vera Filatova, Donald (Luke) Kopp, Amanda Kyle, Colin Lawler, Ryan Naumann, Michael Probert, Katie Riordan, Allison Santer, Andrew Dillon Smith, Bailey Warfield, Sarah Williams . 

WJU students benefit from Circle of Vision scholarships

Six Wheeling Jesuit students are recipients of scholarships through the West Virginia Independent Colleges and Universities (WVICU) scholarship program.


The WVICU created the Circle of Vision Scholarship Program in 1996 for West Virginia residents. Since the program's first year in 1997, 2,952 named scholarships totaling more than \$3.8 million have been awarded to deserving West Virginia students.

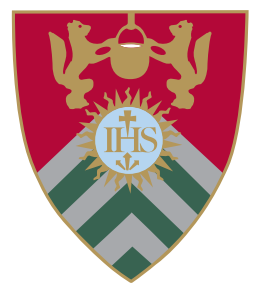
This past year, a number of WJU students were the beneficiaries of Circle of Vision scholarships. The total amount awarded by the WVICU totaled more than \$50,000 in the 2012-13 academic year.

"We are thankful for the many individuals and companies throughout the state of West Virginia who provide funds to the Circle of Vision Scholarship Program," said Rev. James Fleming, S.J., WJU president. "Many Wheeling Jesuit students benefit from this program and through the generosity of these foundations, many deserving West Virginia students are able to attend a private college or

university in our state."

The Wheeling Jesuit recipients of the WVICU Circle of Vision Scholarships are: **Mollie Monroe** of Arthurdale, W.Va., Bernard McDonough Foundation Scholarship; **Courtney Champ**, Weirton, W.Va., Maier Foundation Scholarship; **Dylan Oderko**, Fairmont, W.Va., UPS Foundation Scholarship; **Khristian Williams**, Weirton, W.Va., Bernard H. & Blanche E., Jacobson Foundation Scholarship; **Haley Rush**, Moundsville, W.Va., Dominion Scholarship and Philip Cline Scholarship; **Amy Lilley**, Wheeling, W.Va., Schenk Charitable Trust Scholarship.

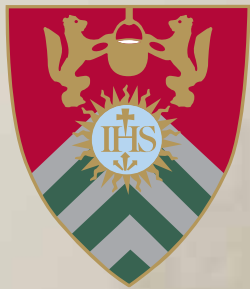
The Circle of Vision Scholarship Program provides a unique opportunity for West Virginia students to attend one of eight private colleges and universities across the Mountain State. Many of these students are the first generation of their family to attend a college or university. More than 77 percent of the students receiving these scholarships graduate, compared to a 48 percent average graduation rate at all West Virginia colleges and universities. 



ALUMNI NEWS

Hundreds celebrate at Alumni Weekend





NEARLY 400 ALUMNI returned to campus to celebrate Alumni Weekend 2013.

This year, alumni from the class of 1963, 1968, 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003 and 2008 marked reunions.

The highlights of the weekend were once again the Alpha On Campus and the President's Dinner where this year's awards were bestowed.

"Once again, we had a great crowd return for the reunion," said Kelly Klubert, executive director of alumni and communications. "The hard work of our class agents, alumni council and staff paid off. I am thankful to all who returned and hope they enjoyed their time back home at Wheeling Jesuit."

During the Saturday evening President's Dinner, three alumni were given distinguished alumni awards. The St. Ignatius Distinguished Alumni Award, which recognizes a graduate who exemplifies the Jesuit ideals of extraordinary competence and personal compassion in one's chosen profession, was presented to Charlie Lloyd, Ph.D. '63 and Dr. John Maris '83. The Rev. Pedro Arrupe S.J. Distinguished Alumni Award was given this year to Wheeling resident Erin McDonald '03 for living a life in service to others.

The Alumni Association gave the Rev. Clifford M. Lewis, S.J. Award, the highest honor presented by the Alumni Council, to Wheeling physician Dr. Gregory Merrick. 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."

See WEEKEND on page 24

Dr. John Maris '83
poses with President
Emeritus Beyer.




WJU honors alumni during weekend festivities

Continued from page 23

Tony Mazza '06 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.

Ten alumni were chosen by their individual classes for induction into the Hall of Honor. Created by the University's Alumni Council, the Hall provides alumni with a voice to recognize former classmates, faculty and staff for their contributions to their profession, society and the greater WJU community.

The 2013 Hall of Honor inductees include: Linda (McAlarney) Cunningham '63, Brian McCagh '68, Robert Hutchings '73, Jesse Corning '78, Rev. Anthony Cincinnati '83, Joseph Laker, Ph.D., former history professor selected by the class of 1988, Roseanna (Dakan) Keller '93, Peter Ehni, Ph.D., physics professor selected by the class of 1998, Remey Munasifi '03, and Adrienne (Greene) Tharp '08. 



Erin McDonald receives her award.



Alumni Council
president Dick Riley
congratulates Tony
Mazza '06.



Alumni and friends
enjoy the weekend's
activities.

WJU alumnus named outstanding teacher at WVU

Wheeling Jesuit alumnus and Alumni Council President Richard Riley '84 was one of six who received a WVU Foundation Award for Outstanding Teaching for 2013.

Riley was honored April 11 during a Week of Honors event.

The WVU Foundation began giving out the awards in 1985 as a way to celebrate faculty who've established patterns of distinguished teaching and exceptional innovation in teaching methods, course and curriculum design, and instructional tools.

At 29, Riley reached what would be a pinnacle to most careers but instead it was a plateau.

He was chief financial officer of a successful business, but wasn't sure if he was moving in the direction he wanted to move. After consulting with two of his mentors, one at WVU and another at Wheeling Jesuit University, Riley decided to pursue a doctorate degree and rejoin the world of academia.

"It was more of a leap of faith than anything," said Riley, the Louis F. Tanner Distinguished Professor of Public Accounting at WVU. "But I've been here 15 years and I absolutely love it."




Richard Riley '84

Riley's passion for education shows in the innovative courses he has designed and the interest he takes in students' success.

He is best known for developing courses like *Fraud and Forensic Accounting Case Investigations*, which challenges students to investigate and find solutions for real-life fraud cases. The cases come from Riley's own professional experience, including those he's heard of and worked on with federal fraud investigators.

He also teaches *Marketplace Business Simulation*, which requires a student team to manage a personal computer manufacturing company

in competition with other student teams. Student teams are expected to make all financial, operational, marketing, production and other strategic decisions required to manage the business and, at the end of the exercise, they report the results of their company's performance, including return on investment, customer satisfaction and market share to venture capitalist investors.

"The hallmark of my classroom approach is to create very challenging, simulated real-world experiences for my students," Riley said. 

WJU Alumnus on Tampa Bay Training Staff

With a passion for athletics, Wheeling Jesuit grad Adam Carter '11 knew once he decided on a career in athletic training, he'd end up in the NFL someday.

Just two years removed from his undergraduate years at WJU, Carter finds himself each day at the training center for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. As a trainer for the football team, his days are long, but he is enjoying his role with the team.

"A typical day starts at 6:30 a.m. with the first round of treatment and then we have meetings. At 10 a.m. we start practice and are on the field until noon. Practice is followed by another round of treatments," Carter explained. He spends most afternoons treating the players after weight room workouts and then restocking supplies in preparation for the following day.

He normally calls it a day around 7 p.m.


When Carter decided on athletic training as a career, he said he chose Wheeling Jesuit because of program Director Dave Dennis and former faculty member Dave Hanna, not to mention the relationship he had as a Wheeling native.

"They had talked to me about the plans they had for starting an athletic training program at WJU and I felt like it would be a good fit for what I was looking for," Carter explained.

That education, Carter said, especially the problem-based learning curriculum was a benefit in preparing him for graduate school at West Virginia University and his career with the Buccaneers.

"The curriculum is based on critical thinking and that is the basis of everything you do as an athletic trainer in the NFL. I feel as if I couldn't have been more prepared anywhere else," he added.

Long days, but according to Carter, that's what goes along with being a trainer for an NFL team. His choice to seek a position with Tampa Bay was based on the team's training staff being rated as the best.

"I set my goals high and figured I would apply to them first and see where it went. About a week after sending in my resume, I was hired," Carter said. 

Alumni speakers provide current students insight into WJU history, careers

Larry Driscoll, associate professor of criminal justice, incorporates alumni from many professional areas to teach seniors in his social science class the responsibilities they hold after graduation.

"I tell them you just can't take, you must give back," Driscoll explained. "By bringing in alumni, the students learn the history of the University from the people who walked the hallways before them."

Having alumni come to speak to his class, Driscoll said, gives the students a connection to Wheeling Jesuit's history and helps them learn that choices made today can impact

their future.

Dan Haller, managing partner of Neighborhood Legal Services in Pittsburgh and John Egan McAteer, a former U.S. State Department employee, both from the class of 1961, visited Driscoll's class and shared stories about successful classmates, as well as encouraged them to "aim high" in their own career pursuits.

Driscoll noted the alumni talk about how he or she got from the classroom to where they are today — something he believes is important for today's students to see. Important, Driscoll said, because it teaches the students what they must do once they graduate

to be successful.

"We told them to be honored to be a part of this Jesuit heritage and that they are part of a legacy that they can be proud of," said Haller. In his class, Haller explained that more than 70 percent of his classmates received advanced degrees and they had one Rhodes Scholar finalist in Dr. Michael Santer and Lee Flanagan won a Woodrow Wilson scholarship to Brown University.

"In our minds, it is valuable for alumni, faculty and students to have these encounters. For our part, we as alumni get a chance to meet some of

See INSIGHTS on page 30

New candidate's life experience leads to 'Love of God and neighbor without exception'



Photo by Sister Mary Ann Rosenbaum, CSJ

Wheeling Jesuit graduate Erin McDonald '04, prepares to enter vowed life with the Sisters of St. Joseph.

*This article is reprinted with permission from the Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph. From the Spring/Summer 2013 issue of the magazine **imagineONE**.*

The Congregation of the Sisters of St. Joseph is pleased to announce that we have accepted Erin McDonald as a candidate for vowed membership.


McDonald '04, who earned a bachelor of psychology degree from Wheeling Jesuit University and a master of social work degree from West Virginia University in Morgantown, W.Va., returned to Wheeling last summer from working two years in ministry in Rwanda, Africa, with the Jesuit Refugee Service. She is currently working for Catholic Charities West Virginia in the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Referring to the description from the congregation's mission, "A Sister of St. Joseph moves always toward profound love of God and love of neighbor without distinction, from whom she does not separate herself," McDonald said. "It encompasses the ways in which my experiences of faith, service and solidarity with the poor have changed and transformed me. ... I have been so profoundly changed by these experiences that I am choosing to live a life completely rooted in love of God and love of neighbor as a Sister of St. Joseph.

"After serving two years as a humanitarian aid worker with the Jesuit Refugee Service in Rwanda, I have seen and experienced, firsthand, the brokenness in our world that is crying out for unity and reconciliation," she explained. "As a candidate to become a Sister of Saint Joseph, I am called to be a catalyst for positive change and healing in our wounded and fractured world."

Originally from Massachusetts, McDonald had an early connection with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Boston. When she was a child, her grandmother worked as a cook for the sisters' convent at St. Raphael Parish there. "She sat me in the kitchen with her while she cooked," Erin recalls. "Those sisters influenced my earliest memories."

McDonald connected with the Sisters of St. Joseph of Wheeling in the summer of 2000, when she was a student at Regis College in Weston, Mass., and participated in our "Volunteers in Mission Program." She then transferred to Wheeling Jesuit University to complete her degree in psychology. Later, she became the assistant director, then director of the Service for Social Action Center at the university.

As she begins her candidacy, McDonald said, "I pray for the courage to follow God's call wherever it leads me and to embrace, with an open heart and mind, whatever the future of religious life may hold." 

Class of '75 member competes in *American Ninja Warrior* show

Don Smith '75 was one of the 100 contestants to compete on the G4 Networks' American Ninja Warrior television show.

About a year ago, Smith learned of the television show while channel surfing. He first found the show rather amusing and then after about 45 minutes, began to see himself as a viable contestant.

After much thought, he prepared a video and submitted it to the show. The show had specific instructions, Smith said, on what was to be included on the tape: a self introduction, age, where you live, occupation, family, the individual who inspires you, your biggest fan, hobbies, workout

routine, athletic inclinations and a final statement, "I will be the next American Ninja Warrior."

Taping for the fifth season of the northeast regional competition took place in Baltimore's Inner Harbor, not far from his home in Bel Air, Maryland. Smith said at age 60 he was concerned whether he'd be prepared enough physically for this challenge.

As someone who always emphasized physical fitness, Smith said he decided he'd better step up his workout routine to be prepared in case he got the call. But he got notification to participate in the show before he could follow through with added workouts.

On April 14 he learned he was chosen to participate and taping took place on April 19.

"Fortunately, I had been preparing for this moment since last year, so I was as ready as I would ever be. At 60 years of age, I was the oldest contestant in the history of all previous seasons to qualify and run the course," Smith added.

While Smith did not win the regional competition, his competition began airing on the G4 Network at the end of June. He plans to return in the 2014 season and hopes to conquer the course. 🏆

Davison serves as second alumni scholar in residence

Noted Florida political science professor and Wheeling Jesuit alumna discussed the role of elections on foreign policy at a public forum last October.

Joan Davison, Ph.D. '78, presented 'Do elections matter for U.S. Foreign Policy?' during her talk as the WJU Scholar in Residence for 2012. The professor of political science and the Cornell Distinguished Faculty Fellow at Rollins College lectured in several classrooms as a visiting professor during her week on campus.

"Dr. Davison's presentation topic was timely with the presidential election last fall. Many foreign policy issues are based on reactions to

world events and out of the control of the president, so it was interesting to hear her thoughts on such matters," said John Poffenbarger, Ph.D. assistant professor of Political Science.

Launched last year, the Alumni Scholar in Residence program allows one WJU alumni each year to share his or her knowledge and vision with students, faculty and the community. Born from the alumni association's 50-Year Club, the program began with the assistance of former Academic Vice President Stephen Stahl, Ph.D., President Rev. James Fleming, S.J. and Dr. Ed Shahady '60, past president

of the 50-Year Club.

"Having alumni such as Dr. Davison share their knowledge and expertise is one more way that our alumni give back to Wheeling Jesuit – that is the main premise on which this program was founded," said Shahady, the 2011 Alumni Scholar.

In addition to receiving her bachelor's degree from Wheeling Jesuit, Davison was recognized at WJU for her academic and athletic achievements with numerous awards and honors. She also earned a master's and doctorate from the University of Notre Dame. 🏆

New alumni recruitment program aids Wheeling Jesuit enrollment efforts

Nearly 75 alumni from across the country are aiding Wheeling Jesuit University's recruitment efforts by growing enrollment.

This small army of volunteers is part of the Alumni in Recruitment (AIR) program. Launched in June 2012, AIR partners alumni with admission recruiters to attract prospective students. The alumni volunteers can sign up to attend a college fair, adopt a high school or introduce Wheeling Jesuit to their network of educational constituencies.

"We are excited to have nearly 75 alumni join the Alumni In Recruitment family. The program is specifically designed to engage our alumni to 'help us grow' the university's enrollment," said Larry Vallar, vice president for Enrollment Management.

For more than a year, Vallar and his team, along with the Alumni Council, have collaborated to design and build a comprehensive AIR training manual and web site.

"The idea of AIR was born some time ago, but was made a top priority by the administration last summer. More than a year later, we have many dedicated volunteers who are helping our recruiters in 13 states," Kelly Klubert '85, executive director of alumni and communications said. "By sharing experiences, AIR volunteers give prospective students an inside, personal look into what makes this University such a special place."


Alumni Council member Judy Geary '63 of Washington, Pennsylvania, explained many graduates are devoted to WJU and often ask, "How can I help?" Geary said, "It's about engagement and leveraging relationships. AIR volunteers will allow us to reach many communities beyond what the University can do on its own. This is a wonderful way to grow the circle."

Canton resident Jerry Schroer '86 is the Alumni Council AIR ambassador and AIR member. Thanks to his

relationships with 20 high schools in the Cleveland/Akron/Canton, Ohio areas, outreach to schools increased in the past year. He said a spike in student inquiries from Northeastern Ohio is proof of how AIR volunteers can impact enrollment.

"I can't think of a better way to help than to encourage students to attend my *alma mater*," Schroer said.

"We are a young university, therefore many of our alumni are just beginning in their careers, so those who cannot give in dollars can give 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 1-800-888-2586 or alumni@wju.edu. 

Alumni share insights with current WJU students




Continued from page 27

the impressive young people who are part of the continuum at WJU," Haller added about his classroom interaction.

Haller said meeting and interacting with students and faculty at his *alma mater* "reinforces the pride I have in WJU and its mission. And faculty members have a chance to reconnect with their

former students and see the success of their own efforts. I think it is a win, win, win opportunity."

Driscoll said the more students hear about the history of the University and the alum's journey of how they got to today, "the more it helps current students understand what lies ahead and what their responsibility is for the next generation of WJU students." 

ALUMNOTES

1959

Anthony Ellis is the owner of Sunset-Ellis Restaurant, Inc.

1960

Robert Maybury is a senior consultant for CWIS-LLC.

1963

James Dissen is chairman of the board of Highland Hospital and Star USA Federal Credit Union and is an adjunct professor at the University of Charleston.

Ron Vogrin works part-time as a consultant at Kuntz Insurance Group.

1964

Judy (Glaser) Carroll works part-time for Associates in Oncology/Hematology.

William Floria is managing member of Corporate Assistance Group, LLC.

Charles Roedersheimer is an attorney with Thompson & Deveny Co. LPA.

1965

Larry Meagher works for Santa Catarina Hospital.

Thomas Ryan is a self-employed consultant.

1966

Tom and Carole (Meehan) Gale reside in Liberty, NC. He works on special projects at Syngenta and she works at Measurements, Inc.

1967

William Doyle is a self-employed attorney in Cleveland.

Phyllis (Bauer) Madachy is project director for The Coordinating Center.

1968

Karey (Lisi) Aubrey is director of event, tour and volunteer programs at the Newberry Library.

Rosanna Coffey works for Truven Health Analytics.

Lee Jenkins is CEO of Florida Consumer Watch.

Brian McCagh is executive director of oncology services at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

1969

Ronald Glaser works for John Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab.

1971

Jay Grimes works for Elm Grove Dodge.

Patrick Nolan works for Barr International, Inc.

1972

Sr. Lorelei Francis Fuchs is a research assistant for National Council of Churches USA.

Cathy (Adams) Gurley is the executive director of You Have the Power, a non-profit organization whose mission is education and advocacy for crime victims.

Bob O'Neill is executive director of the Manufacturers Standardization Society.

Joseph Woerner is the controller for Rumpke of Ohio – northwest market.

1973

Harry Dorsey and his spouse, **Kathleen Orr**, reside in Annandale, VA. He works for the US Dept. of Defense and National Defense University, and she works for Arlington Public Schools.

Michael Fanning is director of sustainable development for Michelin Group.

Dave Fluharty is a senior staff statistician for Americas Commercial Transportation Research Co. LLC.

Bob Hutchings is a senior adjunct professor at Cumberland County College and cross country and track and field assignor for the NJSIAA.

Linda Mizejewski is a professor at The Ohio State University.

Rob Morris is the owner/editor of the Outer Banks Voice.

James Ryan is CEO of Brightside Investment Group in Atlanta.

1974

Chip Bogdewic is president of B. Bogdewic Automotive, Inc. in Bentleyville, PA.

Mary Kay (Kociancic) Bossard is an asthma center education coordinator for The Cleveland Clinic Respiratory Institute Asthma Center.

Chapter News

PITTSBURGH – The Pittsburgh Alumni Chapter continues to meet the second Thursday of each month at Bados in Mount Lebanon. President Emeritus Richard Beyer and Fr. Jim Fleming, S.J., president were at two gatherings during the year. The two attended the March gathering to talk about the transition and Fr. Fleming was at the May gathering. The monthly socials continue to be a great time of networking and fun for those alumni that attend.

In December, the chapter hosted its annual holiday party at Tambellini's Restaurant in downtown Pittsburgh. Nearly 60 alumni of all ages were on hand and heard from Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J., who provided an update on the University.

Russell Gervasi is employed at ProBuild Company, LLC.

1975

Peggy (Nolan) Cardillo works for Creative School in Dallas.

Andrew Quinn works for Kennywood Park near Pittsburgh.

1976

Cathy (Widmer) Stewart works for Metacton (PA) School District.

1977

Edward Sipler is a health development specialist at South Eastern Trust.

1978

Gary Gross is the semi-retired managing partner for The Bull Bergen Group, LLC.

1979

Mentoria McCullough Washington is school attendance specialist for Washington, DC Public Schools.

1980

Nancy (Galligan) Fulton is a software engineer for Axom Technologies, Inc.

Patrick Parisi is national lead for the PeriOperative Anesthesia Care Clinical Team for Philips Healthcare.

Marisa (Minard) Rios is manager of Minard's Spaghetti Inn.

Judy (Cuthbert) Wood is director of medical support at Patient First.

1981

Cathy (Polak) Hlohowskyj is employed by Downers Grove Park District.

1982

Patricia (Flanagan) Drummond is a nurse practitioner at Sinai Hospital.

Colleen (Slyman) McAuliffe is manager for federal support programs for NECA.

1983

Dick Joltes is a software developer for IBM.

John Maris, MD, is professor/director at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and University of Pennsylvania.

J. Drew Segadelli is a partner in the law firm of Fagan, Goldrick & Segadelli, PC.

1984

Mary Beth Angotti is a self-employed attorney in Morgantown.

Richard Riley is the Louis F. Tanner Distinguished Professor of Public Accounting and is the recipient of the WVU Foundation Award for Outstanding Teaching.

1985

Kelly Klubert was named executive director of alumni and communications at WJU.

1986

Ed Fargo and spouse, **Christine (Walsh) '87**, reside in Melbourne, FL with their two daughters. He works for Delta Airlines.

Daniel Goga is an accountant at Wheeling Hospital.

1987

Paul Bulgarelli is employed at VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System.

1988

Christine Baldwin works for the Indiana University School of Health & Rehabilitation Sciences.

Susan DeMarco is a veteran service representative for Veteran Affairs.

Patricia "Patches" Holmes is self employed – Appalachian, heritage – environmental folk life artisan.

Steve Simpkins and spouse, **Kathleen (Linton)**, reside in Chesapeake, VA with their five children. He is president of Virtual InSyte and she is health advisor for Chesapeake Public Schools.

Lisa (Cybulski) Stillwell is supervisor of nuclear medicine at Wheeling Hospital.

Ray Vogel is president and CEO of SequelCare Partners.

Nina Wakim is employed at United States Steel in Pittsburgh.

1990

Patrick Morell is national sales manager for TRM Ireland.

Capt. Tom Welsh, JAGC, USN is a staff judge advocate for the Joint Task Force – Guantanamo Bay.

1992

Marc England is an accounting manager with Curry and Friend.

Sean Frontz is a consultant for Ninety Five 5.

Chapter News



WASHINGTON D.C.

– More than 60 alumni attended a post-game reception following the WJU/Univ. of Maryland rugby game. The event was held on the campus and was enjoyed by alumni of all ages.

The annual spring alumni event at the Dubliner in downtown DC was held at the end of April. Nearly 50 alumni were on hand to see Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J., former WJU President, Fr. Charles Currie, S.J., President Jim Fleming, S.J. and President Emeritus, Richard Beyer.



Chapter News

COLUMBUS – In August 2012, alumni from the Columbus area gathered in the Polaris area for the annual social. About 30 alumni were on hand for the event at Claddagh Irish Pub. Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J. and Alumni Director Kelly Klubert '85 were on hand for the event. Following the WJU/Ohio State rugby match in October, about 10 alumni gathered for a social. Fr. Jim Fleming, S.J. and Noah Mull '09, alumni gift officer, were on hand for the social.

Mark Hoffman is territory sales representative for Home Brands, Inc.

1993

Nancy (Chandler) Fields is employed by Prodigy Title Agency.

Roseanna (Dakan) Keller is retired from Bayer Material Science where she was director of human resources.

Tom Kramer is regional director for advanced advertising for Time Warner Cable.

Kevin Patrick works in sales for Paper Products Company.

1994

Lisa (Lemon) Gillespie is a registered nurse in the ICU at CAMC-TVH.

Mark O'Neil launched his own business – Team Trivia, Inc. – covering Eastern Maryland and Baltimore. Part of his business features a LIVE hosted trivia game known as "Team TriviaZ."

Melissa (Curry) Troyan is a nurse practitioner in the rheumatology department at The Ohio State University Medical Center.

1995

Jennifer (Lantz) Marsh works for Ohio County (WV) Schools.

1996

Tara Frasier is the chief social worker in the John Merck Inpatient Unit at UPMC/Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic.

Gianni Giordano is a financial advisor at Morgan Stanley.

Matthew Mansuetto and his spouse, **Melissa (Kellner)**, reside in Wheeling with their children. He is employed at Mansuetto & Sons, Inc.

Eric Matz and his spouse **Nanette (Kazimer) '00**, reside in Wheeling. He is employed at HH Gregg.

Amy (Krak) McKenzie is the program coordinator in the advancement office at The Ohio State University College of Social Work.

1997

Jude Baker is a regional sales and marketing strategy manager for North American Publishing Company.

Nichole Mazza-Fredley is a crisis clinician at UPMC's Resolve Crisis Network.

David Palumbo works for Allegheny General Lifeflight.

1998

John Naughton and his spouse, **Amanda (Balser) Naughton '99**, reside in Powell, OH with their two children. He is director of graduate admissions at Ohio Dominican University.

Courtney (Santoni) Poness is a corporate security & employee safety consultant for Highmark, Inc.

1999

Christina (Ralbovsky) Terek and her spouse, **Michael '98**, reside in Wheeling with their two daughters. She is an attorney with Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC and president of the Junior League of Wheeling.

Debra (Burnside) Senese works for Monmouth County Park System – historic Longstreet Farm.

Amy (Dawson) Witschey is director of clinical education/instructor for respiratory therapy at Stanly Community College.

2000

Alana (Pentino) Archer and her spouse, **Brad '92**, reside in Wheeling. She is a senior healthcare representative with Pfizer, Inc.

Beth (Burgess) Bradshaw is program manager-mental health for the state of Maryland – Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

LeAnn Cook is volunteer coordinator for Zoodochos Peghe Church – Daily Bread Center in Martins Ferry, OH.

Amy (Lilly) Piatt is a senior contracts administrator with TASC. She was married to Art Piatt on March 8.

Michael Traubert is a loss mitigation notary for Wesbanco.

Kevin Werner is executive director of Ohioans to Stop Executions.

Chapter News

BALTIMORE – Board Chair Mimie (O'Hara) Helm '84 hosted a reception at her home in suburban Baltimore and welcomed a number of current and former members of the WJU Jesuit community. On hand were, Fr. Jim Fleming, S.J., Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J., Fr. Joe Hayden, S.J., Fr. Walter Buckius, S.J., and Fr. Brian O'Donnell, S.J. President emeritus Richard Beyer gave an update on the University to the 80 plus alumni who attended.



2001

Janel (Hartman) Green is a legal secretary for Carlile, Patchen & Murphy LLP.

2002

Shannon (Bonenberger) Cuniak is an outreach specialist at the Ohio State School for the Blind and adjunct faculty instructor OSU.

Natalie (Koler) McCready is a 2012 graduate of Chatham University with a master's degree in physician assistant studies.

Louie Nardelli '04 and his spouse, **Christine (Janosko) '03**, reside in Sandston, VA with their two children. He is a fellow in psychosomatic medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University Hospital.

Charles Reed and his spouse, **Tracy (Tennant)**, reside in Elizabeth City, NC with their son. He is assistant professor of history at Elizabeth City State University.

Scott Stead is a systems engineer with CNN in Washington, DC and recently received six Peabody Awards.

Erin (Hemmelgarn) Hein is a cash management consultant for Chase Bank.

Debbie (Sikarskie) Nix is a kindergarten teacher for Fairfax County (VA) Schools.

Christina Richey is senior scientist for the Research and Analysis Program in the Planetary Science Division at NASA headquarters in Washington, DC. She is a member of the Women in Astrophysics Roundtable Committee and a member of the Federal Relations Subcommittee for the American Astronomical Society's Division of Planetary Sciences.

2005

Anne Gormley is a pre-kindergarten teacher at Stone Ridge of the Sacred Heart School (MD).

Maggie (Millar) Thaxton is a teacher with Rowan-Salisbury (NC) Schools.

2006

Kristin Byus is a registered nurse with WVU Healthcare.

Marco DiBias is employed at The Meadows Racetrack and Casino.

Eric Ferguson is highway solutions specialist for Hub Group in Pittsburgh.

Pete Harlan is project/program manager at Battelle in Columbus, OH.

Amy (Finneran) Jordan is an auditor for FINRA in Rockville, MD.

Adam Levitsky was promoted to an assistant vice president with BB&T in Morgantown.

Chapter News

OHIO VALLEY – Once again, the Ohio Valley Alumni Chapter hosted a number of events throughout the year. The annual wine tasting at Good Mansion Wines in East Wheeling, the Basketball Social and the Holiday Party were the top attended events this past year. In addition, more than 90 alumni returned to campus during Homecoming weekend. The chapter also hosted three socials for the class of 2013. The seniors raised more than \$1,000 for the University.

Colleen McNamara is a teacher at Our Lady of Good Counsel (MD).

Keith Miller is a senior associate with the accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen, LLP in Maryland.

Connie (Keplinger) Vetter is self-employed and completing her Masters in adult education and training.

2007

Chelsea (Neiswanger) Arteaga is a kindergarten teacher for Prince Georges County (MD) Public Schools.

Winston Baker is a doctoral candidate at Marquette University.

Kara Blacker is a doctoral candidate at Temple University.

Kayla Matesick is a chemistry teacher for Steubenville (OH) City Schools.

Chapter News

CHARLESTON – Three events took place in Charleston this past year. President emeritus Richard Beyer, Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J., Kelly Klubert '85, alumni director and Jasmine Lo, foundation and corporation officer, gathered with more than 25 alumni in October. Alumni gathered on the campus of the University of Charleston in January when the Cardinals played in the State Capital. In March, Noah Mull '09, alumni gift officer and Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J. gathered with about 10 alumni for a social.

Angela Reese is communications coordinator for Harvard Catalyst/The Harvard Clinical & Translational Science Center.

2003

Jessica (Perkins) Bower is a physical therapist for Home Care Plus.

Paula (Latham) Lattanzi and her spouse, **Josh '04**, reside in Crofton (MD) with their daughter Gabriella Elizabeth, born 07/24/12. She is a seventh grade teacher at Academy of St. Matthias Apostle.

Kate (Stankiewicz) Wilson is an analytical chemist for Adesis, Inc.

2004

Marci Bonar is a third grade teacher and head girls' basketball coach for Bellaire High (OH) School.

Katerina (Simmons) Crothers is a financial administrator with Meredith Manor Equestrian Centre.

Kirstin (Hearn) Cucio is a special education teacher at Richards (IL) High School.

Nicole (January) McGuire is a physical therapist at Medi-Home Health.

John Paul Nardelli is a religion teacher/campus minister at Notre Dame High School in Clarksburg, WV.

Emily Reed is an eighth grade science and music and film appreciation teacher at East Liverpool City (OH) School District.

Ricky Yahn is assistant men's basketball coach at Longwood University.

2008

Kristina Bacon is a senior research analyst for Public Health Computational and Operations Research at the University of Pittsburgh.

Brandi (Sroka) Lucot is an associate underwriter for CHART RRG.

Kristen McCarthy is a consultant for Eagle Investment Systems, LLC, in Pittsburgh.

Amanda Smider is a math teacher with Richmond (VA) Public Schools.

Tanya Smith is a resident doctor at Vision Northwest.

Tim Wombacher is a critical care physician assistant at Emory Healthcare (GA).

Emily (DeRosa) Zvengrowski is a respiratory therapist at UVA Medical Center.

2009

Chris Andrakakos is asset manager for Columbia Wireless, LLC.

Leah (Blazeski) Ripley is an admissions counselor at West Virginia Wesleyan.

Chapter News

NEWYORK – Nearly 40 alumni were on hand in the Big Apple for the annual gathering at The Public House. President Emeritus Richard Beyer gave alumni an update on the University. Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J., Alumni Director Kelly Klubert '85, Foundation/Corporation Officer Jasmine Lo, and Director of Undergraduate Admissions Kim Klaus were all on hand for the gathering.

2010

Jordan Burkhardt (DPT '12) married **Mike Ciarochi '11** in May 2013. Many WJU alumni were in attendance for the wedding



Mark Linkinogger is an orthopedic and sports medicine physical therapist at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH.

Shawn Manning is business partner with his father at Kellycars Chrysler Jeep Dodge.

2011

Bethany Barsch is responsible for income development in Jefferson/Harrison counties in Ohio.

Trent Krupica is the marketing manager at Lakeview Golf Resort and Spa in Morgantown.

Amanda Shatzer is a fourth grade math teacher for Prince William County (MD) Schools.

2012

Kayla Fetsko is head volleyball coach at West Liberty University.

Paula Keally is clinical program manager for Philips Healthcare (KY).

Obituaries

ALUMNI

Carolyn (Lee) Bazo '59, died Oct. 29, 2012.

James Blasher, Jr. '65, died Dec. 28, 2012.

B. Lynne (Schultz) Coyne '67, spouse of **Pat Coyne '64**, died Dec. 2, 2012.

Katherine (Kovacs) Klettner '64, spouse of **William "Bill" Klettner '64**, died Feb. 29, 2012.

Leonore (Gilllin) Korth '65, wife of **Howard Korth '64**, sister of **James Gillin '73**, and mother of **Lee Hinfey '90**, **Joseph Korth '89** and **Michael Korth '88**, died Nov. 2, 2012.

Berne Gantzer '60 died March 13, 2013

Chapter News

PHILADELPHIA

– Golf, basketball and holiday fun made up the venues for alumni events in the Philadelphia area this past year. More than 80 alumni took part in the Pieco/Ryan Open in October. The annual golf scramble raised more than \$2,000 for the Charles Currie/Philadelphia Alumni Chapter Scholarship. In January, Martha (Buckley) Shields '64 and her husband Jim, hosted the annual post holiday party. In April, Fr. Jim Fleming, president, VP for Enrollment Larry Vallar, Alumni Director Kelly Klubert '85 and Admission Recruiter Chris Rouhier '11 hosted a social to update alums on the Alumni in Recruitment Program. About 20 alumni were on hand for the gathering.



Chapter News

CLEVELAND – The chapter hosted two events during the year. In the fall, 30 alumni gathered at Mavis Winkles in Independence to hear an update from President Emeritus Richard Beyer. Also on hand were Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J., Alumni Director, Kelly Klubert '85, Alumni Gift Officer, Noah Mull '09 and Admission Recruiter Jill Nizan '09. In April, Gilmour Academy was the site of an alumni Mass and reception. More than 20 alumni and prospective students were on hand. Fr. O'Brien celebrated the Mass.

Stan Marchlenski '59 died May 22, 2013

Glory (Timchak) McKean '66 died March 28, 2013.

Martin Napper '69 died Feb. 16, 2013.

Louis R. Perry '69 died Aug. 6, 2012.

David G. Rouse '75 died July 6, 2012.

Donna (Roberts) Rusinko '73 aka "Turtle" died June 18, 2012.

Joseph P. Ryan '73 died July 4, 2012.

Sally Stahl Sharp '60 died March 4, 2013.

Arthur "Artie" Siccardi '73 died Aug. 9, 2012.

Bill Tobin '64 died Nov. 15, 2012.

Marlene (Sauritch) Veach '60 died July 28, 2012.

FAMILY, STAFF & FRIENDS

William Barton MD, father of **Vera Barton-Caro '82** and **Kathy (Barton) Baxter '84**, died Nov. 4, 2012.

Dr. Stanley Bohinski, father of **Christopher Bohinski '13**, died Feb. 19, 2013.

Nancy Brubaker mother of **Bruce Brubaker '84** died Oct. 27, 2012.

Joan Elder, spouse of **Patrick Elder '61**, died April 18, 2013.

Lines Ferguson, father of **Eric Ferguson '06**, died Feb. 1, 2013.

Stephen Fortunato, father of **Steve Fortunato '78**, **Mike Fortunato '81** and **Mary (Fortunato) Shurman '84**, died Jan. 27, 2013.

Edward Frohnafel, father of **Matt Frohnafel '96** and spouse of former WJU employee **Lorraine Frohnafel**, died Aug. 20, 2012.

Raymond Fulton, spouse of **Nancy (Galligan) Fulton '80**, died September 2012.

Chapter News

MORGANTOWN – Alumni from the Morgantown area attended a social in the Fall.

President Emeritus Richard Beyer, Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J., Alumni Director Kelly Klubert '85, Alumni Gift Officer Noah Mull '09 and Alumni Council President Dick Riley '84 welcomed more than 20 alumni to the event.



Anne Keil Giese, mother of **Henry Giese '67** and **John Giese '74** and grandmother of **Cara Giese '02**, died Aug. 11, 2012.

Marvin Gray, father of **Gwen (Gray) Stone '87**, died Sept. 8, 2012

Paul Robert Howard, father of **Sherri Howard '12**, died Jan. 23, 2013.

Donald "Don" Kirchoffner, father of **Jill Kirchoffner '93**, died Jan. 9, 2013.

Henry Marangoni, father of **Allen Marangoni '76**, died June 4, 2012.

William "Bill" Mauger, father of **Grant Mauger '93**, died Jan. 14, 2013.

Joan McDermott, mother of **Mike McDermott '82** and **Judy (McDermott) Headland '83**, died Feb. 3, 2013.

Rev. William McGroarty, S.J., former dean of students, died Nov. 26, 2012.

Desoree Miner mother of **King Miner '07** and mother-in-law of **Katie (Repicky) Miner '07** died Oct. 14, 2012.

Sarah Mull, mother of **James Mull '69**, died Feb. 17, 2013.

Ellen (Kelleher) Peterson, sister of **Tom Kelleher '64**, **Ann (Kelleher) Monahan '65**, **Jim Kelleher '72** and **John Kelleher '73**, died Feb. 13, 2013.

Ted Rader, father **Steve Rader '04**, died June 25, 2012

Ronald Robinson, father of **Monica Robinson '83**, died March 1, 2013.

Annette Scaffidi, mother of **Tina (Scaffidi) Goodrich '83**, died May 29, 2012.

Dr. Francis Smith, father of **Winifred Smith '78**, died July 8, 2012.

Robin Anne Smith, spouse of **Russell Smith '84**, died Feb. 27, 2013.

Patricia Weires, former Wheeling College employee and mother of **James "Chip" Weires '82**, died March 3, 2013.

Mary Weitzel, mother of **Patricia Weitzel-O'Neill '69**, died Jan. 10, 2013.

Melvin Witsberger, father of **Elizabeth "Babs" (Witsberger) McCauley '75** and **Todd Witsberger '83** and father-in-law of **Kathleen Bors '82**, died Feb. 23, 2013.

Betty Thacker, former WJU faculty member, died May 31, 2013.

Chapter News

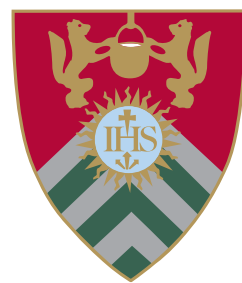
NORTH CAROLINA

– Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J. and Alumni Director Kelly Klubert '85 traveled to Holly Springs, North Carolina for an alumni event. Thanks to the work of John Gallagher '95, more than 25 alumni were on hand for this gathering. Gallagher organized a number of other events throughout the year, including outings to sporting events, tours and socials.





Breanna Butler



ATHLETIC NEWS

A tradition of excellence

Behind the scenes of WJU

THE WHEELING JESUIT VOLLEYBALL

program has enjoyed unprecedented success over the last decade – success that is bred from a quality that is uniquely Jesuit in college athletics – a stable, close-knit, family environment.

The hard work and determination of the husband-wife coaching duo of Christy and Matt Benner resonate with their players and families, create success on the court and establish a unique bond with every graduating class.

The story of the Benners' success at WJU began in 1997 when Matt Benner was hired as a volunteer assistant. He was an assistant under three different leaders through 2001. In 2002, he was offered the head coaching position, however, Matt suggested his wife be named head coach.

The rest is history.

Since then, the duo has stabilized the revolving door of coaches, creating a tradition of excellence in the program. The Cards have been to the NCAA Elite 8 the past two seasons, made three trips to the NCAA Sweet 16, captured 10 WVIAC championships and have countless individual awards and coaching accolades.

According to the Benners, the first year or two of recruiting were challenging, but successful on the court. The 2003 squad consisted of mostly seniors, finishing the season with 38-3 record, which stands as the best record to date. The 2012 squad tied that mark.

The following year, with the graduation of seven seniors, five of which started, the Lady Cards found a way to go undefeated in the conference with a team made up of mostly freshmen.

"Cardinal volleyball is very unique from other programs," Christy said. "We approach everything differently, in hopes that each student-athlete leaves enjoying their time here. It is truly a close-knit family."

By the 2006 season, the recruiting formula had changed, and the Benners were able to even the talent pool in each class and be in a position to reload, rather than rebuild, every four years.

"There is a certain type of athlete that we look for, and we have been very fortunate to find these well-rounded student-athletes year after year," Matt said. "Coaches are not successful without talented players. Recruiting is the key – everything revolves around recruiting."

WJU's recruiting starts full force in the spring. The Benners are on the road nearly every weekend from the end of January until the

end of May – evaluating talent for the future classes two or three years in advance. The coaches target three or four early commitments from high school juniors going into their senior year, and the goal is to have their top prospects committed to WJU before their senior year begins.

"There is no better feeling than to go to a high school match and watch a student-athlete compete as a senior, knowing they are committed to Wheeling Jesuit, no better feeling," Matt explained.

In addition, the Benners create an atmosphere in which their players can be successful and insist on creating an environment where the team will be able to compete at the highest level.

"Our practices are intense, but at the same time a lot of fun. The tempo and pace of practice is what makes it all work; everyone is involved," Christy stated.

Matt added, "A belief in your team during warm-ups or at the beginning of a session can change the entire practice, that's what makes our staff player-friendly. We work on the important things and approach practice like champions from day one."

"Our spring season is vital to the




the volleyball program



team. It is an experience that every player loves because we are able to get so much accomplished in a very short window of time,” Christy said. “Our individual sessions and team practices are huge, but when we mix that with the level of competition it creates a non-pressured environment that makes us better.”

The Jesuit volleyball program competes at the national level and earns several individual and team awards every year, but most rewarding are the comments from officials, opposing coaches, parents from other teams and spectators.

“The comments expressed to us make everything worthwhile. From

the way we conduct ourselves on and off the court with class, respect and sportsmanship. All of those things combined are the ingredients needed to be a champion, a championship team and good citizens,” said Christy. “They are truly better than any victory!” 

Wheeling Jesuit Joins Mountain East Conference

The Wheeling Jesuit University Athletic Department found a new conference to call home after spending 56 years with the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC).

During the summer of 2012, several institutions announced their departure from the WVIAC at the end 2012-13 season, which caused the league to fold after 89 years in existence. As a result, the presidents of 12 universities jointly announced the formation of a new, all-sports athletic conference — the Mountain East Conference (MEC).

“This is the right move at the right time for Wheeling Jesuit University,” said WJU President, Rev. James Fleming, S.J. “We will be in a conference with other institutions whose values and priorities are similar to ours. We also believe this will be one of the most competitive Division II conferences in the country.”

The MEC application for membership was approved by the NCAA Division II Membership Committee. The conference will officially become the 25th NCAA Division II league on Sept. 1 and immediately assumes active status.

“This is a very exciting time for the Mountain East Conference and our 12 charter institutions,” MEC Commissioner Reid Amos said. “Every one of our schools has great history, great tradition and now a great future



as an MEC member. It has been an exhilarating experience to be a part of the formation of a group of like-minded institutions that has laid a strong foundation for a long and successful association.”


The 12 charter members include nine West Virginia institutions — Concord University, Fairmont State University, Glenville State College, Shepherd University, the University of Charleston, West Liberty University, West Virginia State University, Wheeling Jesuit University, and West Virginia Wesleyan College — along with Notre Dame College and Urbana University from Ohio and the University of Virginia’s College at Wise.

“This is very exciting news,” said Wheeling Jesuit Director of Athletics Danny Sancomb. “Formation of the conference has been a long, ongoing process, and the presidents, commissioner and ADs worked long and hard to make this transition a reality.

“We look forward to being a

member of a league where all of the institutions share the same goal for their athletic programs,” Sancomb stated. “We are sad to see the WVIAC go away, but at the same time, are looking forward to being members of the Mountain East Conference.”

The MEC expects to crown conference champions in 16 sports during its first season of operation. They include: men’s and women’s basketball, baseball, men’s and women’s cross country, football, men’s and women’s golf, men’s and women’s soccer, softball, men’s and women’s tennis, men’s and women’s track and field and volleyball.

As a new conference, the MEC’s conference champions won’t be able to receive automatic NCAA tournament bids during the 2013-14 and 2014-15 academic years, but will be eligible for at large bids for NCAA championships. 

Wheeling Jesuit Athletics

Year in review



*Seven championships,
four national championship appearances,
two regional champions and
four All-American performances.*

The Wheeling Jesuit University athletic programs experienced success, winning seven championships, qualifying for four NCAA Division II national tournaments, securing two Regional titles and four All-American awards while the department's student-athletes maintained a collective 3.1 grade point average.

The women's volleyball team continued its dominance on the court by securing the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's final regular season and tournament championships en route to a second-consecutive Atlantic Region Championship and Elite 8 appearance.

Success continued as senior Stewart Jones and freshman Kasey Frazier competed for individual national titles. Jones led the cross country team to a WVIAC championship and Frazier navigated the women's golf program to a WVIAC title. In addition, the women's cross country squad won a WVIAC crown while the men's swimming team collected its fourth-straight Appalachian Swimming Conference championship. The Cardinals' teams produced four Coach of the Year awards, three Player of the Year recipients and a pair of Freshman of the Year winners. Read more about the success of our athletic teams in the recaps on the following pages.

BY THE NUMBERS

Wheeling Jesuit University's commitment to community service is demonstrated by every sector of the university. We salute our athletes' dedication to serve our community off the field as we highlight our teams' hours of service.

Baseball

90
HOURS

Men's Basketball

220
HOURS

Women's Basketball

216
HOURS

Women's Volleyball

290
HOURS

Men's & Women's Track

240
HOURS

Men's & Women's Swimming

40
HOURS

Women's Lacrosse

52
HOURS

Men's Lacrosse

100
HOURS

Men's Golf

60
HOURS

Women's Soccer

124
HOURS

Men's Soccer

48
HOURS



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

WJU women send four players to All-WVIAC team

The women's soccer team welcomed 14 freshmen to the 2012-13 roster and landed four players on the All-WVIAC team. The Cardinals finished the season at 4-11-3 and 3-6-1 in league play. Junior Jenna Klemkowsky led the Cardinals' offense with 10 points on four goals and two assists while junior Jessie Vilkofsky followed with four goals for eight points. Both, Klemkowsky and Vilkofsky earned WVIAC Second-Team honors. Ashley McGinnis and Kristen Eaton earned honorable mentions honors. 



Olivia Vanhoose



Ashley McGinnis




Allison Geary

Men advance to quarterfinals


The Wheeling Jesuit men's soccer team advanced to the WVIAC quarterfinals before falling to Shepherd University by a score of 2-0. The Cardinals wrapped-up the 2012 season with an 11-8 overall record and fourth-best WVIAC regular season mark of 6-3.

The Cardinals had seven players earn postseason awards as freshman Nicolay Netskar garnered WVIAC First-Team accolades. The Oppegaard, Norway native recorded 20 points on seven goals and six assists.

Sophomore Luke Roan led the Cardinals' offensive attack with 21 points on eight goals and five assists, and was selected to the WVIAC's Second-Team. Joining Roan with second-team honors were senior Dominic Welsh, junior George Neboussie, sophomore Ignacio Fernandez and freshman J.J. Hawkshaw. Goalkeeper Cody Thompson earned honorable mention. 

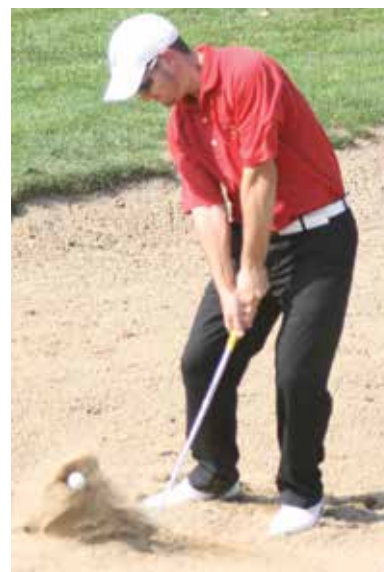
GOLF

Men record strong season

The men's golf team finished the season strong, placing seventh in the WJU Invitational at Moundsville (WV) Country Club. Junior Michael McDonald led the Cardinals with an opening round 75 and followed with a second round score of 80 strokes to finish 18th. Junior Kodi Peterson posted rounds of 80 and 77 to finish 24th. 



Kodi Peterson



Bailey Warfield

*Year in Review: Fall Sports Roundup***GOLF****Women's team takes WVIAC Championship**

Kasey Frazier

The WJU women's golf program won the fall WVIAC Championship by 10 strokes over runner-up Concord University. The Cardinals fired back-to-back rounds of 318 strokes for a two-day score of 636 to capture a second-consecutive title.

Freshman Kasey Frazier earned medalist, finishing the championship with rounds of 76 and 74 for a tournament-low 150 strokes. Junior Juli Hirauk completed the event tied fifth with rounds of 81 and 77, seniors Whitney Young and Erin Metzger rounded out the Cardinals' scoring. Young fired rounds of 80 and 83 while Metzger contributed rounds of 81 and 84. Frazier and Hirauk were named to the all-tournament team.

The Cardinals went on to claim the WVIAC Southern Regional title. Frazier was named the WVIAC Player of the Year, while Sue Vail was named WVIAC Coach of the Year. Frazier received first-team accolades and was the NCAA East Region player of the year.

Wheeling Jesuit finished the spring season ranked tenth in the East Region and just missed the cut for the East Region Super Regional Tournament. Frazier competed as an individual and won the individual championship with a 3-day total of 229 strokes.

After winning the regional tournament, Frazier competed in the NCAA Division II National Championship at the LPGA International in Daytona Beach, Fla., where she finished the four-day event in seventh place and finished 23rd overall. 🏆

VOLLEYBALL**Lady Cardinals wrap up award-winning season**

The WJU volleyball program elevated to the No. 18 ranked team in the country and for the first time in school history received a No. 1 Atlantic Region bid.

Wheeling Jesuit repeated as Atlantic Region Champions before the team's 21-game winning streak came to an end in the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division II championship. The Cardinals lost to the No. 7 ranked University of Tampa Spartans in Pensacola, Fla. finishing the year 38-3. WJU captured

the WVIAC regular season title and cruised through the WVIAC tournament before hosting the Atlantic Region Tournament and advancing to the NCAA's Elite 8.

Several Cardinals earned postseason accolades. Junior Jenna Pew led the way, securing the WVIAC Player of the Year award and the WVIAC Tournament Most Valuable Player honor. She was a First-Team, All-Atlantic Region selection and earned a spot on the



See VOLLEYBALL on page 44

Jenna Pew

Year in Review: Fall Sports Roundup

CROSS COUNTRY

Runners, coaches take top honors

The men and women's cross country teams captured a pair of championships. The men's team placed five runners in the top 10 and finished with 33 points.

Senior Stewart Jones finished second with a time of 27:43.54 and junior Luke Holubeck captured the third place spot in 27:46.56. Rounding out the top finishers were freshman Joe Molek at seventh at 28:39.67 and junior Patrick Stanton finished 10th. All four earned First-Team All-WVIAC recognition, while Molek was named the WVIAC Freshman of the Year.

The men's team followed with a seventh place finish at the 2012 Atlantic Region Meet. Jones, Holubeck, Stanton, Mason, Bonaventure, Molek and freshman Chris Estrada combined for 183 points. Jones finished fifth with a time of 31:20 and advanced to the NCAA Division II Cross Country

Championships at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo.

At the NCAA National Championship, Jones crossed the finish line at 30:19, which stands as the fastest 10K time in Wheeling Jesuit's history. He earned All-American honors with a 35th place finish.

At the WVIAC championship, the women's team placed four runners in the top 10 and scored 40 points to win the title. Senior Katie Albier placed second, finishing in 22:41.92, Senior Megan Truelove placed fifth with a time of 23:18.35, junior Jennifer McFarland earned seventh-place in a time of 23:37.05 and Junior Michelle Pottratz finished 10th at 23:48.72.




Katie Albier



Luke Holubeck

Albier, Truelove, McFarland and Pottratz were named to the WVIAC's First-Team.

The women's team placed sixth at the 2012 Atlantic Region Meet in Lock Haven, Pa.

In addition, WJU's head cross country coach, Ricky Moore, swept the 2012 WVIAC coaching awards. 

VOLLEYBALL

continued from page 43

Atlantic Region's All-Tournament team. In addition, Pew was named to the American Volleyball Coaches Association's (AVCA) All-American Honorable Mention. Pew finished the season with 423 kills, contributed 550 assists to go along with a team-high 41 aces. Defensively, she tallied 246 digs and recorded 146 blocks.

Senior Allissa Ware also finished with AVCA All-American Honorable Mention honors. The 2011 WVIAC

Player of the Year was a First-Team All-WVIAC and All-Atlantic Region selection, and was named to the All-WVIAC and All-Region Tournament teams. Ware posted a team-high 462 kills, 23 assists, 21 aces and 360 digs, while adding 60 blocks.

Sophomore Makenzie Ripley was a first-team selection to the WVIAC and Atlantic Region squads. In addition, she was named to both all-tournament teams as a defensive specialist.

Ripley led the team with 651 digs and registered 30 aces for the Cardinals.

Freshman Madison Strall rounded out the Cardinals First-Team WVIAC selections. She also received All-Atlantic Region Honorable Mention honors. Strall tossed a team-high 868 assists, had 37 aces, 345 digs and 127 kills. Strall was named to the WVIAC All-Freshman team with teammate, freshman Abby Wietrzykowski. 

*Year in Review: Winter Sports Roundup***SWIMMING****Cardinals set records under new coach**


The Wheeling Jesuit men's and women's swimming programs made a splash under new head coach Mike Meyers. The Cardinal men continued its dominance in the Appalachian Swimming Conference (ASC), winning its fourth-consecutive championship while the women's team finished second.

Wheeling Jesuit won 22 of the 34 swimming events and set multiple records which included 20 WJU records, 15 ASC records and 15 pool records at the Stivers Aquatic Center in Barboursville, Ky.

The WJU men scored 701 points, which was 240 points better than runner-up, Asbury University. The women entered the final day of competition 36-points ahead of Notre Dame College (Ohio), only to finish in second place by a margin of 558-554. Six WJU men won championships and seven women captured individual honors.

The 2013 ASC Swimmer of the Year, freshman Jandre Strauss and senior Tom Smith led the men's squad with five, first-place finishes each. Strauss set seven WJU records and Smith followed with six. Junior Henrique Fructouzo earned four gold medals with two record-breaking performances, while senior Patrick Chadowski captured three first places and set four WJU records. Freshman Jakub Skryzpczak and sophomore Pete Scharf each had one win apiece.

On the women's side, junior Meghan Ebbert produced four gold medals and set four school records and freshman Vanessa Gipson secured three wins and one record. Junior Paige Carpenetti and freshman Alexis Anderson earned two wins each and Carpenetti added three record-breaking moments. The trio of junior Lydia Kidd, freshman Maria Palmquist and freshman Taylor Sustersic won one event each — Palmquist and Sustersic were members of the record-setting 200-medley relay team.

In addition to the success in the water, the men's swimming team earned the College Swimming Coaches Association of America Division II Team Scholar All-American Award with a combined 3.19 grade point average. 



Lydia Kidd



Meghan Ebbert



Patrick Chadowski



Jandre Strauss

*Year in Review: Winter Sports Roundup***BASKETBALL****Men's team advances to semi-finals**

The Wheeling Jesuit men's basketball team experienced another successful season. The Cardinals finished 10th in the NCAA Division II Atlantic Region Poll and won 13 of their final 16 games, advancing to the semifinal round of the WVIAC Basketball Tournament. The Cards finished the season with a 19-10 record, which included a 14-8 WVIAC mark.

Freshman Justin Fritts earned the WVIAC's Freshman of the Year award, while senior Ben Siefert was a WVIAC First Team selection.

Fritts led Wheeling Jesuit's scoring efforts by averaging 15.9 points per game and was second in 3-point field goals made with 49. He was third best in the WVIAC for assist to turnover ratio at 2.05. Fritts recorded 84 assists and intercepted 47 passes.


Siefert finished second in team scoring at 15.6 points per game while maintaining a 54.4-percent field goal percentage. WJU's all-time career assists leader, Siefert dished out a league-best 170 assists and also ranked first in minutes played with 36.38. Siefert was seventh in the



Ben Siefert



Justin Fritts

WVIAC's steals per game category, averaging 2.0 per game. Additionally, the senior point guard led WJU's efforts on the glass, grabbing 6.7 rebounds per game for a total of 174 on the season. 


Lady Cards continue to improve under Coach Buff

Taneka Lewis

The Wheeling Jesuit women's basketball program finished the 2012-13 campaign with a record of 8-19 and a 5-17 conference mark. This was a three-win improvement in both categories for second-year, head coach Debbie Buff's squad. The Lady Cardinals started two juniors, two freshmen and a sophomore.

Guards Breanna Butler and Jamie Sobczak were named to the WVIAC All-Freshman team.

Butler averaged 12.1 points on the season, with double-figure scoring performances in 16 games and 20 points or more in four games. She shot 38.4 percent from the field, and was 35.3 percent from beyond the 3 point stripe. In addition, Butler shot a stellar 89.9-percent from the free throw line. She finished the season play with 315 points, 75 rebounds, 43 assists, 40 steals and 10 blocked shots.

Sobczak averaged 13.1 points during her freshman campaign and scored in double figures in 18 games. She added four double-double performances, including a 20-point and 20-rebound performance against Ohio Valley. Sobczak shot 37.7 percent from the floor and was 25.4 percent from the three-point stripe. She finished the season play with 340 points, 181 rebounds, 32 steals, 26 assists and five blocked shots. 

*Year in Review: Spring Sports Roundup***TRACK and FIELD****Teams shine at WVIAC Championship meet**

The men's and women's track and field teams wrapped-up the Winter sports session and flew into the outdoor season in record-breaking fashion. The Cardinals set 10 WJU records between the two seasons while both teams earned runner-up trophies at the 2013 WVIAC Championship Meet.

Senior Brandon McKinley secured the meet's Most Valuable Player award with 44 points on four first place finishes, two third place finishes and a fourth place finish. Senior Stewart Jones repeated as an All-American and WVIAC Male Athlete of the Year while Coach Ricky Moore was named WVIAC Men's Coach of the Year.

The Cardinals set five records during the indoor season and followed with five in outdoor. Senior Olivia Lent recorded a top time in the 400 meters at 55.87. The distance medley relay team of junior Jennifer McFarland, senior Lindsay Mills, Lent and senior Megan Truelove raced to a 12:00.91 best time, while the men's DMR team of sophomore Joe Molek, McKinley, freshman Michel Krempin and Jones



Stewart Jones



Jen McFarland




Olivia Lent

set a new best mark at 10:02.93. Junior Kyle Davies grabbed the indoor pole vault record with a vault of 4.78m and McKinley emerged as the 400-meter record holder with a 47.32 time.

Jones ended his career with six WJU records and emerged as a three-time All-American. In 2013, he claimed the indoor 3,000-meter record at 8:18.15 and the outdoor 1,500-meter record with a 3:52.01 time. In 2012, he set the indoor mile record and followed with two outdoor marks, the 3,000-meter steeplechase and the 1,500-meter

run. Jones also holds the fastest 10K time in Wheeling Jesuit cross country history.

At the 2013 NCAA Championship, Jones finished in eighth place in the steeplechase — his final race as a Cardinal.

Jones was an All-Atlantic Region selection for 2013 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase and was joined by teammates, junior Luke Holubeck in the 5,000 meters and 10,000 meters, freshman Roland Rush in the men's pole vault and Hayley Campbell made the list in women's discus throw. 



Help WJU upgrade its athletic facilities by making a contribution to the Homefield Advantage Campaign. Log on to wju.edu to find out how.

Year in Review: Spring Sports Roundup

BASEBALL

Cardinal players shine through tough season

The Wheeling Jesuit baseball program experienced a tough year that resulted in a 15-26 record and a 12-16 WVIAC mark.

The Cardinals split the final double-header of the season with an 11-6 victory and a 2-1 loss against rival West Liberty University. The Cardinals received outstanding pitching performances in nearly every contest as Wheeling Jesuit's biggest challenge was the ability to produce timely hits. WJU dropped seven games by one run.

Senior ace pitcher and starting shortstop, Jordan Kraus earned Second-Team All-WVIAC honors while WJU basketball standout, freshman Justin Fritts, showed his true athletic

ability both by playing basketball and by pitching on the baseball team.

Kraus led the Cardinals' offense and was a big contributor on the mound. He finished the year with a .360 batting average. He was tied for a team-best in doubles and was second in RBIs and home runs. Kraus had a .410 on base percentage. In the field he committed nine errors for a .937 fielding percentage. As a pitcher, Kraus made six appearances and had a 2-3 record and 3.57 ERA.




Justin Fritts



Parker Lang



Jordan Kraus

Fritts began the season in the bullpen and assumed a late-inning reliever/closer role. In nine appearances and 11.2 innings of work, he struck out 19 batters, allowing only four hits. Fritts earned three saves and had a 3.09 ERA. 

RUGBY

WJU joins USA Rugby Division I-A in 2013 season


The Wheeling Jesuit rugby program returned in 2013 as a USA Rugby Division I-A varsity sport under the direction of Head Coach Eric Jerpe.

Wheeling Jesuit completed the first half of the season 5-1-1 and posted a 5-3 mark in the spring for a combined 10-4-1 record. The Cardinals faced Division I opponents University of Notre Dame, West Virginia University, University of Maryland, The Ohio State University, Penn State University, Virginia Military Institute, East Carolina, St. Bonaventure and the University of Cincinnati.

The Cards won the home opener 10-6 over WVU. The Cardinals tied Maryland 26-26 and fell to Ohio State 44-21, before defeating Penn State 29-24.

During the spring season, the Cardinals opened with wins over VMI, ECU and Notre Dame College (OH) on their spring break tour before falling to Salisbury University. Jesuit secured one more win against Mary Washington University before the Cardinals traveled to South Bend, Ind. for the newly established annual event between the Fighting Irish and



the Cardinals dubbed "The Catholic Cup." The Catholic Cup will be an annual match event between the institutions with the winner keeping the traveling trophy for a year. The Cardinals dropped a match to St. Bonaventure and finished the season with a victory over Cincinnati. 

*Year in Review: Spring Sports Roundup***LACROSSE****Men finish 4th in new conference**

A year after Wheeling Jesuit men's lacrosse team was recognized as the NCAA Division II's most improved team, the team raised the bar again. The Cards opened the 2013 campaign in a newly established conference, the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) and finished fourth with a 4-3 ECAC record and an 11-6 overall mark, which earned the team a spot in the conference playoffs. Wheeling Jesuit fell in the quarterfinals to the No. 1 ranked team in NCAA Division II, Mercyhurst University. The Cardinals finished the season ranked sixth in the NCAA Division II South Region and five Cardinals earned All-ECAC awards.

Preseason All-American, senior Matt Maccario earned first team honors as a defenseman. He was the top defenseman, who ranked 10th in the ECAC in caused turnovers and 21st in ground balls. He recorded 19 caused turnovers and secured 32 ground balls.

The ECAC's second team honorees included junior Brian Frank and sophomore Tyler Buchan.

Frank, an attackman, led the offense with 56 points. He scored 31 goals which ranked 10th in the ECAC. His 1.59 assists per game ranked him fifth in the league and 21st in NCAA Division II.

Buchan, a midfielder, ranked fourth in team scoring with 25 points on 18 goals and 7 assists, which ranked 25th among the league's scorers.

Freshmen Bryce Brochu and Evan Hodel rounded out the postseason honors with selections to the ECAC All-Rookie team. Brochu earned All-Rookie Midfielder and Hodel was named All-Rookie Specialist.


Brochu recorded 29 points on 15 goals and 14 assists while picking up



Corey Luebbe



Matt Maccario

20 ground balls. Hodel spent time as the Cardinals' face-off man. He was 124-for-238 at the face-off and secured a team-best 83 ground balls. In addition, he had five goals and one assist. 


Women's team produces standouts

The women's lacrosse team entered its second season of competition in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC). The Cardinals finished 5-13 overall and 3-5 in conference play.

Two players earned all-conference recognition; senior Annie Campbell garnered First-Team All-GLIAC honors and freshman Jessie Tufnell earned a Second-Team, All-GLIAC honoree.

Campbell started 18 games and anchored the Cardinals' defense. She recorded a team-high 27 caused turnovers.

Campbell ranked second among WJU players and eighth in the league with 50 ground ball pick-ups, while scoring two goals.

Tufnell led the Cardinals' offense with 58 points. The freshman attacker scored 43 goals and dished out 15 assists. Tufnell collected 36 ground balls and was Jesuit's second-best draw control player with 34. Tufnell started 18 games for the Cardinals and notched all five goals in WJU's quarterfinal playoff game against Tiffin University. 

*Year in Review: Spring Sports Roundup***SOFTBALL****New coach takes Cardinals to 20-win season**

The Wheeling Jesuit softball team recorded its first 20-win season since 2009 under the first-year coach Kelli Williams. The Cardinals finished the season 20-32 and 13-14 in the WVIAC.

Four individuals made All-WVIAC teams. Junior Jarah Ice garnered Second-Team, All-WVIAC honors, while senior Ashley Nichols, senior Aleecia Sunagel and sophomore Angie Reddick earned honorable mention accolades.

Ice started 51 games for the Cardinals as a catcher or shortstop. In 167 at-bats, Ice collected 52 hits, which included four doubles. She maintained a .311 batting average while recording 14 RBIs and scoring 36 runs. She accumulated a team-high 20 stolen bases, which ranked sixth in the conference.

Nichols led the WVIAC in innings




Angie Reddick steps up to the plate and takes the pitch deep for a home run.



pitched and batters struck out looking. She hurled 207.2 innings in 44 appearances, pitched 26 complete games and had an ERA of 3.20. She struck out 124 batters, including 45 batters caught looking.

Sunagel posted a .274 batting average with 38 hits in 140 at-bats. She

had nine doubles, four home runs, 24 RBIs, scored 19 runs and was walked 15 times.

Reddick had a team-high .324 batting average. She had 44 hits in 136 at-bats, collected 10 doubles, a team-best six home runs and a triple. 

COMMEMORATIVE BOBBLE HEAD HONORS

FR. O'BRIEN

Limited edition Rev. Jim O'Brien bobble heads are available. The commemorative celebrates the many contributions Father has made as a mentor, friend and adviser to countless students over the years. The cost is \$25. To purchase your keepsake today, contact the WJU Alumni Office at 800-888-2586 or alumni@wju.edu.



Give WJU the HOMEFIELD ADVANTAGE



It is an exciting time for the student-athletes at Wheeling Jesuit as support for our Homefield Advantage athletic facility upgrade grows. We have received more than \$1 million in donations and pledges to make the dream of a first-class athletic facility a reality for our athletes.

Now is your opportunity to help. The University has launched a campaign to make major improvements to our athletic facilities that will enhance athletic and recreational experiences for WJU students and members of the local community. In addition to providing better facilities, the renovations will extend the practice season, save money on travel and increase our competitive position.

Planned improvements include installing new synthetic turf and lighting at the stadium field, resurfacing the track, installing a new scoreboard and seating and renovating and expanding the locker rooms.

The University already has received support from the WJU Cardinal Athletic Club, WesBanco, Main Street Bank, and the friends and family of our late bishop, the Most Rev. Bernard Schmitt, in whose memory the main playing field will be named.

Now we need your help!



Please detach this form and return to: Wheeling Jesuit University,
316 Washington Avenue, Wheeling, WV 26003. Attention: Homefield Advantage.



YES! I want to give Wheeling Jesuit University the HOMEFIELD ADVANTAGE!



Please accept my contribution of:

☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$2,500 ☐ \$1,000 ☐ \$500 ☐ Other _____ ☐ Designate my pledge in memory of Bishop Schmitt

☐ Please contact me to arrange a meeting to discuss naming opportunities or other ways in which my gift of \$50,000 or more could be directed.

My pledge will be fulfilled by: ☐ June 30, 2014 ☐ December 31, 2013

☐ Enclosed is a check made payable to Wheeling Jesuit University, with "Homefield Advantage" in the memo line.

Please charge my gift to my: ☐ AMEX ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover

Account No: _____ Exp. Date: ____/____

Name as it appears on the card: _____ Signature: _____

Visit www.wju.edu and click on "make your gift today" to use the secure online giving site. For more information, contact Noah Mull at 304.243.8148 or nmull@wju.edu

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Wheeling Jesuit University
316 Washington Avenue
Wheeling, WV 26003

NONPROFIT ORG
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
WHEELING, WV
PERMIT NO. 70

