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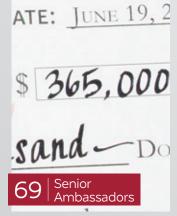
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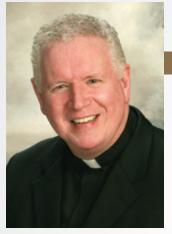
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Alumni and Friends,

The start of a new academic year is always a time of excitement and reflection. We look back on our accomplishments, while looking forward to the potential of what the coming year might bring.

The 2014–15 academic year brought many successes. We dedicated our new athletic field, held our second successful scholarship dinner — Gaudiosa — and surpassed our fund raising goals.

Thanks to the support of our alumni and friends our annual fund campaign, **Drive 365**, was a great success. The campaign raised \$1.27 million — the most we have ever raised from our alumni in one year.

In August, the WJU community welcomed a new freshman class from 20 states and 17 countries. The class is impressive academically with an average GPA of 3.5 and an average SAT score of 1130.

Students returned to campus to find renovations in Thomas More Hall, brighter walls throughout Sara Tracy Hall, and additional stands and an impressive scoreboard at Bishop Schmitt Field.

The recent *U.S. News and World Report* rankings prove once again that WJU performs better than any other local and state institution in providing our students an affordable college education. We remain the highest rated university in the Mountain East Conference.

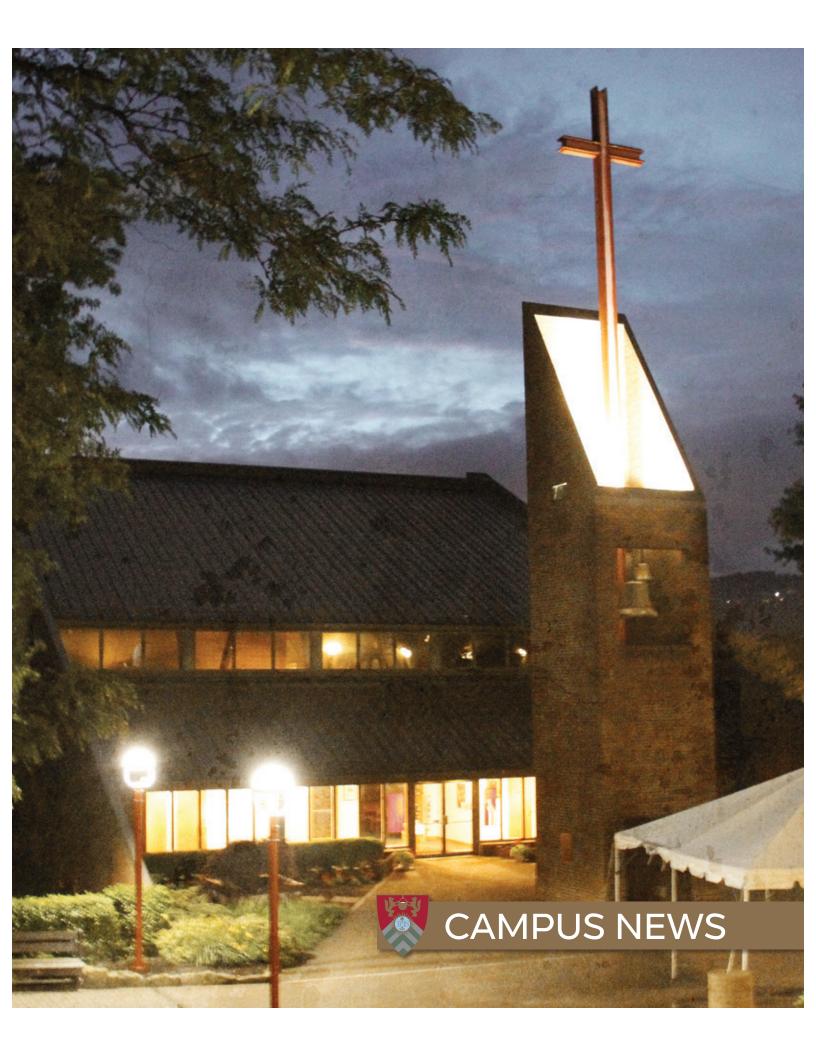
More than 90 percent of our students receive institutional financial support, with more than \$10 million in aid awarded to them each year. The support we receive from our many benefactors makes WJU affordable to all students who wish to attend. We are grateful for this continued support of Wheeling Jesuit University. This generosity improves the educational experience we offer to the young women and men entrusted to our care. Our goal is provide an education that allows them to grow intellectually, spiritually and personally.

In the end, we want the next generation of Cardinals to leave WJU ready to make an impact in the world — through their professional contributions and in service to others. Your investment in today's students allows us to meet this challenge.

Luceat Lux Vestra!

Rev. James J. Fleming, S.J., Ph.D.

President, Wheeling Jesuit University



The Wheeling Jesuit Research Experience

Learning both inside and

When students graduate from Wheeling Jesuit University, most will tell you that they participated in some sort of research-based project which enhanced their undergraduate experience.

Research is not something every small or even large institution of higher learning offers undergraduate students. Wheeling Jesuit 's Undergraduate Research Program allows students to test, develop and extend what they learn in the classroom to the laboratory—an experience that sets it a part from many other institutions.

During the 2014-15 academic year, Wheeling Jesuit hosted its 16th annual student research and scholarship symposium, where hundreds of Cardinals presented individual projects in a number of disciplines through poster and oral presentations. This past year, students also were awarded grant money for research through the West

Virginia Space Grant Consortium, West Virginia University and the Appalachian College Association.

Like most college students, Emily Robinson was part of on-campus clubs, had a full social life and played basketball. But unlike many undergraduates across the country - Robinson's college experience included an interesting discovery made possible by an extensive research project guided by one of her professors.

"We discovered that soccer players who headed the ball more had more difficulty identifying scents correctly," Robinson said. Additionally, she noted that "males who headed the ball with more intensity and more frequently performed significantly worse in scent identification than females."

Robinson and her faculty mentor, Dr. Bryan Raudenbush, who is chair of WJU's psychology department



outside the classroom

and director of undergraduate research, examined 70 high school soccer players (30 males and 40 females) and spent two months analyzing data before releasing the findings.

Robinson, a 2015 psychology major graduate and current student at the University of North Carolina, was just one of hundreds of Cardinals who presented individual research projects at the university's research and scholarship symposium last year.

Robinson received funding from the Appalachian College Association Ledford Scholarship and the NASA West Virginia Undergraduate Student Fellowship to conduct her research.

Raudenbush said he believes

three major factors help make undergraduate research such a regular part of the WJU student experience.

"The number of departments that provide opportunities for research, the sheer number of students' classmates who are already conducting research and the fact that students can be engaged much earlier in their college career makes the undergraduate research experience readily available at WJU. We don't limit research to a final project conducted in a student's senior year," said Raudenbush.

Professor of Biology Dr. Ben Stout agreed, "At Wheeling Jesuit University we have a 12 to 1 student to faculty ratio. Our classes are small and hands-on. Students have remarkable access to faculty such that in many programs we require students to gain research experience through coursework and one-on-one interaction with faculty."

While other universities conduct most research with graduate students, WJU's primary audience is undergraduates, therefore allowing graduate-like experiences for its undergraduate students.

"It's our niche. It's what we do by design. At larger schools faculty are

engaged with graduate students and have little time to mentor undergraduate research," said Stout. He and Raudenbush said this exposure as an undergrad gives many Wheeling Jesuit students an advantage when applying to graduate schools.

Stout spent the summer months working alongside senior Rachel Wadell studying crayfish in and around the Wheeling/Ohio River basin area.

Wadell, a biology major from Cincinnati, Ohio, was awarded a Ledford Scholarship worth more than \$6,000. The scholarship funded Wadell's reserach to better identify and illustrate crawfish in waterways in West Virginia.

"This scholarship allowed Rachel to pursue her interest in the arts, illustration and the science of biology. My last Ledford Scholar went on to finish her master's degree in biology and is currently working on her doctorate. This scholarship provides great opportunities for our students," Stout said.

According to Wadell, "The most recent key to identifying the crayfish in West Virginia is



Dr. Bryan Raudenbush and Emily Robinson '15 look over results regarding her study on soccer ball heading.









Fr. William Rickle learns more about Alexa Frankovitch's research project.

Professor Pat Plunkett listens as a student explains his research project.

outdated, but a new key is in the process."

"Over the course of this project, I learned about the crayfish anatomy of the different species present in West Virginia. My specific focus was on the structures that are used by researchers to distinguish between species and illustrate variances accurately and in a scientifically defensible way," she added.

U.S. Navy veteran Sam Adams is not a traditional student. At 40-years-old, he came to WJU

with a passion for environmental science.

During the summer months, he could be found in the back corner of Donahue Hall, building what is now an aquaponics lab for the Department of Biology.

"I wanted to do a project that would connect Wheeling Jesuit's mission to serve others with my major," said Adams.

"I have designed an aquaponics garden system, which allows us to grow fruits, herbs and vegetables using the waste produced by fish. This system emulates a natural ecosystem, where the fish waste provides the plants food, and the plants clean and recycle the water returning it oxygenated to the fish."

Adams continues to research the effectiveness of aquaponics, alongside Dr. Stout.

Wheeling Jesuit students like Robinson, Wadell and Adams learned early on in their academic careers how to work as part of a research team. They







Sara Buckley explains her research day project.



Junior Rachel Wadell shown doing research in Big Wheeling Creek

Sam Adams '16 and Dr. Ben Stout discuss the new aquaponics lab.

continue to learn how to be intelligent consumers of information, while developing relationships with other students and professors.

"Wheeling Jesuit's professors are an inspiration. To watch them spend so many hours outside the classroom ensuring anyone that needs help has it, is amazing. This dedication to teaching has helped me greatly. I was never a strong student as a young person and returning to school after such a long break,

presented some difficulties adjusting to college life. None of my professors or classmates gave up on me. Thanks to their help,

I am successful," said Adams.

Dr. Robert Phillips, vice president for Academic Affairs said, "Research is undertaken at the graduate level and a number of faculty are prolific and respected researchers in their fields. However, if you look at the program for WJU's undergraduate research day, you will see that students are presenting their research

and faculty are serving as mentors for projects that cut across almost every single department on campus."

It is part of WJU's mission to help students work towards increasing the quality of life for others - and research is one way in which that mission is fulfilled.

For Robinson, Wadell and Adams, the opportunity to conduct original research has led to one-of-a-kind learning experiences – experiences they will have for the rest of their lives.



Cristo Rey students Camila Riley and Ricardo Ramirez talk with Anna Arias, WJU student and Academy group leader.

High school juniors experience college at WJU's Cristo Rey Summer Academy

More than 65 high school juniors from across the country got an early glimpse into college life, thanks to a no cost, summer program offered at Wheeling Jesuit.

The inaugural Cristo Rey Summer Academy, held during July, provided the students college courses, service learning projects, quest lectures and reflection.

There was no cost to the students to attend, thanks to the generosity of corporate sponsors and private donors throughout

the country.

According to the program's Director, Matt Cortese, S.J., "One of the joys of the summer academy was introducing these high school students to college life in a unique context. We hope the program provided them with the knowledge and tools they need to discover their desires for college and to discern what sort of college experience would be best for them."

WJU Summer Academy wel-

comed students from Cristo Rey
High Schools. These high schools
are Catholic, college prep schools
that educate students who are
from low-income families.
The high schools partner with
local corporations that employ
the students, helping them earn
their tuition.

WJU developed the summer program to allow students to get expert help in navigating the college application process and to learn how to successfully transi-

tion from high school to college. Students took classes, lived in residence halls, interacted with faculty and did service in the Wheeling community.

"I am so happy to be able to spend time here at Wheeling Jesuit, at no cost. I was nervous about college, but being here for two weeks will make my transition a little less stressful," said Isamel Lopez, a senior at Cristo Rey Jesuit High School in Chicago.

"I like being challenged, and Wheeling Jesuit will allow me to do that, just like my high school. I want to get a grasp on college, and WJU is the perfect fit," Lopez added.

For many of the participants, Wheeling is a very different setting from the urban environments to which they are accustomed. Part of the service learning excursions included visits to the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center, lending a green thumb with a gardening project at 'Farm 18' in East Wheeling, and enjoying what the city of Wheeling has to offer.

"I love the scenery here," said Nautica Prater, a student from Detroit Cristo Rey High School. "My best friend decided to come here and she pulled me along with her. I am so glad I decided to come and get this experience."

"There were many tears when the first session participants departed. It was even suggested by one that we lengthen the program. I was left with the sentiment that much love was shared — love among friends, love for the experience and love for Wheeling Jesuit," said Cortese.



Summer Academy students hone their computer skills during the two week program.



Students learn about gardening and the environment at Farm 18 in East Wheeling during their two-week stint at WJU's Cristo Rey Summer Academy.



does not end...'





Fr. Fleming poses with a member of the class.

Valedictorian Andrew Howard





U.S. Rep. Tim Murphy '74 addresses the Class of 2015.





Above left, Mimi (O'Hara) Helm '84 receives an honorary doctorate from Board Chair Chris Helmrath and Fr. Fleming. diagnosed with pancreatic cancer my freshman year and even though she died, she has been the single most important motivator in achieving my goals. I also want to thank my dad who took on the double duty to be a parent raising six kids. There is no other award than having parents like that. Everything goes to my family, friends and professors, who guided me during that difficult time," Howard said.

The audience gave Howard a standing ovation after the conclusion of his speech. "Thank you for the great ride — Go Cards and let's go be greater men and women for others," he concluded.

WJU also awarded an honorary degree was Margaret "Mimie" (O'Hara) Helm, class of 1984. Helm had been a member of WJU's board of trustees from 2005 to July 2015 and served as chair from 2009–13. She also served as a member of WJU's Alumni Council for many years. In 2005, Helm and her husband, Robert, established a scholarship at WJU in honor of the Jesuit Community.

In addition to recognizing student achievement, WJU awarded Daniel Weimer, Ph.D., associate professor of history, the Rev. Edward Gannon, S.J. Teaching Award on Saturday. Named in honor of former English professor, Rev. Edward Gannon, S.J., the outstanding teacher honoree is nominated by students and faculty, then voted on by a select committee of faculty and alumni council members.

Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. Robert Phillips bestowed the title Professor Emeritus to four retired members of the WJU faculty. They include: Maureen McKenna, Ph.D., associate professor of physical therapy; Charles Millick, professor of business; John Mansuy, Ph.D., professor of management/qualitative business; and Kathleen Solovan, associate professor of accounting.



Emily Robinson, winner of the Woomer and Haig Medals



Above, Patrick Washington receives the Swint Medal, and Daniel Weimer, Ph.D. is given the Gannon Award (below).





















Student Awards

During Saturday's ceremony, the university presented several awards to recognize students for their achievements.

THE HENRY F. PAUL MEDAL for highest four-year averages

Kara Diana Gordon, Bachelor of Arts Andrew Michael Howard, Bachelor of Science

WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY MEDAL for second highest four-year averages

Francis Salome, Bachelor of Arts Nathan David Schmidt, Bachelor of Science

ANTHONY T. BASIL MEDAL for adult education

Maren Addy, Highest Average Tiffany Lee, Second Highest Average

RUSSELL E. YOUNKINS MEDAL

Scott R. Russell, M.B.A.

MARK W. BISCHOF MEDAL

Allison Marie Miller, M.S.A.

THE KATHERINE FOUTS MEDAL

Sarah Elizabeth Edwards

THE MARY WOOMER MEDAL

Emily Davis Robinson

THE ARCHBISHOP JOHN J. SWINT MEDAL

Patrick Joseph Washington

REV. FRANK R. HAIG, S.J. SCIENCE AWARD

Emily Davis Robinson

Three CCHS graduates earn Wheeling Jesuit degrees in just three years



From left are DoHeum Choi, David Stanley and Andrew Howard, all of whom graduated together from Wheeling Central and graduated in May from Wheeling Jesuit in just three years.

The strong educational bond between Wheeling Central Catholic High School and Wheeling Jesuit provided three CCHS alumni the means to graduate a year early from college.

In May, DoHeum Choi, Andrew Howard and David Stanley received their WJU diplomas, one year ahead of schedule.

WJU President, Rev. James Fleming, S.J. credits this accomplishment to the educational partnership the schools have developed, which allows Central students to take WJU college courses for dual credit and make a seamless transition to WJU to continue their education.

"This educational model is worth expanding, because it allows highly motivated students to earn an undergraduate degree at Wheeling Jesuit in a shortened timeframe at substantial cost savings to their families," Fr. Fleming said.

"If it wasn't for the college credit courses I took at Central, I don't think it would have been possible for me to walk across the stage to receive my diploma from WJU in three years," said Howard, who also was WJU's 2015 valedictorian.

Stanley added, "This was an experience I would not trade for anything. Taking just two college courses at Central prepared us for the curriculum at Wheeling Jesuit."

"I did not think that something like this was possible. I have a lot to be thankful for, and I am proud I chose the educational path I did between CCHS and WJU." said Choi.

WJU graduate didn't allow low vision to prevent her from achieving success

One member of the WJU class of 2015 conquered a virtually invisible obstacle to not only earn a college degree, but earned recognition for her dedication to academics.

WJU's Lindsay Baugh of
Flushing, Ohio, is what a successful student with an invisible
disability looks like. She is the
recipient of the 2015 Manning
Award for Academic Success — an
award given to a WJU graduate
who demonstrates academic and
personal success while conquering the challenges of a disability.

The award is named after 2010 alumnus Shawn Manning, who overcame his invisible learning disability through personal motivation, determination, hard work and a desire to fulfill his dream of a Jesuit education.

Baugh earned a degree in psychology with a concentration in mental health, and a minor in philosophy. She did this while overcoming the challenges of her visual impairment — a disability invisible to others.

Baugh's sky blue eyes do not tell the story of the visual impairment that required her to use a hand-held magnifier to read her textbooks and course assignments or the need to write papers or exam essays on a computer with enlarged print. She also had to access many of her text-books through Kindle with the feature of enlarged print.

While Baugh's visual disability prevents her from driving, it did not stop her from participating, from serving as a teaching assistant for

the psychology department, peer tutoring, and mentoring other students with disabilities.

Kathy Tagg, director of Disability Services said, "From the beginning of her academic career, Lindsay wanted to be as independent as possible. She thrived on the academic rigor of a Jesuit education, and she did not allow her visual difficulty to interfere with her learning or achieving academic excellence."

Baugh added, "Half seeing can still be fully achieving. Just because I cannot see as well



Lindsay Baugh, left, recipient of WJU's 2015 Manning Award, shares the presentation with WJU's Director of Disability Services, Kathy Tagg.

as others does not mean I cannot achieve."

She learned to accept and overcome the challenges of her disability and to strive for independence at an early age, thanks to her mother, Kathy Baugh, "who told me never to use my disability as a crutch."

Baugh has been accepted for the master's program in counseling at the California University of Pennsylvania where she hopes to prepare for a career in clinical mental health counseling.

WJU inducts 15 into National Jesuit Honor Society



Front Row: Melinda Earnest, Jessica Pontis, Torrie Landgraf, Monica Pennacchio, Rebecca Brown, Stephen Probert, Matthew Whitehurst. Back Row: Dr. Robert Phillips, WJU Vice President of Academic Affairs, Jessica Stewart, Rachel Wadell, Nicholas Cochran, Sarah Sleevi, Brady Kukawka, Garrett LaBrosse, Rev. James Fleming, WJU President. Not pictured: Elizabeth Nawrocki & Wolfgang Zober.

Wheeling Jesuit celebrated the 100th anniversary of the founding class of Alpha Sigma Nu (ASN) — the National Jesuit Honor Society — by inducting 15 juniors and seniors and two administrators into the honor society.

The students were recognized during a ceremony March 27. The newly inducted group heard remarks from Terence Gurley '69 and Patricia Weitzel-O'Neill '69 who talked about the impact ASN had on alumni.

The Rev. Michael Steltenkamp, S.J., moderator of WJU's chapter said, "ASN is unique in that it is an honor bestowed upon juniors or seniors who have demonstrated their commitment to studies, service and values represented in Jesuit tradition. It is a society that acknowledges a limited number of students

who are already immersed in those areas, and who are clearly striving to be "men and women for others."

Founded in 1915, Alpha Sigma Nu is unique among honor societies in that it honors students who not only distinguish themselves in their academic pursuits, but also in their loyalty to the values of their Jesuit education, and service to others. Inductees demonstrate an intelligent appreciation of and commitment to the ideals — intellectual, social, moral, and religious — of Jesuit higher education. Selection to Alpha Sigma Nu is one of the highest honors that can be given on a Jesuit campus.

WJU's ASN inductees participated in a number of service activities during the academic year, including 'food runs' for the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Center in Wheeling.

2015 National Jesuit Honor Society Inductees

Rebecca Brown,Carlisle, Pa.

Nicholas Cochran, Marietta, Ohio

Melinda Earnest,Fort Wayne, Ind.

Rev. James Fleming, S.J, University President

Brady Kukawka, St. Clair, Mich.

Garrett LaBrosse, Wheeling, W.Va.

Torrie Landgraf, Harmony, Pa.

Elizabeth Nawrocki,

Monica Pennacchio,

Dr. Robert J. Phillips,

vice President foi Academics

Jessica Pontis, Aliquippa. Pa.

Stephen Probert,

Sarah Sleevi, Hastings, Mich.

Jessica Stewart, Macungie, Pa.

Rachel Wadell, Cincinnati. Ohio

Matthew Whitehurst, King Mills, Ohio

Wolfgang Zober, Coal Center, Pa.

Professional education program re-accredited



Pictured presenting WJU's seven year re–accreditation for its undergraduate education program are from left, Dr. Bonnie Ritz, assistant professor of education, Junior Kevin Marshall, Dr. Jeremy Vittek, program director, Junior Kasey Frazier and Assistant Professor Dr. Jane Neuenschwander.

The Teacher Education Program has earned national re–accreditation through 2021 by its accrediting council.

In October 2014, The Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC) through the Council for the Accreditation of Education Preparation (CAEP) system granted the seven-year re-accreditation for WJU's undergraduate education degrees.

"This process was extremely beneficial to our department, and the end result is further proof of the quality of education our pre-service teachers receive," said Dr. Jeremy Vittek, director of Professional Education. "The program received a rating of 'Above Standard' for each quality principle, which is a testament to our program and university as a whole."

The accreditation process began two years ago and consisted of an in-depth examination of all aspects of the undergraduate teacher preparation program. TEAC conducted an on-site audit review in April 2014. This review re-affirmed Wheeling Jesuit University exemplified the TEAC Quality Principles.

Wheeling Jesuit biology team to assist WVU in \$350K water quality monitoring study

Wheeling Jesuit biology students, along with Dr. Ben Stout, professor of biology, will assist the West Virginia Water Research Institute and West Virginia University to expand a regional water quality monitoring program called Three Rivers QUEST.

The Colcom Foundation, a
Pittsburgh-based private foundation dedicated to fostering
a sustainable environment,
provided for the launch of the
Mon River QUEST in 2010 after
monitoring began in 2009 on
the Monongahela River through a
U.S. Geological Survey grant. The
effort expanded to become Three
Rivers QUEST (3RQ), with Colcom
Foundation contributing more
than \$1.6 million toward its
overall efforts.

The current 3RQ program allows researchers to identify long-term water quality trends in the three river basins for which the program takes its name — Allegheny, Monongahela and Ohio. A \$350,000 grant will allow the pro-

gram to continue and expand its focus.

"We are in charge of monitoring the Ohio River and its many tributaries from Ravenswood (W.Va.) to Youngstown. We have collected a fair amount of data the last two years, and will continue to do so for another 12 months," said Stout.

"The program is evolving," said Carol Zagrocki, Colcom Foundation Environmental Program director. "It has become a valuable tool that 3RQ's academic partners and local watershed groups can use to collaboratively resolve water quality issues and keep our water safe and clean."

The new Colcom grant creates REACH, which stands for Research Enhancing Awareness via Community Hydrology.

Dr. Stan Kabala, 3RQ program coordinator for the Allegheny Region, said, "Now, the new "REACH" program will take this data into the communities of the 3RQ region to engage citizens and citizen scientists to use that information to protect the water, the ecosystems, and the livelihoods that those rivers make possible."

Through REACH, each partner will appoint a coordinator to serve as a liaison between researchers and the public. The coordinators will provide training to water—monitoring groups about the management tools available in the QUEST database. All the data in this database is available via an interactive map.

The data that program researchers have collected has provided valuable information about the health of these waterways to scientists, state and federal agencies and the public.

New program helps students better learn the English language



WJU employee Colleen Ryan takes time out of her schedule to participate in the English Conversation Program with student Bandar Albalawi of Saudi Arabia.

International students enrolled at Wheeling Jesuit are getting a little extra help learning how to speak English from the university's faculty and staff thanks to a new program.

WJU Director of International Student Services,
Taras Strutynsky, said that the Individual English
Conversation Program helps integrate American and
international students on campus.

"Students meet with a WJU faculty or staff member a few times a week for an hour and to simply have a conversation in English. This gives the student the opportunity to relax and talk freely," said Strutynsky.

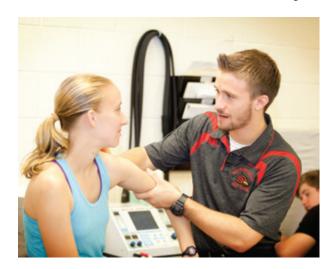
Often times the English language can be overwhelming for international students studying abroad, he said. In addition to the program, Strutynsky said that the new International Conversation Club is available for students who would prefer to practice their English in a larger, social setting.

"Sometimes, we'll tell our students to bring the newspaper, discuss pop culture, what is going on in their home country — whatever they have a fascination or interest in," added Strutynsky. "However, the main goal is to let the student talk. Employees do most of the listening."

Some students also are part of WJU's English Language Institute (ELI) – a program specifically designed to immerse and teach international students the English language year round. Bandar Albalawi of Saudi Arabia, who said he feels more confident speaking to others, meets weekly with WJU employee Colleen Ryan.

"This program has been very helpful for me to improve my English language skills. I am really starting to feel like WJU is a second home to me," said Albalawi.

Athletic Training Program earns 10-year re-accreditation





Wheeling Jesuit's athletic training program has been re–accredited through 2025 by its governing body, The Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education.

Throughout the 2014–15 academic year, the athletic training faculty and staff worked with accreditors to ensure the program would continue into the future. The accrediting body looked at the university's curriculum, faculty credentials, athletic facilities and clinical education sites during the process.

"This is a constantly evolving program to educate the best athletic trainers for the workforce. It would not be as successful and as strong as it is without our students who study and work very hard, and of course, our dedicated faculty and athletic trainers," said Dave Dennis, director of Athletic Training.

Established in 2006, the program earned its initial five-year accreditation in 2010. More than 80 students have graduated from the program since its inception.

"The athletic training program goes beyond the walls at Wheeling Jesuit. Graduates will go on to work in a variety of settings, including high school, college and professional sports programs, health care clinics, hospitals and industry. It is a growing need, and WJU will continue to make its program top notch for our students," said Dr. Robert Phillips, vice president for Academic Affairs.

Wheeling Jesuit University named top 'hidden gem' institution in W.Va.

College Raptor Inc., has named Wheeling Jesuit University the best-hidden gem institution in the state.

Hidden Gem institutions are defined as "high-caliber colleges and universities, which receive fewer than 5,000 applicants per year, but have a total enrollment of greater than 1,000." WJU has more than 1,500 students currently enrolled.

"Wheeling Jesuit's curriculum, dedicated faculty and beautiful campus provide students a wonderful environment for learning. Our university is truly a hidden gem in the state and the region,"

Appalachian Institute director at WJU part of inaugural Franklin Project Ambassador Program

Beth Collins, director of WJU's Clifford M. Lewis, S.J. Appalachian Institute, has been selected to be part of the first-ever Franklin Project Ambassador Program — a year-long leadership development program and local engagement strategy that will catalyze support for universal voluntary service in communities across the nation.

Collins will join 45 others from around that nation who are involved in the public, private and non-profit sectors in order to innovate the expansion of service and make national service a part of the conversation during the 2016 election season.

"I'm eager to learn more about the Franklin Project's mission and see how the Ohio Valley can become a part of the worthy objective to make national service a cultural norm for young adults," Collins said.

The mission of the Franklin Project believes that spending a year in full-time service is a transformative experience for young citizens and future leaders. The project strives to involve every young person in a year of service between the ages of 18 and 28.

Over the next year, ambassadors will engage community stakeholders in 25 states to work toward making national service a cultural expectation and steward the next generation of national service leaders.

"The two years I spent as an AmeriCorps VISTA at WJU transformed me as a person and provided me with an eventual career here at the Appalachian Institute doing work that I love on issues that are



important. I look forward to collaborating with our area leaders to ensure the next generation of national service leaders are living and working right here in the Ohio Valley," said Collins.

In the coming year, Collins will set up meetings with Ohio Valley stakeholders to organize a strategy to implement the Franklin Project's mission in the area.

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

The top hidden gem in each state was determined by analyzing colleges based on their enrollment and application data submitted to the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS).

Each institution also received an "Overall Ranking" of quality based on academic and outcome data, including graduation rate, selectivity, student-to-faculty ratio and other factors.

Wheeling Jesuit University was one of 49 institutions recognized across the country. One college was named from each state, with the exception of Alaska, which did not have an institution meeting the criteria for recognition.

The announcement is meant to call attention to institutions, which may be overlooked by many students but stand out in terms of academic rigor and student success.

WJU ranked best in state







Wheeling Jesuit University has been named the best institution of higher learning in the Ohio Valley and in the state of West Virginia by the 2016 *U.S. News and World Report* Best Colleges edition — a distinction it has held since 1996.

WJU was rated 11th in the Best Regional Colleges, South Region by *U.S.*News. Also, the university's RN to BSN received accolades as being the Best Online Degree Program in West Virginia among both public and private institutions.

"Once again this year, the rankings prove WJU performed better than any other local and state institutions in providing our students an affordable college education. We remain the highest rated university in the Mountain East Conference, proving again that Wheeling Jesuit student-athletes are winners in the classroom and on the field," said University President, The Rev. James Fleming, S.J.

According to the publication, Wheeling Jesuit also has the highest graduation rate of any college or university in the state of West Virginia.

Dr. Robert Phillips, WJU vice president for Academic Affairs, said, "The rankings prove to parents that WJU is a good investment. Wheeling Jesuit is known for providing students with a rigorous education that is grounded in the Jesuit tradition."

The ratings are based on 16 indicators of academic excellence. The assessment

is heavily weighted toward academic excellence, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving.

U.S. News & World Report ranked three WJU programs among the Best Online Programs for Veterans in the nation: Masters of Science in Nursing, Masters in Educational Leadership and the R.N. to B.S.N. — this BSN degree program is designed to serve working adults and community college graduates. WJU has consistently received high marks and top rankings for its on-line programs from U.S. News and World Report over the last decade.

"Earning the top rating in the State for our online RN-BSN program is a powerful affirmation of our mission of education for life, leadership, and service.

Our service-oriented health care degree programs provide a quality education that meets the needs of our adult learners and the rigorous requirements of their chosen profession," said WJU Dean of Graduate and Professional Studies, Dr. Chris Petrosino.

This year, WJU has students from 35 states and 20 countries. WJU offers more than 40 undergraduate programs of study and seven graduate programs of study along with offering 21 varsity sports. Wheeling Jesuit was this year's winner of the MEC Commissioner Cup, which recognizes overall athletic excellence among its 12 member colleges and university.



Atmareds celebrate Alumni We

Alumni from across the country returned to campus in June to celebrate and renew old friendships during Wheeling Jesuit's annual Alumni Weekend.

The 2015 reunion attracted more than 280, and provide an opportunity to recognize alumni for contributions made to their profession, to society or to Wheeling Jesuit.

"Once again, we had a great turnout from the reunion classes. We already are planning next year's reunion, which will feature some new and exciting events," said Kelly Klubert '85, executive director of alumni and communications.

During the president's dinner June 21, WJU
President, Rev. James Fleming, S.J., presented the
2015 Distinguished Alumni Awards to two individuals
in recognition of their contributions in the workplace
and in service to others.

The St. Ignatius Distinguished Alumni Award recognizes a graduate who exemplifies the Jesuit ideals of extraordinary competence and personal compassion in one's chosen profession. The university persented this award posthumously to Timothy Williams, class of 1971. Williams was as an attorney and homeless advocate who established transitional-living and recovery centers in Baltimore city neighborhoods.

The Rev. Pedro Arrupe, S.J. Distinguished Alumni Award was given this year to St. Louis resident and educator Elizabeth (Beth) Bender, class of 1985.



O'Brien Award winner Christina Richey poses with Fr. Jim O'Brien, S.J., for whom the award is named.

The award recognizes a graduate who embodies the ideals of Ignatian spirituality and someone who is living a life committed to serving others. Bender has spent the past 17 years as an educator in urban, high poverty school districts. Today, she is principal of Gateway, the largest high school in St. Louis.

The Rev. Clifford M. Lewis, S.J. Award, the highest honor presented by Alumni Council, was presented to Baltimore lawyer James T. Smith, class of 1964. The award recognizes extraordinary service, contribution

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and dedication to Wheeling Jesuit University in the spirit of one of the university's founding Jesuits, Fr. Lewis.

Smith has been serving Wheeling Jesuit for years. In addition to being a faithful donor, he sits on its Board of Trustees and has sent three of his four children to his alma mater. Additionally, he helped spearhead his class's fundraising effort to endow the Class of 1964 Ignatian Scholarship — to aid students who wish to attend Wheeling Jesuit. And in 2014, he

was the WJU Alumni Scholar in Residence.

Also, Alumni Council presented the Rev. James O'Brien, S.J. Award to Christina Richey, class of 2004. The award 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. Richey is senior scientist/program officer with NASA, where she is the contract program officer on multi-projects.



Weekend festivities The reunion classes elected 11 people for induction into the 2015 Hall The reunion classes elected 11 people for induction into the 2015 Hall

The reunion classes elected 11 people for induction into the 2015 Hall of Honor. Created by the University's Alumni Council, the Hall of Honor (HOH) 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 2015 HOH inductees were:

John Mensore, Class of 1960

Don Mercer, Class of 1960

Cynthia (Carr) Rank, Class of 1965

Rev. Ronald Anton, S.J., Class of 1970

Rev. Jim O'Brien, S.J., elected by the Class of 1975

John Lewis II, Class of 1980

Marie (Carney) Clatterbuck, Class of 1985

Kristin (York) Fijewski, Class of 1990

Dr. Joseph Donzella, Class of 1995

Kevin Werner, Jr., Class of 2000

Steven Ellis, Class of 2005

Blake Williams, Class of 2010



The 2015 Hall of Honor inductees





The Class of 1960 presented Fr. Fleming with a check for \$50,000.

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Former WJU track standout receives award from med school

Wheeling Jesuit graduate Travis
Hamrick '11 continues to live out
the university mission to serve
others and has been recognized
for his efforts by the West Virginia
School of Osteopathic Medicine
(WVSOM).

plans ranged from losing weight or running a certain road race, to devising a plan to support their kid's specific goals," Hamrick said. "I didn't undertake this project to win an award. I did it to teach others that living a healthier life is the key



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WVSOM awarded Hamrick the Platinum Award for having the most volunteer hours of any student in the program. Now a fourth year med student, he put in more than 300 service TOUCH (Translating Osteopathic Understanding in Community Health) hours from spring of 2014 through spring of 2015.

During this period, the former WJU track standout designed and implemented individual, as well as team conditioning, nutritional and injury prevention/treatment plans for children and adults that were sports and goal specific.

"For the kids and adults, the

to preventative medicine."

He added, "Preventative medicine needs to be a focus throughout West Virginia. Too many measures are taken to 'help' individuals after one is diagnosed with a disease. The reason I enjoy this aspect of community health is because it teaches that there is no magic fix. The end result that is achieved is dependent on one's discipline and drive, or lack there of."

His plans after graduation from WVSOM have changed. Once set to explore a track in plastic surgery, Hamrick now said he has set

his sights to pursue a combined residency in internal medicine and psychiatry, followed by a fellowship in sports medicine.

"With my love for athletics and how the human mind works, this gives me the chance to treat the whole person — both their body and their mind. Once finished, my goal is to open a concierge medical center in West Virginia that will essentially be a one stop shop — providing training facilities, psychiatric and aesthetic care as well as a health spa — which would enable me to give health services that are tailored to a patient's specific needs."



WJU's Bob Hutchings '73, spent part of June coaching the SAW East U-19 national team to victory in the 2015 United World Games.

With a previous assistant coaching stint with the Saudi Arabian national team, coaching overseas isn't exactly new to Hutchings. However, when new opportunities appear, the Stockton University assistant coach takes every one he can.

"Obviously, it was a tremendous experience," said Hutchings, who was inducted into the Millville Thunderbolt Hall of Fame in 2010. "I've been overseas before, but this was an opportunity to actually go coach a USA team through Student Athlete World (SAW). It was just a cool experience. No doubt about that."

The team advanced through its Group A matches, but ended up in fifth place in the tournament. The three games Hutchings' squad lost came by a combined eight points, which included a one-point loss with five seconds left to tournament champion KK Maksimir from Croatia.

All things considered, it was a great showing for

the team and Hutchings. A team with little practice time went up against club teams and programs that have been together for years under FIBA rules. "For the limited amount of time we had, I thought the kids did a great job. We advanced to the medal round from group play and it was a great experience for the kids as well," Hutchings said.

Upon his return, Hutchings went straight to the Duke basketball camp In Durham, N.C., which he has been a part of for 35 years. The camp teams him up with his old coaching friend, Duke Coach Mike Krzyzewski, whom Hutchings served under as an assistant coach at Army from 1975–77.

Attending such camps, he said, provides new knowledge of how the game of basketball is always changing.

"The game is faster, the rules have made it more for offense," Hutchings said. "You have to adapt and you have to still have some of the old school stuff, but if you can't adapt, you're going to get lost. I'm not afraid to adapt."

WJU alumnus joins staff of U.S. Senator Shelly Moore Capito

Wheeling Jesuit alumnus, J.T. Jerierski '97 has joined the senior staff of U.S. Sen. Shelley Moore Capito (R-W.Va.) in Washington, D.C. as a legislative assistant.

"It is an honor to serve my home state and be a part of Senator Capito's efforts to improve the lives of all West Virginians," Jerierski said.

The Weirton, W.Va., native previously worked for West Virginia legislators, Reps. David McKinley (WV-1) and Evan Jenkins (WV-3), as well as Reps. Steven Palazzo (MS-4) and Pete Olson (TX-22).

He served in the Bush Administration at the White House Office of Presidential Personnel as the deputy associate director and as deputy chief of staff at NASA. Jerierski also worked on Mitt Romney's 2008 and 2012 campaigns.

"JT continues to represent Wheeling Jesuit well by living out the university's mission to serve others around him. He is a shining



"I'm very proud of the team we have put together. This extremely talented group is committed to serving West Virginians and taking on the challenges facing our state," said Capito. "The wealth of knowledge and experience each member of this team brings to the table will serve West Virginia well."



WJU Alumna wins Lifetime Achievement award

Suzanne (Griffith) Higgins '84, longtime producer and reporter at West Virginia Public Broadcasting, is the recipient of the Virginia's Associated Press Broadcasters' Lifetime Achievement Award.

The award is given annually by the VAPB to an individual who has made significant contributions to news reporting, management, or education in West Virginia broadcasting for at least 20 years.

Higgins is a senior producer of news and public Affairs for WVPB-FM. Since 1984, she has produced full-length programs and smaller news and feature stories for both television and radio.

An investigative series by Higgins on mismanagement of the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Beckley, West Virginia, was cited by U.S. Sen. Jay Rockefeller's staff as fuel for the senator's action that led to the change in leadership at the hospital. The series won the RTNDA Murrow Award for Investigative Reporting — Large Market.

Higgins also was the first producer in West Virginia Public Broadcasting's history to produce and host a nightly legislative program, "Legislative Update."

For several years, Higgins produced WVPB's award-winning series "Aging with Grace & Dignity." The radio program won AP's best public service program its first and last year of production.

"My time as producer and host of 'Aging With Grace and Dignity' has been the most rewarding; it was my most important work," Higgins said. "I believe the stories, experiences and voices of our elders must be heard and preserved — and I believe what we produced was a truly unique effort in West Virginia."

WJU alumnus and co-founder of Baltimore agency wins Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Matt Doud, class of 1990 and Ed Callahan, co-founders of Planit, Baltimore's top communications, marketing and interactive agency, received the the prestigious EY Entrepreneur of the Year® award in the Maryland region.

The program recognizes entrepreneurs who demonstrate excellence and extraordinary success in such areas as innovation, financial performance and personal commitment to their business and communities.

"The truth is, creativity is subjective — it's not something most people would bank on to succeed in business — but our fearless drive and appetite for innovation have kept us coming back every day for the past 20 years," said Doud. "We're honored to receive this recognition, and it's a great reinforcement that our persistence is paying off."

Doud and Callahan founded Planit in 1994 with

the goal of creating a different kind of ad agency — a place focused on transformative ideas. They envisioned Planit as a partner to clients, on the front lines of solving busi—



The EY Entrepreneur of the Year finalists were selected by a panel of independent judges. Award winners were announced at a gala on June 25 at the Baltimore Marriott Waterfront Hotel. Now in its 29th year, the EY program has expanded to recognize business leaders in more than 145 cities from 60 countries throughout the world. Regional award winners are eligible for consideration for the EY Entrepreneur of the Year national program.



WJU alumna named FBI Special Agent in charge of Cincinnati division



FBI Director James B. Comey has named Angela Byers '86 special agent in charge of the FBI's Cincinnati Division. Byers most recently served as chief of the Financial Crimes section in the Criminal Investigative Division (CID) at FBI Headquarters (FBIHQ).

Byers began her career as a

budget and account analyst with the FBI shortly after graduating from Wheeling Jesuit University (WJU) with a bachelor's degree in accounting. In 1990 she became a special agent and was first assigned to the Dallas Division, where she investigated bank fraud, bankruptcy fraud, interstate theft and drug crimes. In 1997, she was

transferred to the Washington Field Office, where she investigated public corruption.

In 2001, Byers was promoted to supervisory special agent in the Financial Institution Fraud Unit in CID at FBI-HQ. In 2003, she transferred to the Philadelphia Division to oversee mortgage fraud and other financial institution fraud investigations.

In 2005, she served as a unit chief in CID and led the Health Care Fraud Unit. She transferred to the Inspection Division in 2007 where she served as a unit chief in the Internal Investigations Section. In 2010, Byers was named assistant special agent in charge of the Chicago Division. In this role, she oversaw the white-collar crime, public corruption, and civil rights programs.

Class of 2004 graduate serves as 2015 Alumni Scholar in Residence

Christina Richey '04 shared her love of science and community service with Wheeling Jesuit students and alumni in September when she served as the 2015 Alumni Scholar in Residence.

Richey taught several classes throughout the week and offered a public lecture as well. She is a senior scientist at Smart Data Solution, LLC, working for the Science Mission Directorate (SMD) at NASA Headquarters.

The Alumni Scholar in Residence program gives Wheeling Jesuit alumni the chance to share their experiences and expertise with today's students. The program was born from the University's 50 Year Club in 2010. Richey is the fifth and youngest WJU graduate to serve as an Alumni Scholar in Residence. All expenses incurred by the alumni scholar are donated, as a gift, to WJU.

"WJU not only paved the way for my career as a discipline scientist at NASA, but also gave me an understanding of the meaning of service to others and how to be a leader for change. I've taken that knowledge and have built a career in science that not

only helps me, but the entire community, and that has led to a most fulfilling and rewarding career and life," Richey said.

Her public lecture addressed the upcoming missions at NASA in Planetary Sciences, in particular the OSIRIS-REx mission.

"Being able to give back to the university, and help shape the future leaders that are currently attending WJU, is a great honor. I hope the students took away from this experience the knowledge that they can have whatever career they like and still be able to help the community around them. As NASA program manager, I also hope they gained an appreciation and respect of space science and all the great opportunities NASA provides," she added.

In August, Richey was given the Harold Masursky Award for outstanding service to planetary science and exploration. She received the award for her contributions to fostering equal opportunity, diversity and inclusion in planetary science.

Following the completion of her undergraduate degree in physics at WJU, Richey earned a master's and doctorate in physics from the University of Alabama at Birmingham,



where she did laboratory investigations related to both the icy moons of the outer solar system and the interstellar medium.

She joined NASA Goddard
Space Flight Center's Astrophysics Science Division as a NASA
Postdoctoral Fellow in 2011.
She also was a participant of the NASA-Nordic Summer School and spent part of 2012 in Iceland, studying water, ice and the origin of life in the Universe.

In 2013, Richey joined Smart
Data Solutions and is the deputy science advisor for SMD. In
2015, Richey became chair of the
American Astronomical Society's Committee on the Status of
Women in Astronomy. She also
is an active blogger for Women
in Astronomy.

1960

Barry Kerrane is president of EBK Investments in Texas.

John Mensore and Don Mercer were selected by the class for the 2015 Hall of Honor Award.

1965

Cindy (Carr)Rank was selected by the class for the 2015 Hall of Honor Award.

1970

Rev. Ron Anton, S.J., is a senior advisor at Georgetown University. He was selected by the class for the 2015 Hall of Honor Award.

Larry Seidl is president of Seidl Appraisal Services in Maryland.

1972

Raymond Hornak and his spouse, Rosemary Tysko
'73 reside in North Carolina.
He is principal/owner of
Forge Communications.
She is professor emeritus at
Meredith College.

1975

Joyce Ross is senior VP of marketing and communications for Catholic Health Initiatives in Colorado.

Members of the Class of 1975 elected **Rev. Jim O'Brien, S.J.** to receive the 2015 Hall of Honor Award.

1978

Michael Martin is owner/ partner of the Georgia Career Institute.

1980

Jeannine (Zusi) Leonard is an independent contractor for the Navy and clinical coordinator at Tricare Prime Clinic, Virginia Beach and Chesapeake. She earned an MSN from WJU in 2014.

John Lewis was selected by the class to receive the 2015 Hall of Honor Award.

1983

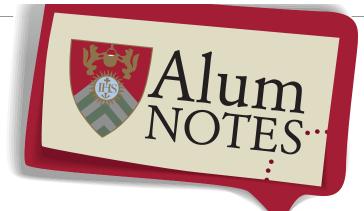
Dick Joltes is a instructor at Harvard University, where he teaches two courses in the information systems graduate program, including the capstone course for the program. He is also a senior content analyst architect for the U.S. Dept. of Transportation's highway safety division.

1985

Marie (Carney) Clatterbuck was selected by the class to receive the 2015 Hall of Honor Award.

1988

Erin Buckley is a urology nurse practitioner at MetroHealth Medical Center (Ohio). She was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau Lota. She received a MSN in adult gerontology primary care in January 2015 and



received certification from the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners in May 2015.

1990

Andrew Burns is the senior program manager, M&A for Nuance Communications.

Kristin (York) Fijewski was selected by the class to receive the 2015 Hall of Honor Award.

1995

Dr. Joseph Donzella was selected by the class to receive the 2015 Hall of Honor Award.

1996

Eric Fowler works in IT administration for Benchmark Education Company (Ohio).

1998

Mike Heinecke, his spouse Karie Berbach '97 and their daughters resides in Calif. He is program manager for Google.

2000

Tom Cecil is vice president, national broadcast, for Zenith Optimedia.

Michael Traubert is a mortgage credit resolution specialist for WesBanco, Inc.

Kevin Werner was selected by classmates to receive the 2015 Hall of Honor Award.

2001

Andrea (Seckman)
Winterhalter is clinical
nurse educator for Home
Care by Black Stone.

2003

Charles Reed, his spouse, Tracy Tennant '03 and their two sons, reside in North Carolina. He works for Elizabeth City State University.

2004

Kathryn (Post) Reedy is a third grade teacher for Walnut Township Schools, Ohio.

Jonathan Wilson is mortgage operations manager for Liberty Bank and Trust Company in Louisiana.

2005

Courtney Chase is manager of strategic pitch & pursuits for Orrick, Herrington & Sutcliffe LLP.

Steven Ellis is housing coordinator for Frannie Peabody Center. He was selected by classmates to receive the 2015 Hall of Honor Award.

Nicholas Jordan is lead nuclear medicine technologist at The Cleveland Clinic.

Sara (Budacki) Murray

is a ninth grade English teacher and 11th and 12th grade journalism teacher at Central Catholic High School in Pittsburgh.

2006

Erica (Oullette) Stapler, her spouse, E.J. '03 and their daughter, reside in Virginia. She is BCBA, LBA, program consultant, COO for Autism Outreach, Inc.

2008

Phillip Greenwalt and his wife, Adel (Corder) '07 reside in Virginia. He is a park ranger-historian for the National Park Service.

Tonya (Smith) Umbel is an optometrist at Virginia Eye Care Associates, PC.

2009

Stacy Keller married Matt Kelleher in May 2015. She works in video services with The Ohio State Athletic Department.

2010

Jason Peklinsky and his spouse, Rachelle (Carello) '10, reside in West VIrginia. He is a resident physician in the Dept. of Family Medicine at the WVU School of Family Medicine. She is a nurse practitioner and wellness coordinator in the WVU Hospitals Dept. of Family Medicine.

Blake Williams was selected by the class to receive the 2015 Hall of Honor Award.

2011

Erica (Walker) Gleich is clinical research data coordinator at WSO Wexner Medical Center, Ohio.

Courtney Newlon Preto is a therapist at Murtis Taylor Human Services System, Ohio.

DECEASED

Alumni

Laura Lank Chaves '77 died Jan. 30.

John R. Conley '71 died March 5.

Jon Reed Donnelly '66 died Jan. 5.

J. D. Graziano '59 died Jan. 9.

Joseph F. X. Korth '89, son of Howard Korth '64 and brother of Michael Korth '87 and Lee Hinfey '90, died Jan. 19. Joseph O'Donnell '73 died June 18.

Beverly (Kennen) Passa '59 died Jan. 7.

Sherril Ann Picco '65 died April 7.

Michael Shea '72 died June 18.

Family, Staff & Friends

Linda Dombrosky, spouse of **Ray Dombrosky '67**, died on June 23.

William Joseph Flynn, father of Pete Flynn '74, died May 10.

Norma Arline Green, mother of Bob Hutchings '73, died Jan. 7. **Bridget Klecker**, daughter of **John '70** and **Kathleen Cray Klecker '70**, died April 10.

Neil Kohlmyer, brother of Lesley Kohlmyer '01 and brother-in-law of Greg Uffman '02, died March 28.

Gregory A. Sgroi, father of Elizabeth A. Sgroi Burke '71, Gregory F. Sgroi '73, Theresa M. Sgroi O'Brien '75, father-in-law of Thomas J. Burke '72 and Robert E. O'Brien '73 and grandfather of Benjamin D. Sgroi '02, died July 22.



Alumni Cruise

Several members of the WJU family participated in a cruise last spring. The brainchild of Billy Becker '72, the cruise was attended by: bottom to top, Becker and his wife Dee, Carolyn Coyne, Lenore Little '72 and husband Jerry Riechert, Denny Fallon '73 and Mary Fallon '73, Tonya Moran and husband Michael Moran '92, Sue Quinlan and husband Mike Quinlan '73, John O'Brien '73, Mary Farnan and her husband, Jim Farnan '72.





The athletic exploits of two Wheeling Jesuit alumni were recognized in April, bringing in hundreds to

celebrate the induction of John Beilein '75 and Kevin

Keegan '71 into the Athletic Hall of Fame.

Beilein was recognized for his achievements as a coach, while Keegan became the first individual member of the rugby team to enter the Hall for his play on the pitch.

Tom Gervasi '73 said he wanted to be on hand to witness the induction of Beilein and Keegan.

"As basketball manager during my four years at Wheeling, I developed a lot of great friendships. I wanted to be there to honor John Beilein, who has never changed and remains such a good person. And, I came back for Kevin Keegan, who, I believe by his rugby accomplishments, put Wheeling on the map," Gervasi said.

Many who attended the induction ceremony shared his sentiment.

Bob Hutchings '75 said he returned to see one of his teammates, Beilein, be inducted into the Hall, "and also to see rugby get its due. The friendships and bonds we made while at Wheeling are lifelong ... to see so many people and to know that people really care, is truly amazing."

Beilein, currently the head coach of the University of Michigan men's basketball, was a member of the WJU basketball team from 1971–75. Considered

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Choosing Wheeling (Jesuit University) will always be one of the best decisions of my life.

- John Beilein '75





John Beilein (right) and Kevin Keegan (left) share a handshake when they meet at the WJU Hall of Fame induction ceremony.

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the country, Beilein has compiled a career coaching record of 701–412 with winning records in 31–of–36 seasons, placing him in the top 10 in victories among active NCAA Division I head coaches. In 22 years of coaching D–I basketball, Beilein's teams have made 15 postseason appearances and have compiled 19,

to be one of the best tactical basketball minds in

20-win seasons.

During the ceremony, Beilein spoke fondly of his days at Wheeling Jesuit and those individuals who made an impact in his life. "Wheeling Jesuit was a very special place for me. Choosing Wheeling will always be one of the best decisions of my life. I am convinced that after graduation, I was ready for almost any challenge ahead of me. I was prepared for more than a career. Wheeling Jesuit prepared me for life."

Keegan never thought such an honor would come to a rugby player. "I am humbled by this honor and

- Kevin Keegan '71



by the outpouring of support from all who worked so hard to make it happen ... I accept the honor as a representative of many talented guys."

Keegan's play on the rugby pitch brought national recognition. In the May 15, 1971 issue of *Sports Illustrated*, Keegan appeared in the magazine's "Faces in the Crowd" section. He is believed to be the only Cardinal athlete to be recognized by the magazine for athletic achievement.

Members of the Keegan family joined Kevin and his wife, Beth '72, to celebrate his induction into the WJU Athletic Hall of Fame.



The magazine wrote, "Kevin Keegan, captain of the Wheeling College rugby team, was named most valuable player in a tournament at Hampden–Sydney, Va. He scored 37 points in successive shutouts over Hampden–Sydney, Lynchburg, Boston College, Virginia and Princeton."

"To have so many former players comeback for the ceremony speaks to how close the rugby players were in those early years. Many of my lifelong friends were my teammates. I am just fortunate to have been in the right place with the right group of teammates," Keegan added.

Former rugby player Ernie Trakas '73 said, the recognition of Keegan and being back together with so many rugby alums was "awesome."

"Inducting Kevin into the HOF validates what those early rugby teams did for the college's visibility and recognition in the team's formative years. Kevin's induction also solidifies and the link between the founders of rugby at Wheeling College and the



John Beilein gathers with his family at the induction ceremony.

re-established program and current players at WJU," he explained.

Jim Osborne '74 played rugby and cheered for Beilein while a student at then Wheeling College.

"The entire day was exciting, emotional and almost tearful. I was filled with enormous pride that I am part of this "rugby fraternity." Seeing former basketball players, that I cheered for, like John and so many others, was the icing on the cake," Osborne said.

Hutchings added, "John is by far, the most recognizable name we have from our basketball program. His career in coaching has been just remarkable, and I believe he is destined for the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame."

Charlie Davis '68, who, along with his roommate, Robert Wolfensperger '68, founded the first rugby team in the fall of 1965, was happy to see the sport receive recognition 50 years after its founding. The Athletic Hall of Fame recognized members of the first team in 2013. Both Davis and Wolfensperger were on hand and among the players honored at

that ceremony.

"For me, it meant a lot to see that rugby has become an integrated part of the Wheeling Jesuit University fabric and that it is a Division 1A recognized program. I am pleased what my roommate and I started has lasted and become a signature program for the university, and has afforded academic opportunities to the students playing at Wheeling today," Davis said.

Recognition of alumni and former athletes was for Bruce "Moose" Van Dyne '74, gratifying. He said it was so nice to have the current rugby players thank rugby alumni for their "legacy and contributions."

He added, "They realized that their scholarships and education were paid for, in part, by our blood, sweat and tears on Hanna Field back in the day. I know they were not prompted to thank us, and that makes it even more gratifying. As I told one of them, '45 years from now you will be on this pitch being honored by the contemporary rugby team as well, and you will know then how I feel."













Charlie Davis '68 (above), the rugby program co-founder. addresses those gathered.

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Joe Hart '90 and Bernie McCabe '89

Wheeling Jesuit's Athletic Department capped a successful 2014–15 season by capturing the highest honor of the Mountain East Conference – the Commissioner's Cup.

Cardinals capture MEC Commissioner's Cup

The Commissioner's Cup recognizes overall athletic excellence among its 12 members annually. Wheeling Jesuit registered a .714 all-sports rating this season to capture the top spot, up from third the previous year. The Commissioner Cup standings are an "all-sports rating." This rating is determined by using a formula that awards points to a school for its regular season finish equal to the number of teams per sport sponsored by the MEC, and then divided by the

president.

number of sports offered

by the institution.

"Winning the Commissioner's Cup is a laudable achievement for the players and coaches at Wheeling Jesuit.

It is our institutional goal at WJU to be at the top of the Mountain East Conference in three important measures of the success of our athletic programs — winning percentages, graduation rates and alumni support," said Rev. James Fleming, S.J.,

Wheeling Jesuit claimed one MEC championship in volleyball and six second place finishes — men's cross country, women's cross country, women's golf, men's track and field, women's track and field and women's lacrosse. Men's soccer garnered a third place finish.

The Lady Cardinal volleyball team compiled a 38–4 record and a perfect 16–0 MEC regular season mark on the way to their second MEC title in a row. The team also won its fourth–straight NCAA Atlantic Region championship and trip to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight in as many years.

Sophomore setter Andrea Thobe was selected the MEC Female Athlete of the Year recently. She also was the MEC's volleyball Player of the Year and an All-Atlantic Region First Team selection.

"We stress excellence on the court and in the classroom each and every year. It is our goal to be the top volleyball program in the MEC, Atlantic Region and one of the top in Division II, but we also strive for our women to be great students and leaders in the community," said Christy Benner, WJU volleyball head coach.

Among the six WJU teams that finished second in the MEC standings, eight Cardinals received top conference awards.

Women's golfer Kasey Frazier, won the MEC Individual Championship, MEC Golfer of the Year, and was named an All-American Scholar honoree — the first in the program's history. Ashley Field of the track and field team earned the MEC Field Athlete of the Year and was an NCAA DII All-American Second-Team in the discus. Also, Benner and Ricky Moore, head women's track and field coach, were MEC Coach of the Year honorees in their respective sports.

Fr. Fleming said Wheeling Jesuit student-athletes are some of the hardest working and dedicated among the NCAA Division II ranks nationally. In competition, the Cardinals recorded a .580 winning percentage in the 14 MEC-sponsored sports.

Even more impressive, the Wheeling Jesuit MEC teams posted a combined 3.14 spring semester GPA and hold a 3.045 overall cumulative grade point average (GPA). Additionally, 165 of the 274 WJU players on those 14 teams maintained a 3.0 or higher GPA. Ten of the 14 teams held a 3.0 team GPA or higher, and six teams received national team academic recognition. Those teams are: volleyball; men's and women's soccer; men's and women's cross country squads; and women's track and field.

"Wheeling Jesuit University educates student-athletes for life, leadership and service by pursuing and stressing excellence in the classrooms, athletic arenas and community. The MEC Commissioner's Cup signifies WJU as having the top overall athletic excellence in the conference, while the NCAA Graduation and Academic Success Rates indicate our prominence academically on the regional and national levels," said WJU Interim Athletic Director Jim Regan.

Carrie Hanna, director of compliance and student formation, added the university is proud of its 82-percent NCAA Academic Success Rate (ASR), which is second in the MEC. The Cardinals' ASR is nearly



Interim AD Jim Regan (left) and Fr. Fleming receive the cup from MEC Commissioner Reid Amos.



Coaches, student-athletes and administrators join Fr. Fleming to accept the Commissioners' Cup.

19-percent higher than the remaining 10 MEC league members.

"Winning the Commissioners Cup is a great accomplishment for the WJU athletic department. Our student-athletes, coaches, athletic trainers and administrators have dedicated themselves to strive for excellence in all facets of their lives and this award shows this dedication has paid big dividends," added Moore.

Women's soccer coach named Director of Compliance and Student Formation

After 13 years as head coach of the women's soccer program, Carrie (Plute) Hanna '96, was named Director of Compliance and Student Formation in August.

"Carrie has the skill sets
necessary to keep our athletic
department running smoothly
and in compliance with all conference and NCAA regulations. I am
pleased that she has accepted
the position," said WJU Interim
Athletic Director James Regan.

"Collegiate athletics are an

exceptional platform upon which student formation can transpire. I am blessed to have experienced Wheeling Jesuit's formative process as a student-athlete, and then be able to give back as a coach for so many wonderful years," stated Hanna. "It is an honor to be named to this position, and be given an opportunity to make a difference with all our student-athletes."

Hanna has served in many administrative roles during her time at WJU, including Senior Woman Administrator, Senior Compliance Administrator, Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) liaison, Champs Life Skills Coordinator, Challenge for Success Program Coordinator, Director of Institutional Research, Institutional Advancement Senior Database Analyst, and most recently Interim Assistant Athletic Director.

With her new position, Hanna steps down as the head coach of women's soccer. Along with her compliance and student formation responsibilities,



Hanna will serve as the athletic department's Senior Woman Administrator (SWA).

Her new duties will consist of overseeing all NCAA compliance issues and programs, ensure University and NCAA administrative requirements are fulfilled and assist with monitoring the academic progress of all student-athletes.

As coach at WJU, Hanna recorded a 136–105–15 career record. Her teams captured two conference championships, three

conference tournament championships, made two NCAA National Tournament appearances.

She graduated 67 All-Conference honorees, 11 All-Americans, eight Scholar All-Americans and an NCAA Woman of the Year recipient.

As a player, Hanna remains the most prolific career scorer of any women's soccer player in the history of the program. She led the nation in scoring, at all levels, as a freshman and led the Cardinals to a NAIA national tournament appearance that same year.

Hanna completed her career as a four-time NAIA All-American and two-time Academic All-American capping off her collegiate play in the Umbro Select All-Star Game, where she was one of two Division II players selected in the nation to join a team of Division I seniors to play the US National Team. She wrapped up her career with 95 goals scored and assisted on 40 Cardinal goals.

She and her husband Dave, reside in Wheeling with their three children, Graceylyn, Lilyan and Wilson.

Frazier becomes first All-American Scholar in Women's Golf



After making her third trip to the NCAA Division II National Championship in May, Wheeling Jesuit's Kasey Frazier earned Women's Collegiate Golf All-American Scholar honors for the first time in the program's history.

In the 12 years of the program, Frazier is the first WJU women's golfer to receive the prestigious All–American Scholar honor. The selection criteria for the All–American Scholar Team are some of the most stringent in all of college athletics. Golfers must have a minimum GPA of 3.50.

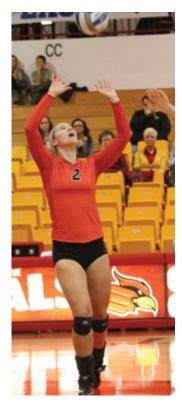
Frazier, from Galloway, N.J., was named the Mountain East Conference Golfer of the Year the past two seasons. She also won the East Regional as a freshman, finished sixth her sophomore season and finished 13th this past spring. Frazier captured 24th place at the 2013 NCAA National Championships and was 52nd as a sophomore.

Andrea Thobe voted MEC female Athlete of the Year

After a stellar sophomore campaign, Wheeling Jesuit women's volleyball player Andrea Thobe was voted the Mountain East Conference 2014–15 Female Athlete of the Year by the league's institutional administrators and the conference office.

Thobe, a setter, helped the Lady Cardinal volleyball team to a 38–4 record, a perfect 16–0 MEC record and the program's fourth NCAA Division II Atlantic Region title and NCAA DII Elite Eight appearance. The Sidney, Ohio native led the nation in assists (1,590), rated ninth in assists per set (11.69) and guided the WJU offense to the sixth-best hitting percentage in NCAA DII (.274).

The sophomore setter earned MEC Volleyball Player of the Year and All–MEC First Team status after she directed the Lady Cardinals to the conference regular season and tournament titles without losing a set in 19 total matches. Thobe also earned All–Atlantic Region First Team honors.



NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED

for the 2016 WJU Athletic Hall of Fame

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- Athlete: Eligible five years after athletic eligibility has been exhausted.
- Coach: Must have been a member of the coaching staff for a minimum of five years.
- Special Contributor: Individuals who have greatly contributed to WJU Athletics including; faculty, staff, administrator or friend of the athletics program.
- Lifetime Achievement Nominations: Someone who made outstanding athletic, professional or civic accomplishments after leaving WJU.

Nominations can be made online at athletics.wju.edu/hof.aspx or by emailing advancement@wju.edu

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FROM THE ADVANCEMENT OFFICE



Dear Alumni & Friends,

In July 2014, the Office of Institutional Advancement launched DRIVE 365 — the most ambitious annual fund campaign in the university's history. The goal of DRIVE 365 was twofold: to raise \$1 million for Wheeling Jesuit University; and to increase alumni participation in giving from 10 to 14 percent.

As of June 30, 2015, Wheeling Jesuit raised a total of \$1.27 million from 1,798 alumni and friends, exceeding our fund raising goal by more than a quarter of a million dollars

and increasing alumni giving to 14 percent.

We are so grateful to the 'Pacesetters' listed in these pages for embracing both the purpose and the spirit of DRIVE 365. Your financial support and personal commitment made DRIVE 365 much more than a fund raising gimmick. It reinforced the crucial role that alumni play 365 days a year in the future of Wheeling Jesuit University.

Building upon the success of DRIVE 365, which created exciting opportunities to re-engage alumni in the life of our campus community, we have adopted "*Roadtrip*" as the theme of our 2015–16 annual campaign.

We will be hitting the road, traveling to cities across the U.S., to visit WJU graduates where they work and live. We want to share stories of alumni success and inform all WJU stakeholders about opportunities for engagement with our students and University.

The "Roadtrip" begins on October 1. Come along for the ride by visiting our interactive map at www.wju.edu/365.

Thanks and we will see you soon,

Sarah Kelly

Vice President of Advancement



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1960

Total Gift: \$57,272 Class Participation: 97%

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Drive 365 races past finish line and exceeds \$1 million goal

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Gifts from alumni and friends during the 2014-2015 fiscal year surpassed \$1 million, pushing the Drive 365 Campaign across the finish line, and past its fund raising goal.

According to Noah Mull, director of Annual Giving, donors gave \$1.27 million to the Drive 365 campaign. The fundraising effort, which launched in October 2014, not **ROAD TRIP** only exceeded its goal in dollars raised, but had 254 new alumni give to Wheeling Jesuit - increasing the alumni giving percentage from 12 percent in 2013-14 to 14 percent this year.

"We are truly thankful to all our alumni and friends who supported Drive 365 this year. The Advancement Office had the support of so many groups — the Board of Trustees, Alumni Council and the 50-Year Club - all of who made gifts and encouraged their friends and classmates to give back to the university. This team effort was the driving force behind Drive 365 surpassing its goal," said Sarah Kelly, vice president of Advancement.

Of the \$1.27 million raised, alumni giving made up \$815,000 of that total. Mull

> over what alumni gave a year ago. The first 10 graduating classes, 1959-1968, contributed \$382,000 to Drive 365 this year.

said that is a \$200,000 increase

The Advancement Office has begun work on this year's Drive 365 'Roadtrip' campaign. Members of the campus community, including WJU President Rev. James Fleming, S.J.,

Kelly, Mull and many others, will be on the road this year to raise awareness about the university and generate gifts.

The goal of the campaign, Kelly said, "is to reconnect with WJU alumni across the country, and with their support and involvement, recruit the next generation of Wheeling Jesuit students."

Keep an eye on the Advancement Office web site and check your email to see when Iggy and the Drive 365 pit crew will be in your area.

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WJU presents third *Communitas* award at graduation banquet

Members of the Congregation of St. Joseph in Wheeling were this year's recipients of the university's Communitas Award at WJU's annual graduation banquet in May.

The university designed the Communitas Award — Latin for the word 'community' — as a way to recognize those who exemplify WJU's mission of life, leadership and service.

"The Sisters of the Congregation of St. Joseph are dedicated to both this university and our community. They recognize the need for systemic change in our healthcare system, and have chosen to support WJU's health sciences education as a way to affect the needed change. We thank them for their ded-

icated support for our students," said WJU President, Rev. James Fleming, S.J.

The Congregation first awarded WJU its Generous Promise Grant in 2012 to expand its Collaborative Learning Model (CLM), which focuses on preparing health

sciences students to work in interdisciplinary teams, just as they would in a hospital setting. At the heart of the CLM is an adult patient simulator, 'Phil,' and a baby simulator. Continuing to support WJU's work toward systemic change in the way future health care providers are educated, the Sisters awarded the university



(From Left) Sr. Carmella Campione, Sr. Kathleen Durkin, Sr. Joan Kreyenbuhl and Sr. Mona Farthing receive the 2015 *Communitas* Award from Fr. Fleming during the 2015 Graduation Banquet.

a second and third grant, helping WJU to continue to strengthen its CLM and grow the simulation center

In addition, the Congregation has supported WJU's Clifford M. Lewis, S.J. Appalachian Institute providing funds for its urban garden program and WJU's on-campus garden.

Historic Mount de Chantal bell permanently displayed on campus

The bell that rang for almost 145 years in the tower of the Mount de Chantal Visitation Academy is now on display on the WJU campus near the site of its former home.

The Mount de Chantal Visitation
Alumnae Association, along with
the Sisters, and WJU staff, including
University President, Rev. James
Fleming, S.J. dedicated the bell
display, in the rear of the Center for
Educational Technologies building
during a June 27 ceremony.

The 800-pound cast iron in its bell was manufactured in 1865 by

Vanduzen and Tift Buckeye Bell Foundry in Cincinnati.

Sr. Joanne Gonter, V.H.M, MdC '52, WJU '59, former superior of the academy said, "This is a giant piece of Mount de Chantal history that can be displayed properly at our new home outside the Conservatory of Music. The bell display honors the Mount sisters, the alumnae and the late Vincent Colaianni, a longtime friend of the academy."

Gonter noted that the bell rang frequently throughout the day announcing the times for Mass, the sisters' praying of the divine office and three times a day, the Angelus.

"In 1952, when I entered the Mount community, I recall a sister had to pull a rope to ring the bell, but a few years later, Fr. Harding Keller, brother of the superior, Sr. Beatrix Keller electrified



Sr. Joanne Gonter gives the inaugural ring to the Mount de Chantal bell in its new home on the WJU campus.

the bell, which is how most bell towers are these days," Gonter added.

The Center for Educational Technologies
Building is the home of the "Mount de Chantal
Conservatory of Music" which includes the Sisters
Gallery, where artwork, antiques and archival materials are on display. In addition to the lobby and parlor areas is a 110–seat Recital Hall for lectures, musical and theatrical performances. The Conservatory of Music opened in November 2013.

"We are grateful the Sisters made Wheeling Jesuit their second home and the addition of the bell is a beautiful asset to our campus. There has always been a longtime friendship between us neighbors and we welcome the alumnae and the sisters back home," said WJU President, Rev. James Fleming, S.J.

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Total Gift: \$17.510 Class Participation: 42%

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1969

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Eileen Darby Williams

1970

Total Gift: \$10,014

Class Participation: 19%

Deirdre Smithson Burrell

Jack Carissimi

James Cook

Sr. Doris Crinkey, CSJ

William Dunn

Margaret Brunner Erickson

Vince Gallagher Joseph Gattie Terence Gurley Ethel Smithberger Janiszewski Rosalie Keane Julia Breiner Keil Daniel Kelleher Doreen Koeblitz Kelleher John Klecker Kathleen Cray Klecker Peter Komarinski Sr. J. M. Kreyenbuhl, CSJ Elizabeth Sullivan Maloney Margaret McCarthy Samuel McKay

Brian McNamara Daniel O'Brien Frank Poplaski Arthur Rawson Joseph Rollo John Rooney Sarah O'Donnell Rooney Mary Lou Ruttle Elaine Burns Ryan Jeanne Blackburn Saunders **Edward Schmitt** Terrie Purpura Schmitt **Edward Seidl** John Shemo Robert Sindall

Christopher Smith James Spittel Steven Thomasy Jeffrey Wolfe

1971

Total Gift: \$34,505 Class Participation: 14%

Geraldine Dolzer Anderson Anne Marie McCauley Boberg William Burke Elizabeth Sgroi Burke William Cecil Lewis Davis William Day James Doherty Sr. Kathleen Durkin, CSJ William Felicelli Jay Grimes Rev. Peter Gummere Patrick Hanley Richard Ivaun Kevin Keegan William Lageman John Marchetti Charlotte Cameron McNamara Kevin Meng Anthony Migliaccio Richard Mull Patrick Nolan

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Benedum Foundation awards grant to WJU's Challenger Learning Center

Students in kindergarten through third grade will have the opportunity to participate in one of the Challenger Learning Center's (CLC) e-Labs thanks to a Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation grant totaling \$121,000.

For the next two years, the grant will allow the CLC to create six new e-Lab programs, with a pilot and evaluation stage to take place in a select number of schools before it launches in 2017.

"The development for this program is so exciting; we believe it is never too early to expose young students to the world of science exploration," said CLC Assistant Director Lori Kudlak.

e-Labs are a one hour long, exciting, fun and interactive video conference that links an education specialists with student to inspire them to explore science topics at a new level of understanding.

"We've had several teachers at the elementary level

request these type of programs. We are very excited at the Challenger Learning Center to offer science rich programs to our youth – thanks to the Benedum Foundation," said CLC Director Jackie Shia.

Shia noted that e-Labs traditionally have been offered to middle school students, but with the ability to deliver via distance learning, the new e-Labs will open the market to elementary classrooms around the world.

"We conducted about 200 e-Labs last year across our state and around the country - that is more than 6,000 students engaging in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) based virtual labs.

"We thank the Benedum Foundation for their continued support and we are excited to bring these innovative programs to elementary classes in two years," added Shia.

Anthony Novacky Michael Rodgers Richard Rose Kevin Shea Anne Marie Bongiorno Tom

1972

Total Gift: \$8,573 Class Participation: 10%

William Becker

Susan Black
Mary Brandt
Thomas Burke
Christine Kelly Castle
Therese Richard Catt
Mary Jo Moore Cecil
Dale Criswell
Barbara Halsey Criswell
Mickey Prenger Dalton
Robert de Andrade
Paula Scott Felt
William Filbert
Patrick Gannon
Elizabeth O'Connell Keegan

James Kelly
Robert Larkin
Janet Duffy Leitch
John Malloy
Robert McCartney
Brian McMullen
William McPadden
Robert O'Neill
Janet Pettit Poluga
Thomas Scheper
James Schoenfeld
Mary Carroll Shemo
Edith Plunkett Turna
Roger Weiss
Joseph Woerner

1973

Total Gift: \$8,775 Class Participation: 23%

Alfreda Antonucci Jennifer Carey Bak Jonathan Bean Richard DaParma Eugene Delia Harry Dorsey
Michael Duff
Terence Elton
Dennis Fallon
Mary Platten Fallon
David Fluharty

Thomas Gervasi James Gillin

Jean Grondalski Mary Siwinski Gummere

Frederick Hess Thomas Heywood Robert Hutchings

Frances Morgan Kaib James Kaib Vincent Kasievich William Keane

Kathleen Gormley Keany Carol Nester Larkin

Patricia Connolly McAlarnen

Patrick Muth Kathleen Orr

Mary Rosenberg Prunchak Michael Quinlan

Joseph Smith Ernie Trakas

1974

Total Gift: \$12,545 Class Participation: 8%

Brian Bodkin Mary Kay Kociancic Bossard

Carol Gallagher Criswell Jacqueline Mita DiBianca Joseph Dillon

Peter Flynn Russell Gervasi Daniel Gieser

Elizabeth Kirwan Hartnett

Hugh Keany Thomas Lingan Tootsie Miller Malloy Dennis McCann Peggy Martellacci McMullen

James Osborne
Dennis Realmuto

Gregory Sgroi

Clare Francis Siegel Roderick Tondreau William Weschler

1975

Total Gift: \$18,600 Class Participation: 11%

Harry Adams Gayle Barney John Beilein Richard Belferman Marla-Jo Bonuccelli Joseph Brown James Callery Peggy Nolan Cardillo Carol Galligan Cornforth Stephen Criswell Bridget Cullen Maria Tasz Day Betsy Mulvaney Della Vecchia Maureen Hogan Andrew Kelleher Joseph Limbeck Jeffrey Mason

Jeffrey Mason Elizabeth Witsberger McCauley Orazio Miceli Julie Deter O'Marra Andrew Quinn

Joyce Ross Paul Scheper Joanne Cochran Sulliva

Peter Roedersheimer

Joanne Cochran Sullivan John Supan

1976

Total Gift: \$15,614 Class Participation: 18%

William Battista
Rudolph Bilich
Ralph Bonuccelli
Victoria Anne Casey
Robert Cherry
John Connolly
John Darby
Margaret Gehenio Dixon
Thomas Fitzgerald

Margaret Nolan Ford
Mario Gambescia
Lynne Marie Hornyak
Daniel Horvath
Kevin Huffman
Kevin Maloney
Allen Marangoni
Michael Murkley
Patricia Schlichting Orton
Fred Salancy
Robert Selak
Timothy Sleevi
Kathryn

1977

Total Gift: \$6,715 Class Participation: 15%

Kretschmer-Weyland

Donna Fryman Andriot
Bruce Brown
Randall Clark
Paul Currie
Nancy Puntch Darby
Gerard Dillon
Marilou Gross Doughty

Jean Fields-Galla Cynthia Lisiecki Fitzgerald Gary Fitzsimmons Kevin Foy Rodney Gaddy Mark Kenney

Debra Munjas Killeen Rev. William K. Matheny, V.F. Patrick McCormick

Patrick McCormick
Jerome McNamara
Daniel Moskal
Maureen McCormick

Osborne Michael Pfister Thomas Pié Michael Reiff Johanna Aucremanne

Stoneking

1978

Total Gift: \$4,950 Class Participation: 6%

Stephen Barry
Daniel Casey
Terry Dalton
Mary Scampoli Maloney
Tina Massolo
Joseph McAllister
M. Cristina Pena
Frank Reynolds
L. Frederick Williams

1979

Total Gift: \$5,422 Class Participation: 8%

Chris Doyle
Theresa Brandolo Doyle
Peter Jaworski
Leslie Lewis Kirshner
Maureen Keegan
Kurzenberger
James McCarthy
Anne Exner Moran
Daniel Moran
Jeffrey Paul
Mary Bodkin Paul
Mary Petrisko
Vickie Byers Sleevi
Kathy Solovan
Lale Front Virostek

1980

Total Gift: \$6,202 Class Participation: 4%

William Benedetto
Karen Van Beneden Colley
Kelly Faul
John Gagliardi
Charles Gittings
John Lewis
Patrick McGrane
Michelle Morgenweck
Mulholland
Paul Mulholland
Marilyn Perhacs

1981

Total Gift: \$2,945 Class Participation: 6%

Ann Smithberger Benedetto Philip Calcutt Keith Connors Peter Ehni Michael Fortunato Connie Gdula Hess Leigh Arslain Kademenos Robert Kane Helen Dorsey Kelly Deborah Kennedy Linda Correll Leonard Jobe Coffield McGrane Donna Poplawski Pastorius John Pastorius Martha Shepard Paul Singer

1982

Total Gift: \$6,030 Class Participation: 10%

Joseph Artzberger Virginia Muzzio Connors Charles Dawson Lori Donnelly Duke Cecilia Einloth John Emge John Fiesta Kevan Fritsch Marguerite Hogan Fritsch Nancy Frohling Lisa Rhodes George Catherine Polak Hlohowskyj Marcia Sperl Irwin Brian Keegan Carol Leber Lane Timothy McAteer Abby Rubin McCarthy Gary Merryman Patricia Nolan Nepa Jim O'Connell

Theresa Reilly Reynolds

Mary Brooks Spence

1983

Total Gift: \$11,475 Class Participation: 3%

Jo Ellen Scott Dalton

Tammy Bennett Denning

Maureen Faul
Lee Helfer
Jane Mahlke
Kathleen Burns McCormick
Mary Sue Certo Newcamp
Geoffrey O'Neill
Drew Segadelli
Mark Sengewalt

1984

William Stees

Peter Sullivan

Larry Buckley

Total Gift: \$25,165 Class Participation: 6%

Kate Carrigan
Karen Albert Emmerth
Mark Gresham
Robert Hacala
Mimie O'Hara Helm
John Higgins
Karen Manning
Kevin McCormick
David Muntean
Karen O'Brien O'Connell
Richard Riley
Martin Weis

1985

Total Gift: \$17,806 Class Participation: 5%

Bernadette Ayers
Elizabeth Bender
William Denning
Kevin Duffin
Regina DiStefano Emge
Marybeth Murray Emmerth
Todd Gallupe
Michael Gordon
Kelly Klubert
Kevin Laird
Cindy Kirk Mueller

Kevin O'Neil
Diane Pucci
Thomas Roddy
Sharon Kenny Segadelli
Jerry Sullivan
Charlotte Koss Wiermanski

1986

Total Gift: \$92,940 Class Participation: 8%

Lawrence Bandi Annette Belanger Butler David Cale Charles Cooke William Costa David Dalzell Peter Flynn Sherri Black Flynn Daniel Goga Mary Jo Howells Habursky John Kalkreuth Clare Kelly Kuzma Stephen Marshall Kirsten Mittrick Douglas Mosti Louise Govert Nobles Theodore Ofat Gerald Schroer

1987

Total Gift: \$2,803 Class Participation: 4%

David Wiermanski

Dorothy Blaner
Paul Bulgarelli
Brian Callahan
Janine Gooler Callahan
James Godish
Adam Holtzman
Jacqueline Kapres
Mark Mancinelli
Gregory McLeod
Jane Nicholson
Genevieve Sol Olivas
David Rea
Suzanne Greer Spies
James Wallace
Mark Zittle

David Spence

William Sullivan

1988

Total Gift: \$8,770 Class Participation: 6%

Christine Dovich Baldwin Matthew Campbell Sean Duffy Joseph English Lisa Pillot English Michael Fitzpatrick William Kenny Jeffrey Klug Nancy Luna Allan Miller Joe Pangilinan Edward Polli Jamie Arslain Sokos Albert Vargas

1989

Total Gift: \$8,390 Class Participation: 3%

Stacey Kefalos Vargas

Nebil Altinis Daniel DeVries William Hogle Nancy Menes Hogle Theresa Jordan Kirssin Judi Pavlasky Knott Robert Knott Stacy Smith McAleer Carolyn Santilli

1990

Total Gift: \$1.245 Class Participation: 2%

Neil D'Anna Matthew Doud Raymond Florczyk Diane Eble Jones Keith Kearney Beth Kenny Michael Mansuetto

1991

Total Gift: \$825 Class Participation: 3%

Michael Clark Lydia Wanless D'Anna Patricia O'Leary Duffy Wayne McNulty Diane Morris Tammy Owings Anna Marie Troiani

1992

Total Gift: \$7,040 Class Participation: 3%

Don Benson Beth Chambers Andrew Cullen Jim Cullen Scott Gallagher Mario Julian Lois Sustersic Julian Robert Kotson Christopher Lombardi Keri Alexander Luchowski Michael Moran Timothy Mudric Mary Beth Viglietta Mudric Helene Krisciunas O'Donnell James O'Malley

Susan Pevac

Anthony Presutti

John Rataiczak

Janet Loughley Roskovich

Jason Smith

Rick Soos

Christopher Tiu

Rev. Carol Visser

1993

Total Gift: \$890

Class Participation: 1%

Laura England Benson Christine Sassaman Findlay Robert Gardner

Brian Hegarty

Joseph Munhall

Beth Miller Synowiec Dominic Thomas

1994

Total Gift: \$1.105 Class Participation: 3%

David Brown Kathleen Mansuetto Dieffenbaugher Michael Ferrier Anthony James Laura Shoaff Lombardi Anna Wickline Munhall Jim Stafford Donald Tiger Deborah Trunnell Wilkinson

1995

Total Gift: \$1,295 Class Participation: 1%

Stephen Cleary Pamela Karner Cullen Isaac Dieffenbaugher Joseph Donzella Paulette King Gallagher Roger Guiseppi Donna Marangoni John Reasbeck Todd Rebbel

1996

Total Gift: \$1,754 Class Participation: 2%

Paul Azzola Karen Olsen Bauer Richard Deever Sr. Loretta Fahey James Findlay Pamela Galligan-Stierle Gianni Giordano Carrie Plute Hanna Carolyn Ritchey Hayzlett Christopher Kreger Jacqueline Loccisano Matthew Mansuetto Melissa Kellner Mansuetto Leonardo Moreda

Brian Moscatelli Darla Osaba Bonnie Ritz

1997

Total Gift: \$340 Class Participation: 2%

Jason Anders Charles Benesh Randy Forney Richard Gallagher Karie Berbach Heinecke Jeffrey Jezierski Melissa Vignjevic Moreda James Rea Elizabeth Espejo Reasbeck Gavin Sigle

1998

Total Gift: \$1,120 Class Participation: 3%

Brian Cullen Christopher Elswick Michael Heinecke Alison Fry Kreger John Naughton Daniel Sancomb Julie Sebeck Joseph Spangler Allison Binkowski Wilson

1999

Total Gift: \$290 Class Participation: 2%

Gwen Mehok Akers Peter Davey Patricia Duffin Brendan Liston Amanda Balser Naughton Lena Cline Previll Steven Previll Casey Skufca Kimberly Keegan Skufca Christina Ralbovsky Terek

2000

Total Gift: \$625 Class Participation: 2%

Rebecca Chapman Anders Michael Caruso Stephanie Petterson Pogemiller Tammy Richmond Greg Sheperd

2001

Total Gift: \$585 Class Participation: 2%

Colleen O'Hanlon Harkins Lawrence Harkins Lesley Kohlmyer Jana Lundgren Pedowitz Matthew Rak Heather Raimonde Rak Ryan Schumacher Lisa Holloway Waugh Nicholas Wilhelm

2002

Total Gift: \$1,410 Class Participation: 3%

Sara Knestrick Bennington **Brady Butler** George Ciarrocchi Andrew Formica Betsy Friedman Paul Greener Mark Hladek Neil Holloway Ronnie Hunte Matthew Jankowski Melissa DiPietro Myers James Puglisi Eric Rothwell Judith Seleski Jamie Frank Smeiles Breyan Tornifolio Gregory Uffman

2003

Total Gift: \$1,120 Class Participation: 2%

Gabriella Spinnato Butler
Michael Curtis
Ryan Donahue
Laura Doty
Kevin Dugan
Rebecca McCumbers Flavin
Justin Julian
Tyrone Lollini
Gregory Martin
Caitlin McAteer
Jerrod Murtha
Thomas Pippett

Bradley Sponaugle 2004

Lucas Prati

Scott Seago

Joseph Smith

Total Gift: \$786 Class Participation: 1%

Jessica Gallo Rothwell

Katharine Briggs
Miranda Mowen Brooks
Leon Brown
Elizabeth Fritsch Ciarrocchi
Nikki Donahue-Dunkin
Andrew Fenton
Christian Hootman
Shannon Trimmer Huber
Michael Patrick
Rochelle Lucero
Plywaczynski
Kathryn Post Reedy
Christina Richey

2005

Ian Wilson

Total Gift: \$390 Class Participation: 1%

Toni Moran Wilson

Theresa Glandon Corcoran Ryan Ferns Kevin Melody Lannette Booth Melody Rebecca Reindel Dorothy Robinson Emilee Romano

2006

Total Gift: \$572 Class Participation: 2%

Pete Harlan
Bridget Garrison
Connie Keplinger-Vetter
Adam Levitsky
Keith Miller
Meghan O'Rourke Norris
Larry Piko
Jeffrey Pniewski
Elizabeth Reiley
Ralph Seward
Kristine Malmgren Yeater

2007

David Hanna

Total Gift: \$360 Class Participation: 2%

Jeffrey Harr
Jason Kile
Jenah Myers
Matthew Porta
Sean Regan
Ryan Rico
Justin Torok
Timothy Wombacher

2008

Total Gift: \$440 Class Participation: 2%

Elizabeth Elias Birch
Emily Howdyshell Dayton
Justin Harmer
Katrina Kinsella
Robert Kuhn
Lauren Lewicki
Brandon Regan
Nicoletta Roeble
Daniel Rosato
Scott Sinick

2009

Total Gift: \$1,581 Class Participation: 9%

Jonathan Arlet

Matthew Ball Richard Bell Daniel Brosnan Kelley Buckman Carr Justin Clark Matthew Comer Kyle Filtz Anthony Gianni Stacy Keller Kathleen McAteer Noah Mull Hugh Mulvey Jon Nagel Bryan Nesbitt Jill Nizan Justin Pastorius **Daniel Peterson** Valerie Grimes Piko Matthew Popiolkowski Melissa Rataiczak Dylan Rogers Justin Sabo Cody Stickdorn Richard Szeligo Brandon Thurber Tony Trabert Kate Munhall Weber Steven Young

2010

Total Gift: \$395 Class Participation: 4%

Brianna Clark
Sean Edge
Benjamin Ellwood
Samantha Yakey Evankovich
MacKenzie Earliwine Filtz
Mark Linkinoggor
Zackary Moody
Timothy O'Brien
Dominic San Felippo
Jessica Tyson San Felippo
Clorissia Bragg Savel

Jim Savel Matthew Taylor Blake Williams

2011

Total Gift: \$278 Class Participation: 3%

Michelle Dietrich
Rosemary Kim
Trent Krupica
Michael Ludewig
Brianne Booth Nagel
Je Young Park
Christopher Rouhier
Mark Sappington
Jane Seward
Sarah Spiga-Peterson
Alyson Butler Popiolkowski
Ryan Venderlic

2012

Total Gift: \$85 Class Participation: 3%

Thomas Charles
Timothy Geibel
Brenden Gillies
Mark Gira
Tyler Glover
Kayla Fetsko Mull
Malachi Murphy
Andrew Nemecek

2013

Total Gift: \$100,135 Class Participation: 2%

Jessica Battilochi
Beth Collins
Robbie Davia
Kara DeSantis
Jennifer Elias
Michael Ferns
Austin Grimes
Corey Hull
Jordan Kraus
Parker Lang
Colin Lawler
Sarah Creamer Rouhier

2014

Total Gift: \$75 Class Participation: 1%

Michael DiCenzo Jessica Midcap Kayla Mitchell Georges Fokoua-Noubossie Francis Owens

Garrett Sancomb

Joel Tcheimengni

2015

Total Gift:\$ 1,910 Class Participation: 78%

Tony Acierno Jennilyn Adams Maren Addy James Allen Amanda Althouse Josh Arnold Kelcey Atchinson Alex Augsburger Gabriella Azzarello Jared Baranowski Charles Bard Nate Barker Lindsay Baugh Clinton Baynahm Jeffrey Becca Sean Berger Matthew Bergman Patrick Biega Sunny Birkhimer Jacqueline Bowman Kaitlyn Boyd Andrew Bozimowski Haley Brooks Sarah Buch Tyler Buchan

Sara Buckley

Mara Cain

Rachel Caja

Nicolas Chaufournier

Monica Ciacchella

Shannon Cieslewski

Brenna Butzer

Andrew Clark Jennifer Clouse Broderick Colaner Angela Cole **Evan Collins Brennan Comfort** Cooper Corely Travis Couture Kelsea Crawshaw James Davis Brittany DeCapio Lucy DeFruscio Preston DeHamer Kaitlin DiCola Aaron Dinterman Francis Doudelet Caitlin Edge Sarah Edwards Andrew Eisenhart Alysha Ernest Leeann Evans Elliot Falconer Ashley Field Salome Francis Alexa Frankovitch Allison Geary Jared Gillespie Kara Gordon Ashley Gracik Taylor Griffith Kayla Gross Madeline Holt Andrew Howard Paige Huber Logan Hudson Collin Huth Tyler Jordan Steffy Kabulo Landry Kamdem Talom Jacob Keeney Chelsea Kelly Joshua Kernik Mario Khong Garrett Kiedrowski Brandon Kimble Chris Kozlowski Jacquelyn Krichbaum

Garret Labrosse Melanie Lamp Cala Lawson Hannah Lazuka Gyen-Hyung Lee Tiffany Lee Katie Livengood Stephanie Lorenze Michaela Luckey Corey Luebbe Nicholas Malarbi Jacquelyn Mansfield Carla Marry Brandon Marshall Paola Maysonet **Emily McAllister** Michael McDonald Daniel McFarland Rachel McGuire Mark McIntosh Nathaniel Meyer Jacob Mines Nicole Minor Joseph Molek Sean Moore Thomas Moore Natalie Morris Christian Mubenesha Phillip Mueller Ramee Naja Josephine Neema Evan Neiswanger Travis Nicholas Patrick O'Neil Megan Pape Skylar Patten Ellerie Patterson Monica Pennachhio Eric Pietz Victoria Pigott Miranda Principe Gabrielle Provenzano Jessica Rice Richelle Ricer Matthew Riffle Luke Roan **Emily Robinson**

Kassandra Robinson

Aliya Kureishy

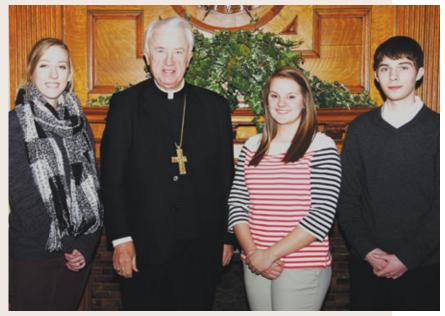
Scholarship named in Bishop Bransfield's Honor

In recognition of the Most Rev. Michael J.
Bransfield's 10th anniversary as bishop of the
Diocese of Wheeling–Charleston, a scholarship,
offered to graduates of Catholic high schools
in West Virginia, now bears his name at the
university.

Ten years ago, when Bishop Bransfield arrived in West Virginia one of his priorities was to improve Catholic education in the Diocese. Wheeling Jesuit recognized his commitment to education by naming a university scholarship in his honor.

"Bishop Bransfield has been a powerful advocate of education at all levels during his first decade of service to the people of our state. His commitment to providing access to Catholic education speaks volumes of his passion for learning and the importance of the connection between faith and reason. We know of no better way to recognize his contribution to Catholic education than by naming our scholarship, offered to graduates of the seven Catholic high schools in the Diocese of Wheeling–Charleston, the Bishop Michael J. Bransfield Scholarship," said Rev. James Fleming, S.J., president of WJU.

"Because the Diocese and Wheeling Jesuit University partner in so many ways to advance educational opportunities in West Virginia, I am very grateful for this honor. I look forward to the continued success of Wheeling Jesuit, and for



Three current WJU students received the Bishop Bransfield scholarship. With Bishop Bransfield are, from left: Alexa Frankovich from Weirton Madonna High School; Katie Pulliam, Charleston Catholic High School; and Brett Szeligo, Wheeling Central High School

our Catholic high school graduates who attend the university. I thank their talented president, Rev. Jim Fleming, for his dedication and service here in West Virginia," said Bishop Bransfield.

During the 2014–15 academic year, nearly \$1 million in institutional aid was offered to 77 Bransfield Scholars already on campus and members of the incoming freshman class. This group of students represents all seven of the diocesan high schools.

Students eligible for the scholarship are graduates from one of the following Catholic high schools; Bishop Donahue, Charleston Catholic, Notre Dame; Parkersburg Catholic, St. Joseph, Weirton Madonna or Wheeling Central Catholic.

Nikolette Robinson Patricia Roper Derrick Runkle Tyler Salko Francis Salome Peter Scharf Janelle Schigel Nathan Schmidt Kara Schrock **Andrew Schuetz** Chardin Sele Shelton Shia Jared Sims Shannon Singleton Courtnie Snyder **David Stanley** Katalin Stanton George Stanton Cassandra Stickel

Hillary Taylor

Lorian Tharp Kyle Theiss Cody Thompson Freddie Tikaya Luke Titus Celeste Tronka Jesse Truchan Prisca Tshibambe Kasey Tuttle Erin Underwood Olivia Vanhoose Victoria Vuljanic Patrick Washington James Weed Jamie Wenger Matthew Whitehurst

Tyler Wickett

Rebekah Zeigler

Kelsey Zimcosky

Kari Barrett Kelly Barry Barbara Ann Basil Dorothy Battista David Bauer Debra Becca Delinda Ann Becker Jonathan Bedway Kathleen Beilein Robert Bell Paul Bellotte Robert & Claire Bench William Bennington Frederick & Sheila Burns Robert Berry Pam Bilich Chuck, Dee Dee, Bills & Family Janet Birch James Birch Janet Bischof John Blattler Alice Blizzard Elizabeth Blum James Boberg Kenneth

& Deborah Bogden

Patricia Bogdewic

Deirdre Bonuccelli

Bernadette Brandt

Margaret Bresnahan

Nancie Brininger

Carmelita Brown

Julia Buckley

Jonni Burke

Eleanor Burke

Allyne Burley

Katharine Burlitch

Frederick Burner

Barbara Burch

Thomas Burgoyne

Jeffrey Broadhurst

Jamey & Sarah Brogan

William & Janice Buch

Mary Ann Bond

Donald Bossard

Janet Boyle

Dona Breen

Wayne Butler William & Marilyn Byrne Niall Byrne J. Norris Byrnes Pamela Cady Frank Calabrese Frances Calcutt Nancy Callery Kathleen Campbell Jerome & Susan Cangelosi Anthony Cardillo Michael Carey Kathleen Carissimi James & Frankie Carnes Barbara Carpenter Robert Carr Joan Carrigan Elizabeth Carroll Cheryl Caruso Anne Caruso Rita Casem John Casey Louis Castelli Catherine Castilow Maryann Chambers Stephanie Cherry Ada Cheung Barbara Chincheck Audrey Ciripompa Colleen Clark

Barbara Clark Bruce Clarke Rory & Nancy Coakley James Coffman Greg & Tammy Colaner A. R. Colley

Frances Comer Frank & Karen Connelly Helen Connolly

Rita Cook
Diane Cooke
Greg Corcoran
Kimberly Costa
Christina Costain

Kimberly Costa Christina Costain Edna Coyne Byrd Crawford Betty Crawford Basil Crimaldi

FRIENDS OF WJU

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Steve & Deborah Acierno
Jeannette Adams
Rebeca Adams
Warren & Karolyn Adams
John & Sue Adams
Demetrio Agcaoili
Mary Kathryn Aigner
Jeffrey Akers
Robert & Susan Albaugh
James & Mavis Albaugh
Pasquale Alberico
Vincente

& Evangelina Alimario Robert Alter Figen Altinis Edward & Penelope Aluise Barbara Aluise Elizabeth Ames-Fitzgerald Ancient Order of Hibernians of America Albert Anderson George

& Johanna Andrews
James Andriot
Dr. & Mrs. Larry Grubb
Editha Angulo
Robert Ardike
James & Sandra Artzberger
Mary Artzberger
Christina Attiliis
James

Christina Attiliis
James
& Wanda Augsburger
Beverly Azzaro
Joseph Bak
Robert Baldwin
Mary Baldy
Bill & Erin Ball
Mary Dee Bandi
Gloria Bannister
Frank Bardin
Richard & Marian Barker
Rhonda Barone

Ada Crusan Darrell & Valerie Cummings Daniel Cunningham Robert Cupp, Sr. Joseph Cupp Earl & Jeanne Curry Cornelia Cussen Mark Dalton Elizabeth DaParma John & Anne Davey Kassandra Davey Scott David Deborah Davis James & Lynn Davis William Davison Patricia Dawson Mary de Andrade Maureen DeCaro

Gary & Cristina DeGuzman William & Nancy Deibert Michael Della Vecchia Dee Dematte Timothy DeMuth Cheri Desarno Gail Desch

Susanne DiPiero Shirley Dissen

James DiBianca

Marion Deever

Rudolph

& Martha DiTrapano

William Dixon Judy Doherty Patricia Dolecki Linda Dombrosky

Richard & Helen Donahoe Bill & Susan Donovan

Celeste Dorsey Darrick Doty Cathy Doyle Barbara Dressel

John & Theresa Dubroy

Mary Ann Duffy

Norman & Marianne Duffy

Michael Duke Michael Duncan Phillip & Joan Dunn Carolyn Dunn

Michael Duplaga Mary Ebbert Mary Elekes Frederick Eller

Sue Ellis Danielle Ellwood

Phillip Emmerth Richard Emmerth

James & Cheryl Entress

Ted Erickson Arthur Ernst Leasia Fagert

Mike & Janet Fahey CCHS Class of 1946

Susan Fasig Helen Faso

Hubert Feehan Dan & Kim Feeley

James & Mary Anna Feeney

Scott Felt David Felt Linda Ferns Eileen Ferrier Suzy Filbert Pauline Finney Mark Fischer Frederick Fisher Fabiola Fisher

Jennifer Fitzsimmons

Joan Flanagan Marianne Flanagan Patrick Flavin Rita Fleming Mark Fluharty Susan Flynn

Leo Flynn Richard Fontana John Ford

Rebecca Forney Bethany Fortunato

Stephanie Foy

Woodward Franzheim David & Cindy Frochlich Arthur & Drucilla Fuccillo

Ann Gallagher

Michael Galligan-Stierle

Christina Gallupe Catherine Gannon Carlos & Karen Garcia Kathleen Garvey

Richard Gates Brian Geary

& Nancy Bourgeois

Barbara Geary Barbara Gerkin

Joe Laker

& Margaret Geroch Jennifer Gervasi Donna Gervasi Linell Gieser Patricia Gillin

Wayne & Holly Gioioso

Renee Girifalco Wanda Gittings

Fernando & Virginia Giustini

Donna Glaser Bonita Glaser

Joseph & Carolyn Glaub

Byford Glenn Dorothy Goga Debra Gordon Janice Granda Patricia Grealy Alden Green Karen Gribben Eugene & Sandra Grilli

Virginia Grimes Christine Gronell Patricia Gruber

Lori Guiseppi Brenda Haberfield Jerald Habursky Megan Hacala Mary Ellen Haddad Walter Haentjens

Michael Hagan Judy Hall

Linda Haller John & Robin Haller

Clark Hamilton Mary Hamm Eileen Hanley

Charles & Margaret Hanley

Janet Hanlon

Roger & Mollie Hanning

Tiffany Harlan

David & Susan Harmon

Gail Harr Janet Hart

Raymond Hartnett

Beverly Hawk

Robert Hayzlett

Christopher Hearing James Hedley

Diane Helfer Robert Helm

Christopher

& Susan Helmrath Catherine Henderson

Rev. Simon Hendry, S.J.

Thomas Hess

Bruce & Kathleen Hestand

Eva-Maria Hill Ihor Hlohowskyj Jesus & Priscilla Ho Donald & Jean Hofreuter

Bill & Susan Hogan Bruce Holbrook Pete & Jean Holloway

Sondra Holtzman Gary Hordemann Rose Horning

Thomas Horsey James & Diann Hritzo John & Debra Hull

Susan Humphrey Claude & Linda Hunt

Janet Hutchings Hiromi Inoue Lee & Sudy Irvine

Lewis Irwin Fred Israel Joann Jakubec Paul Janiszewski Marjorie Jaworski

Crystal Jezierski Carlos & Conchita Jimenez

Betty Jones Robert Jones

Kristal Jones Tanya Jordan Linda Joy Evelyn Julian

George Kademenos Rodney & Betty Kahriq Carol Kammer Dorothy Kane Diane Kane Gretchen Kapser Ken & Ginger Karb Catherine Kearney Mary Keating John Keil Cathy Kelleher Setsuko Kelleher

Ann Kelleher Francis & Janet Kelly Ronnie Kelly

Ann Kelly

Maria Kelleher

Catherine Keeney James & Theresa Kenney

Hugh Keogh

John & Joan Kepner Barbara Kerrane Peggy Kersting Maroun Khoury Rajai Khoury

Tawfiq & Nahla Khoury

Jill Kiecolt

Patrick & Linda Kildea

Vincent Killeen Sheryl King Sandy Kinnunen David Kirshner Howard Kirssin Kevin & Valerie Klubert

Ronald Klug Katherine Koch Nancy Kohlbecker Cathy Korth Bridget Kotson

John & Kristina Kramer

Joan Krause Kathryn Kreitzer Kimberly Kunczt Mark Kunkel James Kuzma

David & Nancy Labrosse

Kim Lagemen Paula Laird

Yolanda Lambert Brian Lane Judy Lantz

Mark Laskovics Michelle Latos Kathryn Lauer Peter Lawler

Richard & Jeanne Lee

Betsy Lee Keffrey Leitch Darren Leonard Ed & Kimberly Leonard

John Lesher Tara Lewis

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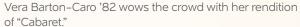


Remy Munasifi '03 served as host for Gaudiosa 2015.











Guests at Wheeling Jesuit University's Gaudiosa 2015 said this year's event left

them 'wanting more' and 'was even better than last year's event.'

Gaudiosa 2015, held on March 28, attracted 330 guests and raised \$100,000 for Wheeling Jesuit student scholarships — meeting the event fund-raising goal and exceeding last year's total raised by nearly \$30,000. Event guests included WJU alumni, community members and friends of the university.

"We had new faces and returning guests this year, and strong support from our sponsors," said Rev. James Fleming, S.J., WJU President. "I thank everyone for their dedication to this growing event."

"The variety and style of entertainment involving our talented alumni and River City Brass made this a

unique event for Wheeling Jesuit and the community," said Jasmine Lo, Gaudiosa coordinator.

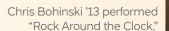
Gaudiosa started with cocktails in the lobby of the Alma Grace McDonough Center, followed by dinner and entertainment from the River City Brass Band of Pittsburgh, under the director of Dr. James Gourlay, director of instrumental music at WJU.

River City Brass accompanied Chris Bohinski '13 for "76 Trombones" and "Rock Around the Clock" followed by New Martinsville native and business owner John Mensore '60, who serenaded the crowd with "My Way" and "Summer Wind." Re–appearing from the inaugural event last year was Vera Barton–Caro '82, who sang "Cabaret." Comedian and YouTube sensation Remy Munasifi '03, served as master of ceremonies.

"We are blessed to have raised these funds which will







Current WJU students greeted guests and parked cars during the evening.





Right at home on stage, John Mensore '60 performed "My Way."



A Wheeling Jesuit signature event

support our students education," said Fleming. "This is becoming a signature event for Wheeling Jesuit and guests told us they couldn't wait to bring their friends to Gaudiosa 2016!"

Platinum sponsors for Gaudiosa 2015 include The Society of Jesus and WTOV-TV 9.

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First 10 graduating classes reach fund raising goal





Dan Haller '61, 50 Year Club president, and Ed Shahady '60, past president, present Fr. Fleming a check from the senior ambassadors.

Wheeling Jesuit University's first 10 graduating classes accepted the challenge last fall to raise \$365,000 as part of WJU's Drive 365 campaign and announced during Alumni Weekend the group met its goal.

Between September 2014 and June 30, 2015, the WJU 50 Year Club Senior Ambassadors called classmates and encouraged them to make a gift to the university. During Alumni Weekend 2015, Dan Haller '61, president of the 50 Year Club and WJU President Fr. James Fleming, S.J. announced the classes of 1959–68 made contributions totaling \$382,000.

"The Senior Ambassadors accepted the challenge to help us raise funds for the university," said Sarah Kelly, vice president for Advancement. "We are thankful for all their efforts and hard work. This group not only achieved its goal, but helped power our annual fund campaign, Drive 365, past its \$1 million goal. The funds raised will support scholarships and campus programs that benefit today's students."

For the past three years, the senior ambassadors have worked with the administration to raise money for Wheeling Jesuit. According to Haller, alumni from those earliest classes gave more than \$185,000 to WJU between Nov. 14, 2013 and March 29, 2014, which exceeded the club's goal by \$35,000.

"The first 10 classes were enthusiastic to join this effort. It's time for us to give back to our alma mater for what Wheeling Jesuit was to us and did for us," said Haller. "This was a lofty goal, but Ed Shahady, our driving force, said we could reach it. Thanks to his leadership and all the senior ambassadors, who motivated classmates to give, we were able to meet this challenge."

In fiscal year 2012–13, under the leadership of Shahady '60, the senior ambassadors raised more than \$70,000 in just six weeks.

"One of the responsibilities of the senior ambassadors is to aid the university in fund raising. For the second straight year, we have met or exceeded our goal. Being a WJU Senior Ambassador is both an honor and a responsibility. Ambassadors are asked to commit their time, dedication and expertise to the institution that helped lay the foundation for their successful careers," Shahady said.

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