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College of Health Sciences expands opportunities for students, community

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A degree with a guarantee

Novel GPP program has proven record of success

BY BRIANNA LOGAN '11

For four years, Mackenzie Cassidy Riaubia '09 dreamed of teaching and leading a classroom of young elementary school students. Like a lot of college students, the elementary and special education major at Misericordia University looked for ways to make her talents stand out in a very competitive job market. Upon enrolling at MU, the Newton, N.J., native quickly found a program that would build upon her classroom success and guarantee her either a job in her field or graduate school acceptance within six months of graduation.

The Guaranteed Placement Program (GPP) at Misericordia University is a novel approach to better prepare students for the real-world work environment. Through a blend of experiential learning opportunities and educational workshops, students build skills over four years that enable them to successfully navigate the job market or become a graduate student. The program's workshops and hands-on internships help students compete for better jobs by setting themselves apart. They build solid resumes and student leadership transcripts; refine etiquette, and gain personal experience through mock job interviews and much more.

Today, Riaubia says the GPP is one of the reasons she's living her dream at Etchwood High School in Maryland as the lead teacher in a self-contained special education classroom. She gained needed self-confidence through mock interview sessions and during the *Real World* seminar where inspirational success stories from peers and recent graduates reinforced the path she chose to become a valued professional. "The job market is very unsteady and it's nice to have that extra something on your resume to show that you are prepared and willing to work hard," Riaubia says.

Courtney Moran is seated for the GPP's etiquette workshop, one of several the program has developed for students.

For Ericka Morrison '09, success motivated her to succeed both in the classroom and in the GPP. Today, Morrison is a licensed physical therapist at PRO Rehab in Plains Township, Pa., and aspires to someday own and operate her own physical therapy clinic. She attributes her inspiration to being both a clinician and entrepreneur to the guest speakers at GPP's entrepreneur seminar, and believes the most important skill is to "always be yourself."

"It was reassuring to know that a system was in place to provide more than just a piece of paper at graduation,'' adds her mother, Cecelia Morrison. "She felt absolutely ready for whatever an employer threw at her during an interview. Her education provided her with a sound knowledge of physical therapy and the GPP showed her how to market her skills successfully. Ericka found a job before graduation and passed her boards on the first try, but in this economy knowing that she was guaranteed employment through this program was very comforting.''

Established in 1999, the GPP's professional development program has had 153 students successfully complete the program. The program's guarantee provides a three-month paid internship in the student's field of study if the student does not find a job or is accepted into graduate school within six months of graduation. So far the GPP guarantee has not been used by a single student.

Kiplinger's recognizes GPP

Misericordia University was named a Best School for Standing By Grads by Kiplinger s Personal Finance Magazine for its Guaranteed Placement Program (GPP) which guarantees placement in a paid internship for graduates who aren t employed within six months of graduation.

Misericordia was one of two schools named Best School for Standing By Grads in the personal finance magazine s special Best of Everything 2009 December issue. The article was highlighted with a Satisfaction Guaranteed checkmark.

The GPP is a four year career development program that begins during the student s freshman year. The program offers a series of career focused activities that are designed to help Misericordia students meet the needs of future employers. Students who commit to the program for four years are offered a wide variety of activities such as leadership training, diversity awareness, building a portfolio, mock interview sessions and resume preparation. Sessions are held each semester culminating at graduation.

Students who fulfill the GPP requirements and do not have a job offer in their field, or who are not admitted to a graduate or professional school within six months of graduation, are offered a paid internship arranged by the University.

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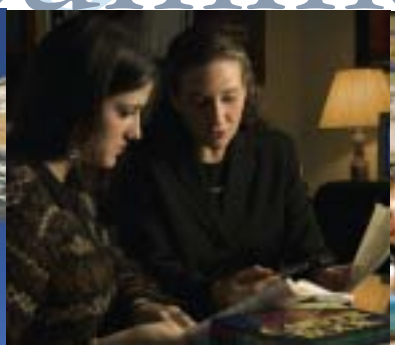

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A Message to Alumni

William H. Kent

I retired as the CEO of a large international consulting firm based in Washington, D.C. in 2002 and moved to our farm outside Dallas, Pa. At that time, I decided to devote my time and experience to bettering education. The area was rich in institutions of higher learning, but none more prestigious than Misericordia. For generations, it had been serving the needs of the local community and, more recently, has been extending its reach around the country. Under the leadership of President Michael MacDowell, Misericordia is recognized for the high quality of its education by its peers, by the employers who hire its graduates and by its community.

Having now served on the board of trustees for six years, I can see firsthand just how impressive the quality of education at Misericordia is, and, being fortunate enough to have graduated from Cornell and then New York University for my graduate work, I have a pretty good basis for comparison.

Several years ago, I hired a Misericordia senior to intern with my company to do research. She proved to be talented and hard working. When I inquired as to her plans for the future, she said she would work locally until she could build her resume before trying to reach her goal of obtaining a marketing position in New York City. My advice was to move directly to reach her goal as she had all the education anyone else would have seeking the same jobs. She was offered an interim position at Conde Nast, the giant publishing company, where she would be in competition with a student from Harvard and one from Brown for a key marketing position. You guessed it, she won. Today, three years later she is a highly paid senior marketing manager with enormous responsibility and travelling the world. This young lady s success represents the value of a Misericordia education.

The quality of education at Misericordia is second to none. The Sisters of Mercy dedicated themselves to making this possible and many people have helped fund this effort. Take pride, alumni, in the education that has been given to each of you and remember that you received your education partly through the generosity of others who help fund each and every student at Misericordia. For my part, I am proud to be a Trustee and will continue to work hard to keep the momentum going, but we need the help of all alumni. How about giving your university a hand by supporting the annual fund?

Sincerely yours,

William H. Kent
Misericordia University,
Board of Trustees

Service receives national recognition

Misericordia has been named for the third straight year by the Corporation for National and Community Service to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, the highest federal recognition a university can receive for commitment to volunteering, service learning and civic engagement.

MU's campus community performed 131,560 hours of service in the 2008-09 academic year. The award recognizes more than 700 institutions of higher education for their impact on issues from poverty to homelessness. Thousands of students joined their faculty to develop innovative programs and projects to meet local needs using the skills gained in their classroom. Health science majors worked in clinics, teacher education majors tutored students, and business majors collaborated with regional municipal governments. "Service has been the hallmark of this institution since the Sisters of Mercy founded it in 1924," said Linda Ross, director of the Service Leadership Center. "By imbuing in each student a sense of service, Misericordia is helping students discover the opportunities they need to be successful in their careers and lives."

Reliving the dream through scholarship

Irene Belarski '50

Losing her father when she was just 11 years old, and growing up with two younger brothers and a mother of meager means, Irene Belarski '50 considered getting a college education to be her dream. So after earning a scholarship to Misericordia and graduating cum laude with a chemistry degree, she rightly could have considered her dream fulfilled.

But Belarski, who was born and raised in Wyoming, Pa., went on to achieve much more, and 60 years later she's giving back to the institution that opened doors for her by establishing the Irene Belarski '50 Endowed Scholarship at Misericordia.

"I was so fortunate to be able to expand my experiences," Belarski said. "I've been thinking as I've grown older I ought to do something to express my appreciation for the opportunities presented to me while attending Misericordia, which led to a very satisfying lifetime career in teaching and guiding high school students."

Belarski's Misericordia degree initially led to a position as a chemical analyst for Merck & Co. in Rahway, N.J., where she also took graduate classes at Columbia. But her time at Merck was brief, as she disliked the minimal interaction with other people and lack of opportunity for future advancement.

Instead Belarski pursued a teaching career in Springfield, N.J., while earning her masters in chemistry from Seton Hall. Belarski earned National Science Foundation (NSF) grants to study marine biology and nuclear physics at the University of California, Berkeley. She taught high school biology and chemistry for the Department of Defense in Germany, England and Turkey for 10 years before settling in 1970 in Colorado, where she spent the rest of her career as a high school chemistry teacher in Littleton. She picked Colorado, she said, because of the affinity for skiing she developed in Europe, a pastime she still enjoys today.

She continued studying the sciences well into her career, thanks in part to additional NSF grants, taking courses in mining and metallurgy at the Colorado School of Mines and nuclear physics at the University of Colorado. When she first enrolled at Misericordia, she thought she was going to be an arts major, but quickly fell for the sciences after discovering college science courses to be far different than those she had in high school.

Knowing well the challenges and joys she experienced, Belarski wants her scholarship to support a female student with financial need and an interest in a career in the sciences.

"Having received a tuition scholarship at College Misericordia, I really was at that time ecstatic that I 'd be able to achieve my goal of a college education," Belarski said. "At Misericordia, the knowledge I gained was immeasurable, intellectually and spiritually, due to the teaching and guidance of the Sisters of Mercy. It was there I developed a lifelong interest in the science field."

Misericordia means family

Alumna's children establish endowed scholarship in her honor

Mary Jule Purcell McCarthy '52

Mary Jule Purcell McCarthy '52 uses a lot of superlatives to describe her experiences and relationship with Misericordia, but perhaps one word summarizes it best: Family.

After all, her sister, Ruth Purcell McEvoy '55 received her Bachelor of Arts degree in secondary education; her daughter-in-law, Tina Fabbrini McCarthy '88 earned a Bachelor of Science degree in nursing; and her granddaughter, Elizabeth Lee Clements '09 graduated with a degree in business administration — from her alma mater.

"Misericordia means everything," McCarthy says simply. "I had a wonderful time during my undergrad years. I thought my education was very well rounded. I had wonderful friends who I am still in contact with today. I think that's the beauty of Misericordia, the friendships you make."

Those familial feelings remain evident to this day, as the Back Mountain resident has remained active in MU events. Through the years, she has written letters to alumni for capital campaigns, served as president of the Alumni Association, chaired phone-a-thons and continues to be a class agent and a board member of the Alumni Association.

It only seemed natural when the extended family gathered at her daughter, Clare Parkhurst's home in 2007 to exchange Christmas presents that McCarthy received a gift with a Misericordia theme which also embraces the spirit of the charisms she holds so dear to her heart. The family presented her a beautiful plaque announcing they had established the Mary Jule Purcell McCarthy '52 Endowed Scholarship in support of the Women with Children Program.

"Oh my gosh, I'm immortal," she recalls saying, gushing over the site of the plaque that features a picture of Misericordia and the names of her seven children and their spouses beneath it. "Every year when they announce the scholarship, I will not be forgotten.

"It means a great deal to me," she adds about the scholarship that was also supported by the N.Y. Times and Merrill Lynch Foundations. "You think of an education multiplying and everything going forth and just continuing on. I think it's so exciting that the program exists at Misericordia. I feel very fortunate that the scholarship in my name benefits that program."

McCarthy's children — Clare Parkhurst, Jeannie Clements, John McCarthy, Lee McCarthy, Julie Strzeletz, Caroline Youngman and Tish McCarthy Last — established the academic scholarship after Misericordia President Michael A. MacDowell suggested it to them. "It was a unanimous decision," McCarthy Last says. "What a great way to honor our mother when she is still alive. We didn't think about it much; there was really no discussion. It was, 'Wow! What a great opportunity.' It was the best Christmas present we could have given her. It's one of those gifts that keeps on giving."

"It made me feel incredible," her son, John, adds about his mother's reaction to the gift. "I knew it would mean a great deal to her because I know how much Misericordia means to her. It was the best gift that we have ever given her."

The B.A. degree in English with a minor in journalism she earned at MU also enabled her to experience a fulfilling career in education in Havre de Grace, Md., Doylestown, Pa., and at the Red Rock Job Corps Center, where she served as the GED coordinator and English instructor. "It was just this wonderful, loving feeling I had for the college," she adds. "I was always proud to say I was a graduate."

McCarthy and her husband, Lee, were married in 1955 and have seven children and 14 grandchildren.

CAMPUS VIEWS

Graduate nursing students assist migrant workers

Adjunct nursing professor Cheryl Fuller, Ph.D., C.R.N.P., and nurse practitioner students work in conjunction with the Keystone Migrant Farm Workers Program to provide health checkups for migrant farm workers at a residential camp in Shickshinny as part of service-learning courses, Acute Adult Health, Chronic Adult Health and Clinical Synthesis.

Established more than seven years ago, the program offers students the opportunity to share what they've learned in the classroom with areas of the community that need it most.

NP student Angela Evans gives a checkup to a migrant worker.

ATRI receives funding for hybrid speech research study

The Assistive Technology Research Institute (ATRI) was awarded a $5,000 grant by the Northeastern Pennsylvania Technology Institute for a hybrid speech research study. Denis Anson, M.S., O.T.R., director of research and development for ATRI, and undergraduate research students Dominick DelPrete, Megan Vascellaro, Alysa Scavone and Kristi McCluskey are comparing a hybrid speech input system and a speech recognition system for speed and accuracy of document generation.

Regional veterans honored at campus ceremony

Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall hosted the annual Veterans Day Appreciation Ceremony that is organized and hosted by state Rep. Karen Boback '73, who represents the 117th District. The ceremony featured veterans and Pennsylvania Adjutant Gen. Maj. Jessica Wright, the 28th Infantry Division Keystone Brass, Clarence Michael, commander of the Dallas American Legion, and special guests.

Michael Bobrowski worked with Dr. Alicia Nordstrom.

Psychology student presents at conferences

Undergraduate psychology student, Michael Bobrowski '10 presented the results of two independent research projects he conducted with faculty members at the 2010 Convention of the Eastern Psychological Association and at the 22nd annual convention for the Association for Psychological Science.

Misericordia donates ballistic shields to police

The University donated high-tech safety shields to the Dallas and Dallas Township police departments to help protect them as they respond to any incidents involving gunfire.

The University provided $15,580 to purchase four ballistics shields that will be shared by the two departments.

Honors Program holds make-a-thon

Honors Program students held a make-a-thon to build nightstands for the Catherine McAuley Centers in Scranton and Wilkes-Barre as part of the university's National Day of Service activities on campus.

Students, under the supervision of Scott Blanchard, Ph.D., assembled, sanded, stained and painted tables for six hours.

SLP students make blankets for children in Ecuador

The MU Chapter of the National Student Speech-Language Hearing Association made more than 100 comforting blankets for young Ecuadorian children.

Through Community Cares for Kids, Dr. Francis J. Collini, M.D., and a team of surgeons have been providing desperately needed corrective surgery since 1997 for children in Guayaquil. During a June 5-12 visit, Dr. Collini and his wife, Susan, presented the blankets to the children.

Ben Franklin Technology Partners honor president

Ben Franklin Technology Partners of Northeastern Pennsylvania presented President Michael A. MacDowell with an Innovation Award for special achievement.

Misericordia University releases first Health Care in America Survey

BY JIM ROBERTS

In 2009 and continuing well into this year, the issue of health care reform dominated the national news. Because of the intensity of this debate, officials at Misericordia embarked on a pilot project to conduct the University's first Health Care in America Survey.

A planning team at MU led by President Michael A. MacDowell developed the health care survey, which is similar to the national and regional polls other colleges and universities conduct on important national issues such as presidential elections. "As a national leader in educating health care professionals, Misericordia developed and funded the survey to reveal the attitudes of Americans, many of whom have been treated or will be treated by MU graduates in the fields of physical therapy, occupational therapy, nursing, speech-language pathology, medical imaging and pre-medicine," says President MacDowell.

Braun Research successfully polled 1,008 Americans via telephone between Nov. 6 and Nov. 16, 2009.

The survey concluded that the health care reform debate is a cause of stress and annoyance among the majority of Americans and three in 10 say health care costs have led to arguments and tension among friends and family members.

HEALTH CARE IN AMERICA
(December 2009, Braun Research)

- **33% of Americans are concerned about losing their healthcare insurance.**
- **11% had to drop coverage due to the recession.**
- **Only 27% of Americans feel optimistic about reform and just 11% feel excited.**
- **52% say that the cost of healthcare has impacted their spending habits.**

Nearly all Americans with health care insurance are satisfied with their coverage, though only three in five are taking advantage of all preventative tests covered by their insurance. Top concerns include the cost to future generations and impact on the federal deficit, out-of-pocket expenses, and accessible and quality coverage.

The survey earned Misericordia considerable national and regional media attention. Placements included regional newspapers, BusinessWeek, United Press International, Yahoo Personal Finance, FOXBusiness and nearly 200 other media web sites.

Strategic planning process outlines goals, aspirations

BY DR. MARY DANA HINTON, Ph.D.

In February 2009, Misericordia began a dynamic and collaborative process to create the next five-year strategic plan. The planning process was developed and implemented with the help of Dr. Patrick Sanaghan, a nationally renowned strategic planning consultant. With his guidance, we created the Strategic Planning Task Force (PTF), a group of MU community members who agreed to help frame the new plan.

The strategic planning process has been a wonderfully collaborative opportunity for Misericordia. The PTF interviewed more than 500 MU constituents, ranging from faculty to staff, students to employers, community leaders to Sisters of Mercy. More than 200 alumni contributed to the process by completing our online survey.

After receiving volumes of feedback, the PTF narrowed our aspirations for the next five years to six strategic themes: Mission, 21st Century Curriculum, Diversity, Faculty Excellence in Teaching and Learning, Resources, Communication and Management, and Marketing/Branding.

Once the themes were identified, concept papers outlining our work in each area and possible goals moving forward were developed and shared with the campus. More than 300 employees had an opportunity to share feedback. Following receipt of this feedback, we held a vision conference and a goals conference to shape the themes into strategies.

In October 2009, the President's Cabinet and the Planning and Assessment Group (PAG) assumed primary responsibility for finalizing the strategic plan. Together, PAG and Cabinet refined the concept papers into specific strategies with measurable goals and outcomes. The final plan will be presented to the Board of Trustees in June. We look forward to sharing our formal plan with the entire MU community in August.

Dr. Hinton is associate vice president for academic affairs

MU gets high marks in survey

Students at Misericordia University overwhelmingly rated their educational experience as positive, felt their institution s intellectual and creative work was academically challenging, felt they completed a significant amount of service to the community and gave their school a high ranking for providing a supportive campus environment in the 2009 National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

Dr. MacDowell

The survey also showed the highest benchmarking ratings in numerous categories and proof of systematic improvement over time for the University which began participating in the national survey in 2003.

NSSE is designed to obtain information from colleges and universities nationwide about student participation in programs and activities. More than 360,000 randomly selected first and fourth year students from 617 colleges and universities across the country participated in 2009. The results help institutions confirm good practices in undergraduate education and provide a benchmark by which schools can determine an accurate measure of quality education.

I ve often said that perhaps the best measure of a college is what its own students say about it, said Michael A. MacDowell, president. This survey confirms our belief that Misericordia provides a caring environment as well as challenging academics and career preparation.

In the study, 90 percent of MU first year students said the University provides substantial support for academic success compared to 77 percent at other schools surveyed.

Ninety one percent of Misericordia University freshmen were satisfied with their overall educational experience and 85 percent of seniors said they would choose MU again if they could start their college career over.

Both scores are higher than the average of all participating schools in the survey. Seventy four percent of Misericordia University seniors also reported working harder than they thought they could to meet an instructor s standards or expectations 13 percent above the mean score. When asked, Do you feel the institution is committed to your success? 90 percent of MU freshmen said yes a figure that is 13 percent higher than comparative schools.

Murray Ufberg, J.D.

Board of Trustees

BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

For more than 25 years, Murray Ufberg, J.D., has helped to nurture Misericordia. As the longest serving member of the Board of Trustees (BOT), he has seen it mature from the institution known affectionately as the college on the hill to the nationally recognized, regionally acclaimed University it has become today.

The campus has blossomed into a remarkable tapestry of beautiful and well designed buildings and Misericordia, through the hard work of so many people, is no longer such a well kept secret, says Ufberg, who joined the BOT in 1985. We are recognized as a fine educational institution, without having lost or abandoned our core values.

Ufberg s dedication to Misericordia and education overall can be traced back to strong family values rooted in commitment and caring while growing up in Shenandoah, Pa. At an early age, his mother instilled in him the importance of lifelong learning and his family has long believed in giving of oneself for the benefit of those less fortunate.

Thanks to dedicated community servants like attorney Ufberg, Misericordia University is not defined by the brick and mortar buildings that dot its beautiful 124 acre campus or the academic degrees it awards to worthy students. Rather, Misericordia is the true to life tenets that guide the institution of higher education and people who have made it a model for civic responsibility and an asset for students and the region.

The school has been and continues to manifest a close, familial atmosphere and fortunately inculcates students with the benefit of the Mercy charisms of Mercy, Service, Justice and Hospitality, as well as a sense of caring and sharing, he says.

Ufberg also understands the challenges of higher education and his enormous commitment of time and talent to the University clearly shows he embraces the philosophical cornerstones of the institution and Religious Sisters of Mercy.

I am very proud of the enormous growth and progress which MU has made during my Board tenure, adds Ufberg. I have served as chair of the Committee on Trustees for over a decade and immensely enjoy that responsibility and the wonderful people who have been invited to and have joined the Board with the benefit of the Committee s selection process.

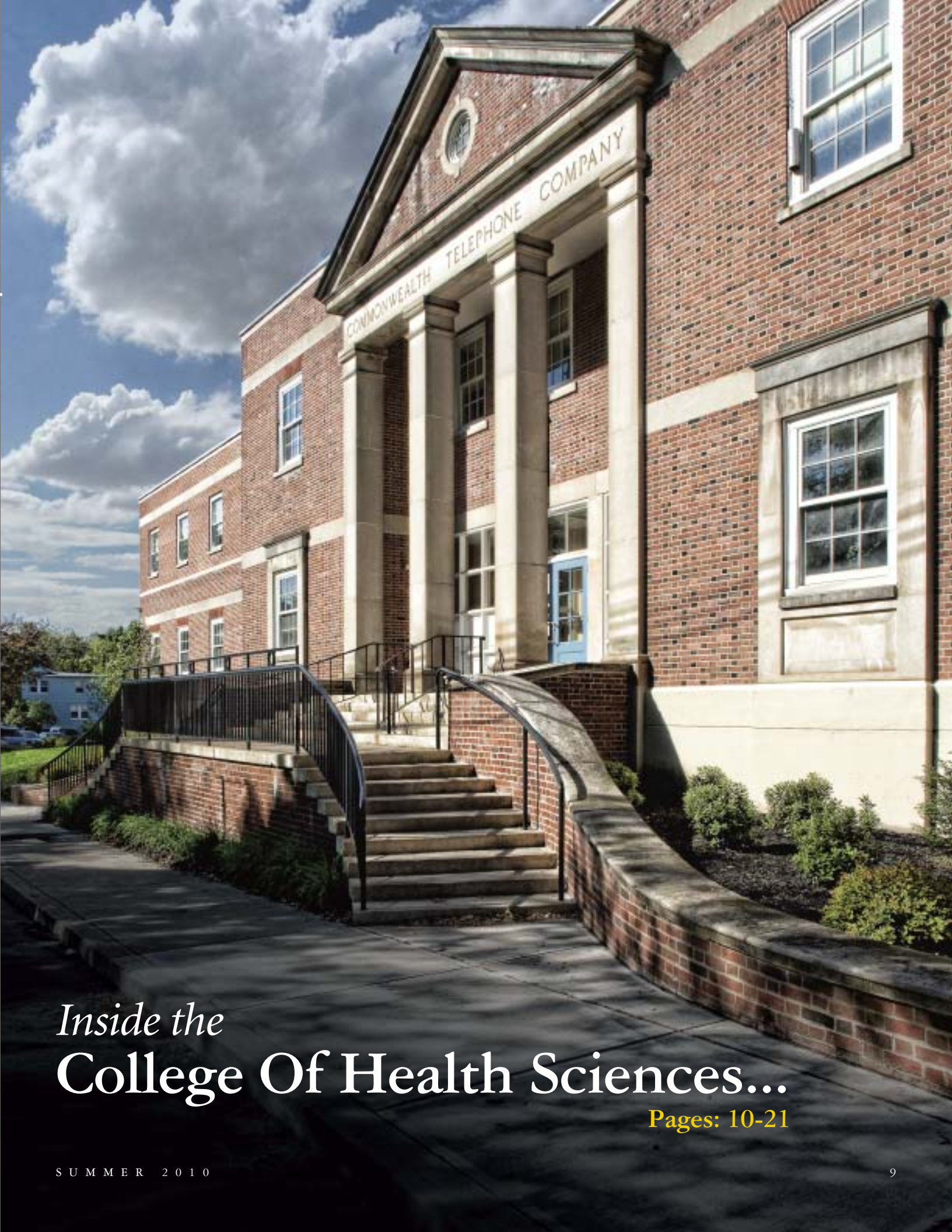
His benevolence, though, is not limited to MU, as the nationally recognized attorney serves humankind in the greater community and commonwealth as well. Gov. Edward G. Rendell recently appointed him to a six year term on the board of directors for the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency, one of the nation s leading nonprofit student aid organizations, and he also serves on the board of directors for Commonwealth Medical College, Jewish Federation of Greater Wilkes Barre, Jewish Community Center of Wyoming Valley and WVIA.

My mother, of blessed memory, taught me that teaching was a very noble profession because it provided the opportunity to impart knowledge to others, says Ufberg, a partner in the Wilkes Barre law firm of Rosenn, Jenkins & Greenwald LLP. Education was the most prized goal in our home. My involvement with educational institutions simply continues and confirms my love for education.

Attorney Ufberg and his wife, Margie, have three children, Aaron, Joshua and Rachel.

"Education was the most prized goal in our home."

– Murray Ufberg



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The check is NOT in the mail

Despite Herculean efforts to raise the $280,000 needed to receive a $2.75 million grant from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the College of Health Sciences building renovation, only $114,000 has been committed to date. When you consider that 5,011 health science majors make up more than 37 percent of MU's alumni population, it's almost incomprehensible that a group this large is seemingly unable to reach a very doable goal.

Sue Helwig

Please remember that Misericordia *does not* raise funds simply to have more money. Rather, those dollars promote the education of students students just like you when you were here. Should we be unable to raise the remaining $166,000, Misericordia will need to privately fund the other $2.75 million. As national studies show that raising tuition at this time is not an option, we'll continue to turn to our alumni who have benefited from their education in the health sciences to raise this important funding.

It's not too late to make a difference and help Misericordia qualify for the $2.75 million grant. *We cannot do it without you!* Please don't rely on others to make the difference. Help make this unprecedented opportunity a reality and send your gift today!

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Investing In Our

BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

Misericordia University's new College of Health Sciences building offers opportunities for students, community

The new Misericordia University College of Health Sciences (CHS) building opens the door to expanded research, and clinical and educational opportunities for students, faculty and Northeastern Pennsylvania.

The renovated three story, 40,000 square foot building on Lake Street is a $6 million investment in the health sciences by Misericordia. The historic structure houses the nursing, speech language pathology (SLP), occupational therapy (OT) and physical therapy (PT) departments. It allows the University to meet the additional demand for the free or low cost clinics Misericordia has been providing to the community in PT and SLP, while also expanding learning and collaboration opportunities in the health sciences for students and faculty.

The investment in the College of Health Sciences re affirms the University s commitment to rigorous academics, strong career preparation and people, said Jean A. Dyer, Ph.D., dean of the CHS. The new academic building offers a blend of academic and clinical experiences for our students and low cost health clinics for regional residents in need. These are the types of opportunities that define the Misericordia way.

More health care professionals graduate from Misericordia University than any other college or university in Northeastern Pennsylvania. The increased opportunities in CHS will allow the institution to increase the number of graduates by 55 percent in five years. These new and superbly educated graduates will help to reduce the shortage of health care professionals and make health care in Pennsylvania more accessible and affordable.

Misericordia has a national reputation for producing highly qualified health care professionals in multiple fields, says Michael A. MacDowell, president. The University is moving the College of Health Sciences to a central location for the community s convenience and to expand academic and clinical services at a time when the nation is experiencing a severe shortage of health care professionals.

Misericordia University is regionally acclaimed and nationally recognized for the health sciences and the services it provides. More than 1,500 people 1,285 children and 251 adults have been treated at the Speech Language and Hearing Center since 2004, while additional people have been receiving clinical therapies at the Physical Therapy Center since 2004.

The SLP department s suite on the second floor expands clinical space and offers additional state of the art technology that will benefit students and clients, alike through several high tech laboratories. This is an exciting period of growth for the speech language pathology program, adds Glen Tellis, Ph.D., professor and chair.

Moving to the new facility will allow us to expand our clinical services to the community as we will double the number of clinic rooms resulting in more sessions being offered to our clients.

The state of the art Sensory Motor Gymnasium houses equipment for use with children diagnosed with autism, pervasive developmental disorder and other related sensory motor disorders. The

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– Jean A. Dyer, Ph.D.
Dean, College of Health Sciences

Future

Nursing student Marc Ingoglia '11 holds the new SimBaby in one of the new simulation labs at the new College of Health Sciences building.

Occupational therapy student Jenna Rakowski participates in OT-510 Pediatric Occupational Performance Interventions class at CHS.

Speech-language pathology student Ashley Sabota conducts a clinical session with a client at the Speech-Language and Hearing Center.

Speech Science Anatomy Lab enables students to learn instrumentation they can apply to their clinical practice, while the Augmentative and Alternative Communication Lab features more than $200,000 in equipment that non verbal clients use to enhance communication. The Cognition and Brain Injury Lab has equipment to train students in assessing patients with traumatic brain injuries, as well as stroke patients and clients with swallowing disorders. In the Stuttering and Language Research Lab advanced video capture procedures are utilized to train students to evaluate and treat clients who have language disorders or who stutter.

The Nursing Department is Northeastern Pennsylvania s oldest nursing program. The department s third floor suite provides extensive hands on learning opportunities in two SimMan learning laboratories, including a central SimMan control room. Nursing students will also benefit from the expansion of the nursing learning resource lab. The new facility features eight hospital beds, state of the art bedside technology and surrounding curtains to create a hospital like environment.

Students will be able to document patient findings on an electronic health record right at the bedside, said Cynthia Mailloux, Ph.D., R.N., associate professor and chair. Students will use the lab to practice skills that they will utilize for patient care in the clinical setting. Nurse practitioner students will also be able to practice advance practice skills.

The state of the art SimMan labs feature full size universal simulators that offer the latest computer technology to allow students and faculty to simulate real life patient scenarios, like defibrillation, ventilation, chest compressions and pulse checking.

The building enables the Physical Therapy Center to provide more comprehensive services like strengthening and conditioning to clients during the academic year. The first floor clinic provides free clinical evaluations and treatment to people without health insurance who have PT needs, like cardiovascular, pulmonary and neurological disorders.

The third floor facility features more than 2,300 square feet for separate neurologic and orthopedic labs with audio video equipment and treatment tables. The lab space and technology enable students to practice manual and mobility skills in the separate neuro and ortho labs.

We hope to be able to expand student opportunities to provide physical therapy services to individuals from the community before the students participate in formal clinical education experiences, said Susan Barker, P.T., Ph.D., professor and chair. The added hands on experience prepares a more well rounded and competent clinician.

The OT department offers simulation laboratories so students can apply their classroom lessons in a clinical setting, while also gaining important hands on experience. The department s two labs are equipped for 30 students each and include an Activities of Daily Living or ADL area, a splinting and hand therapy lab, and specialized low vision, driver testing training and work capacity training work stations. Each lab has an audiovisual projection system and floor boxes, which provide ample electricity for students to use heat guns and heating pans to learn how to fabricate splints.

In many instances, the labs imitate real life scenarios that licensed professional OTs experience. For example, the ADL lab features a kitchen, dining area, living room, bedroom and training bathroom for students to hone their skills. Student clinicians also become familiar with and master the use of assistive devices that are used to help impaired individuals master necessary tasks of daily living.

In this area, students will practice teaching their clients how to relearn the skills they need to function after a debilitating injury or disease, like a stroke, amputation or other impairment said Grace Fisher, Ed.D., O.T.R./L., associate professor and chair.

Speech-Language and Hearing Center provides therapeutic services to region

Understanding The Keys To Communication

BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

Bill Sukus, Sr., has been coming to the campus of Misericordia University for six years. He's not a graduate student or a member of the campus community, but he's proud to say he's personally experienced the Misericordia way.

The Speech-Language and Hearing Center at MU has been instrumental in helping his 32-year-old son, Bill Jr., address the specter of autism. Since 2004, the Sukus family has been attending weekly therapeutic sessions for their son. Behind a one-way window, his mother, father and other family members monitor his progress as undergraduate Misericordia speech-language pathology students follow a carefully designed program.

"His vocabulary has increased and he is also able to express himself and his needs," Sukus says, explaining the progress his son has made at Misericordia's clinic. "He can verbalize a longer sentence and I think just the fact he can tell us what's on his mind if he needs to has increased his volume."

"We've gathered a lot of ideas from the speech clinic to help us," adds his mother, Debra Myers '74, who earned her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from MU. "It's helpful. Watching him and watching what the clinicians are doing — this is where we get a lot of our ideas. We incorporate a lot of the ideas they give us through the program to increase his speech. It gives me a lot of pleasure to see him communicate with longer, complete sentences."

The Sukus family is one of dozens of families that receive the benefits of individualized and group therapeutic services at the Speech-Language and Hearing Center during the academic year. Student clinicians, faculty and clinical directors provide sessions for all populations in the regional community, including children, adolescents and adults, for a nominal fee. The students gain invaluable hands-on clinical experience, while clients receive necessary interventions that improve the quality of their lives.

"You're providing a service at a cost that is quite reasonable — and that's quite appealing to a lot of people," Sukus adds after watching his son's therapeutic session.

As Linda Martin positions herself in one of the six new observation-treatment rooms in the College of Health Sciences building on Lake Street, she listens closely as clinical supervisor Adina Rosenthal, M.S., C.C.C.-S.L.P., outlines the progress her husband has made with his dementia at clinical sessions. Martin keeps a watchful eye on her 60-year-old husband while

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Nicole Majewski '11, far left, engages Codie Yeager, 3, in a therapeutic session, and above, she reviews words with Albert Martin, 60, as his wife, Linda, and clinical supervisor Adina Rosenthal watch. Ashley Sabota '11, far right, reviews pictures with Bill Sukus, Jr.

carefully explaining his actions around their home.

"He gets himself dressed," she explains to Rosenthal. "I pick out his clothes and lay them on the bed. It's hard to know where that edge is between the disability and what he can still do."

Inside the treatment room, he fields a series of questions from Misericordia SLP student Nicole Majewski '11 of Reading, Pa., that each are designed to improve his memory skills The questions are routine for most individuals, but cause Mr. Martin to pause and think before he responds with an unsure tone in his voice. As the student clinician asks him to point to words that identify an animal, fruit or color, he receives positive reinforcement for his correct answers and patience for his incorrect ones.

"Is that a color?" Majewski asks him, while he slides his finger over the five words. "Good job, you got them all," she applauds.

Down the hallway, three-year-old Codie Yeager is working to overcome an expressive language disorder and apraxia, which make it difficult for him to communicate verbally. In the sensory motor-gym, Majewski playfully coaxes him to concentrate on letter sounds while pushing him on a platform swing.

"The swing is working well for him because he's developing language naturally in play," explains Speech-Language and Hearing Center Clinical Director Lori Cimino, M.S., C.C.C.-S.L.P.

Using flash cards, Majewski has Codie focus on sounding out the letter "B" for boo, while reviewing a picture of a ghost. Oftentimes, she helps Codie with letter sounds by pointing to her own mouth while she verbalizes the word. "It's not easy for him to make those sounds," adds Cimino, explaining that apraxia inhibits people from readily imitating speech sounds. "He'll speak fine eventually. Once he begins to make sounds we'll move to a typical articulation approach."

The large, colorful room is filled with rubber balls of various sizes, as well as activity toys to engage and encourage young clients involved in speech-language pathology services at MU. To the untrained eye, the room resembles a playroom more than a clinical site or doctor's office. The space, though, is an integral part of the clinic. It helps student clinicians maintain their youthful clients' attention through playful interaction while also working with them to resolve their disorders.

The Speech-Language and Hearing Center offers a wide variety of services for all populations. For more information about the services available, please call (570) 674-6724 or log on to www.misericordia.edu/slp.

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The Human Side Of OT

STORY BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

Laughter and the echoes of children emanate from the College of Health Sciences' new first-floor occupational therapy laboratory.

At first glance, the activities appear to resemble playtime at any of a number of day care centers across the country. Children playfully blow bubbles, mold Play-Doh into creative shapes and bang wooden blocks together in designated play areas while occupational therapy (OT) students observe and interact with them as part of the Occupational Therapy-510 Pediatric Occupational Performance Interventions class with Lalit J. Shah, Ed.D., O.T.R./L., professor.

The distinctive course provides Misericordia students with an opportunity to experience what it's like to have a special needs child and to learn how families adjust to their needs. "We don't realize the long-term impact of a child that needs long-term support," explains Dr. Shah. "I want the students to learn firsthand from the parents how it is and what it is.

"That's one of the main reasons why I bring them in to class. Even though the students go to fieldwork and work with kids with their clinical supervisors, a lot of times they don't have the opportunity to interact with parents," he adds. "This also allows them to improve their interview skills and establish rapport."

For Jackie Siperko, the OT services her son, Derek, has received for the last three years have meant a world of difference to the family and nine-year-old. Derek did not like to be touched as a baby and had sensory issues that irritated him, like fluorescent lights and brushing his teeth. The problems were compounded for years due to his inability to speak until the age of three.

"He's very uncomfortable in his own skin," Mrs. Siperko explains to student clinicians. "He eats everything now. He eats steak, squid, chicken; he eats everything of every kind of texture.

"He does really good," the proud mother says, recalling the problems he had at bedtime. "He does really well now; he gives hugs. All of those things have changed because he's been in OT since he was two. He's just totally changed thanks to occupational therapy. He's smart but he's now just able to get his feelings across. You wouldn't know talking to him that he has any autism or sensory issues."

Licensed occupational therapists work with caregivers and patients to improve their quality of life and, hopefully, to eventually overcome developmental delays due to conditions like Down's syndrome, pervasive developmental disorder and Asperger's syndrome.

For about seven years, Dr. Shah has been inviting parents and their children to participate in his class at MU. Outside the classroom, they are former or present clients of his, but on campus they are giving back to the profession that means so much to them. Their experiences transcend the entire OT process and enable students to develop important communication skills in a semi-controlled environment. Students learn how to phrase sensitive, yet productive questions, so they can properly develop clinical interventions for their future clients.

"They (parents) like the interaction with the students and they feel useful in developing the upcoming therapists, allowing them to develop their skills" says Dr. Shah, who also believes the course introduces his students to the human element of OT. "It's their way of giving back to the profession. The students also report that it was a very good experience for them. They had never realized what a family goes through just looking at case studies."

The Misericordia OT program offers intervention classes for all age populations. Students are introduced in a similar manner to adult and geriatric clients through the OT-511-512 Adult/Geriatric Occupational Performance Interventions II and III courses.

The levels teach students different skills for each age group. For example, pediatric patients range in age from zero to 21 years old and are treated for issues like sensory integration disorders. Adults are 21 to 55-60 years of age and they receive treatment for fractures, carpal tunnel and head trauma, while geriatric patients are usually seen for degenerative diseases.

Occupational Therapy Splint Lab

The new OT splint lab in the College of Health Sciences building provides students an opportunity to gain experience making templates and forming splints that have many clinical uses. Kristi McCluskey, '11, far left, fits a splint onto the wrist of classmate Alysa Scavone '11. Students also use a splint heating pan that heats water to help make splints pliable.

High-Tech Training Ground

STORY BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

Nursing student Marc Ingoglia '11 carefully leans over his patient to take his pulse, while also checking on his sporadic and shallow breathing. As he monitors his patient's vital signs on the bedside monitor, he receives further clinical instruction from a professor in an adjacent control room.

Ingoglia is not in a regional hospital setting rather he is working through clinical scenarios in one of the College of Health Sciences building's new high-tech nursing simulation laboratories. Several times a day, nursing students fine-tune their classroom know-how by utilizing the latest technological advancements in health care education and training. The labs feature a full-size SimMan, a new $50,000 SimBaby and other computerized mannequins.

Student nurses who are applying their lessons in simulation exercises are carefully scrutinized by nursing professors as their successes and failures are also used to provide learning opportunities for their peers who watch in an adjacent classroom via a video screen.

"The cameras connected to the simulator rooms enable our students to critically think about what is being done with SimMan and SimBaby,'' explains Cynthia Mailloux, Ph.D., R.N., associate professor and chair. "They apply themselves in a clinical setting where there are no repercussions for a mistake. We applaud their successes and have them repeat other interventions until they are proficient.''

The investment in the nursing program is obvious in their suite of laboratories and classrooms. An emergency room-like environment features six hospital bed stations with privacy curtains to imitate a patient's room and facades containing access to room air, oxygen, a blood pressure cuff, a suction machine, IV and tube feeding pumps, and bedside COWS or computers on wheels to simulate charting on an electronic-health record.

The simulation labs were designed to provide students a practical clinical experience, according to Dr. Mailloux. They include two, single-bed labs and an emergency room configuration that are each occupied by high-tech mannequins that are designed to simulate symptoms and conditions nurses are likely to see in a real care setting. By utilizing the labs, students acquire the full range of skills needed for practicing nurses, ranging from drawing blood and hanging an IV bag to proper placement of a nasogastric tube and a catheter.

"The simulators allow us to better enhance the pre-clinical preparation of our students in a safe, controlled environment," says Dr. Mailloux. "The technology enables our students to gain a lot of experience and confidence in doing procedures without compromising the health and well-being of real patients. We supervise the students to make sure they demonstrate competency. By the time they go into the hospital in their senior year, they've practiced all of the skills.''

SimMan and SimBaby also enable nursing students to monitor heart rates on a cardiogram and perform intubation or ventilation. The simulators' vital signs can change drastically to create a situation where students need to react quickly. SimBaby allows the department to have students participate in neonatal as well as pediatric simulations.

The suite also has a classroom that features eight computer stations at the bedside where students can access a e-health records for charting. It enables students to be better prepared for the electronic world that exists in clinical settings. The classroom area is equipped with a sympodium for state-of-the-art delivery of class content. Each bed also features a DVD player so students can use multi-media to assist them in their practice of nursing techniques and procedures.

Nursing student Marc Ingoglia '11, far right, holds the new SimBaby in one of the simulation labs at the new College of Health Sciences building. The lab features a control room, center, where faculty, left, can monitor students working with the full-size SimMan and SimBaby.

Dr. Maureen Pascal, far left, and students Danielle Leonzi, front, and Danielle Hogan work with Anthony Vanesko in the center.

Helping Hands

MU Physical Therapy Center provides services to underserved in community

STORY BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

For 10 year old Anthony Vanesko, of Dallas, Pa., his afternoons spent at the Misericordia Physical Therapy (PT) Center in the new College of Health Sciences building on Lake Street are as much fun as they are work. Vanesko has been diagnosed in the autism spectrum and also has cerebral palsy that diminishes his muscle control, particularly in his left arm and leg.

In his second year of treatment at the center, the third grader at Wycallis Elementary School in Dallas may not realize that the games of catch with associate professor Maureen Romanow Pascal, D.P.T., N.C.S., or with PT students Danielle Leonzi, of Summit Hill, Pa., and Danielle Hogan, of Mowry, Pa., are a designated part of his physical therapy.

We have a treatment plan for Anthony to increase the use of his left arm and leg and help him with his balance and walking, Dr. Pascal says. While we are playing catch with him or having him pick up small toys, we work with him to improve his motor control. Our goal is to help Anthony improve his functional abilities, especially by encouraging him to use his left arm and leg as much as possible.

What seems like a simple game of jumping on a step is designed to increase the muscle control in Vanesko s legs and improve his gait.

Working with the students and faculty here has been so good for Anthony, adds his mother, Sandy Vanesko, who brings Anthony to Misericordia one day a week for physical therapy and a second day for speech language therapy at the Speech Language and Hearing Center, also in the new College of Health Sciences building.

He is benefiting so much from the physical activities and learning to do so many good things, his mother says. It is good for him and I think it is as good for the students to get the chance to experience someone with his physical disabilities.

The students agree. Both Leonzi and Hogan say they enjoy being able to put what they learned in the classroom to such good use. Our physical therapy program includes a number of opportunities in different clinical settings. I have already had experience with geriatric patients on my first clinical affiliation and plan on working with this population when I graduate in May 2011, Leonzi says.

Hogan says she enjoys the younger patients and hopes to go into pediatric or orthopedic physical therapy once she graduates in 2011 as well.

For more information about the Physical Therapy Center, please log on to ***misericordia.edu/pt***.

College Of Health Sciences ALUMNI

Nursing, medical imaging, OT, PT, SLP graduates helping society in many ways

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Nursing alumnus receives battlefield medal for heroism in Iraq war

CALL TO DUTY

STORY BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

William J. Hartman, R.N., M.S.N., A.N.P., '79 calls it his "ice scraper" story, but in reality it is a true-to-life anecdote that chronicles a 27-year military career across three continents and touches the lives of countless others both near and afar.

For Hartman, a fulfilling military career developed by happenstance during a career fair in the lobby of the Banks Student Life Center. As sleet and winter precipitation peppered the landscape and roadways outside, the commuter student prepared for interviews with regional hospital systems. Stalled by long lines, he approached a lonely Army recruiter who, besides offering sound career advice, was giving away free ice scrapers, too.

"We struck up a conversation and he helped me soon realize that I would be much better off joining his organization," he remembers. "Less than 60 days later, I was accepted into the Army Nurse Corps and commissioned as a second lieutenant upon graduation from Misericordia."

A lot has happened since that chance meeting. Hartman worked his way through the ranks and retired in 2005 as a full colonel and chief of the U.S. Army Department of Training Support (DTS), which is responsible for all off-campus medical training for the Army. When he was with the 101st Airborne Division, a Chinook helicopter dropped him into Iraq the day the ground war started and he was in the middle of a civil war when he was deployed to Somalia as a member of the 86th Evacuation Hospital.

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> – William J. Hartman '79

His heroism was recognized when he was awarded the Combat Medical Badge for rendering medical aid while being under direct enemy fire in Iraq. More importantly, though, he was member of the Forward Area Surgical Team (FST) that revolutionized the way wounded soldiers are treated in battle today. At the onset of Desert Shield, Hartman was assigned to the nine-member FST that was embedded with "gunfighters" to provide advanced trauma life support and life saving surgery at the forward edge of battle.

"Our entire operating room, trauma room, recovery room and supplies fit into two sling load pallets that were hooked under a Blackhawk or Chinook," says Hartman, who was joined on the team by a general surgeon, orthopedic surgeon, two nurse anesthetists, two LPN-level medics and two operating room technicians. "At the site of battle, the sling loads would be dropped to the ground and we would jump out of the helicopter and set up to provide care."

The concept was to stabilize soldiers at the site of injury because they were so unstable they would not survive the medevac flight to the hospital. It worked so well in Iraq that the Army instituted FST units into other infantry units throughout the Army system.

In between the seemingly exciting tours of duty, Hartman also held both clinical and administrative duties throughout the United States, including being the chief nurse of the national Army ROTC program. "I developed programs to assist students so that they could be part of the many facets of ROTC while maintaining academic excellence," says Hartman. "Our focus was on nursing excellence with compassion and caring tightly woven into confidence and leadership so that each would be outstanding nurse officers upon graduation."

Today, Hartman and his wife, Marilyn, live in the rural village of Baileys Harbor in Door County, Wis. Together they built their home and barn, and remain very active in their local community. He continues to work as a nurse and is the director of nursing support at Door County Memorial Hospital.

"CM instilled in me from day one the sense of duty to my fellow mankind," says Hartman, whose father also served in the Army. "To this day, my guide to providing nursing care is compassion. That is what I learned from Misericordia and I truly wish more nurses had the same influence. From the first days at Misericordia, I learned from the best what it takes to truly provide holistic care to patients."

A Better Life

MI alumna helps people battle cancer as a medical dosimetrist

STORY BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

From a young age, Francine Maria Constable '94 knew the implications of a cancer diagnosis. Treatment, prayers and support were a constant theme for the family as her grandmother, Ethel Dawn SanRoman, battled lung cancer and her mother, Dorothy Constable, fought breast cancer.

As an adult, their stories and struggles have inspired her to make a career of "making someone's life better" through her daily decisions and professional dedication in the field of radiology. Today, Constable serves on the Medical Dosimetrist Certification Board as secretary treasurer and is the oncology manager and chief dosimetrist at The Dale and Frances Hughes Cancer Center, a department of Pocono Medical Center in East Stroudsburg, Pa., where she plans and calculates radiation treatments for cancer patients.

After receiving her Bachelor of Science degree in radiography with a minor in management from Misericordia University's Medical Imaging program, she decided to specialize in radiation therapy and dosimetry because it offered her another challenge and provided her the human interaction she desired from her career.

"I always loved math and challenges," says Constable, who is also part of the medical center's team assisting in the design of the new cancer center which will begin construction in fall 2010. "Dosimetry gave me the best of both worlds. Lots of math and physics, and I still had patient contact. I also believed that you could provide a different level of excellence in dosimetry versus radiation therapy.

"The job is never the same any given day and the technology is exploding," she adds.

A medical dosimetrist is a vital member of the radiation oncology team who has knowledge of the overall characteristics and clinical relevance of radiation oncology treatment machines and equipment. The dosimetrist has the education and expertise necessary to generate radiation dose distributions and dose calculations in collaboration with the medical physicist and radiation oncologist, according to the American Association of Medical Dosimetrists.

Constable attributes a lot of her professional success to the high standards in the Misericordia Medical Imaging program, which has a 21-year tradition of having higher certification pass rates than the national average. Since 1998, 96-percent of MU's first-time test takers have passed the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists national certification exam.

"The program helps you in many ways technically," says Constable, "but most of all the program is quite difficult and forces you to immediately learn to multi-task and prioritize — if you can't you will surely fail. This in health care is probably one of the most important aspects in Misericordia's success."

For more information about the medical imaging program, please log on to **misericordia.edu/mi**.

SLP alumna realizes childhood dream by studying human voice

Beautiful Sounds

STORY BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

A classically trained singer and pianist who has performed at Carnegie Hall, Jessica Sofranko 07, M.S., C.C.C. S.L.P., loves the study of the human voice and has known she wanted to be in the speech language pathology (SLP) field since she was a little girl. She credits Drs. Glen and Cari Tellis at Misericordia for inspiring her to maximize her potential, and she is doing just that as a Ph.D. candidate in voice and acoustics at Penn State, considered one of the top doctoral programs in the country.

Sofranko s impressive resume already includes presentations at state and national SLP conferences, two years working as a speech language pathologist at Geisinger s Janet Weis Children s Hospital in Danville Pa., and one year as a clinical supervisor for the Misericordia Speech Language and Hearing Clinic.

I have a brother who was born with a speech disorder and a grandmother who had had several strokes when I was young, says the 25 year old from Hazleton. I can honestly say that I have known since I was in sixth grade that I wanted to be a speech language therapist because I knew what kind of good they could do.

When looking for colleges, Sofranko says it was the caring atmosphere at Misericordia that drew her to the distinctive five year master s degree program, where she took on the added challenge of a double major in both psychology and SLP.

I loved that we had lots of clinical training. I loved the science classes. Most importantly, it was the encouragement of Drs. Cari and Glen Tellis, both Ph.D. s that inspired me to further my education, to obtain my Ph.D.

Dr. Glen Tellis is an SLP professor and department chair. Sofranko worked closely with him and assistant professor Dr. Cari Tellis, who is a trained opera singer and whose research also involves the use of the voice.

Jessica is such a devoted and hard worker, Dr. Cari Tellis says. Last year, while working at Geisinger Danville, Jessica volunteered to do research with me. She helped with four studies over the course of the year. One study was aimed at determining what teachers know about vocal health and effective use of the voice. The focus of another study was to determine what individuals perceive as characteristics of an authoritative voice. Jessica also co presented with me at state and national conferences and has always represented Misericordia and our program well.

While on campus, Sofranko was involved in the student chapter of the National Student Speech Language Hearing Association and the College Republicans Club. Excelling in the classroom, she earned the Academic Excellence Award for SLP, was named an All American National Collegiate Scholar, was elected to Kappa Gamma Pi honor society and the Psychology National Honor Society, along with being named to the dean s list every semester.

What about that performance at Carnegie Hall? Sofranko auditioned and was invited to play the piano at the legendary concert hall at age 18. It was the thrill of a lifetime.

For more information about the SLP program, please log on to **misericordia.edu/slp**.

Successful OT returns to alma mater

Giving Back

STORY BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

As senior director of rehabilitation services for HCR-ManorCare, Misericordia graduate Jason Meixsell '99 M.S., O.T.R./L., coordinates the work of more than 20 occupational and physical therapists, and speech-language pathologists throughout the company's eastern Pennsylvania region. He shares that expertise when he returns to Misericordia each weekend to teach a class for current students in occupational therapy (OT).

"Often what has happened in the clinics on Thursday and Friday becomes the topic for my lectures on Saturday," says Meixsell, who also earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and a certificate in gerontology while completing the five-year master's degree program. Meixsell is responsible for a region that covers the Poconos to Philadelphia for HCR-ManorCare — one of the largest skilled nursing and rehabilitation companies in the country. His office is in Bethlehem, Pa. and he lives in nearby Nazareth, Pa.

"My clinical specialty is in dementia and Alzheimer's disease and I really love getting to work with older adults … I just really enjoy working with clinical patients. By orchestrating a well-developed and comprehensive rehabilitation plan, I know that we can maximize the quality of life for both the patients and their families," he adds. "It is a very rewarding position."

As senior director of rehabilitation services, Meixsell is responsible for coordinating treatments for as many as 90 patients in the eastern Pennsylvania region. He is also responsible for mentoring and training staff, financial management, marketing and public relations, as well as staff education and quality assessment.

An avid ice hockey fan and Disney World aficionado, Meixsell says being a part-time instructor at Misericordia is a new and different role for him and he gives credit to the OT faculty for good mentoring, especially Grace Fisher, Ed.D., O.T.R./L., chair of the Occupational Therapy Department. "I was a teaching assistant for Dr. Fisher and we have remained in contact since I graduated. It was with her encouragement that I became a member of the campus adjunct faculty."

In 1995, he also contributed two chapters to the textbook, Handbook of Remotivation Therapy, written by Jean A. Dyer, Ph.D., who has since become the dean of the College of Health Sciences. She learned of his expertise through his work with the National Remotivation Therapy Organization

While a student, Meixsell was involved in the Misericordia Student Occupational Therapy Association, was president of the Honor Society, served as a resident assistant, and volunteered his time with Campus Ministry.

In his fourth semester in front of the classroom, he is teaching OT 221 - Human Performance II, a course that covers human development from emerging adulthood through older adulthood. He has plans to return to the classroom both in the summer and upcoming fall to teach Environmental Dimensions and Geriatric Intervention courses.

For more information about the OT program, please log on to **misericordia.edu/ot**.

Raising the Bar

Dave and Erin Kozich 99 pose for a picture with their children in their Mountain Top, Pa., home.

Member of class of '99 returns for doctorate in physical therapy

A busy career and a family with five young children can be plenty to handle. Studying for a doctoral degree in addition to that would seem monumental.

But that s just what Dave Kozich 99 has done and receiving his doctorate in physical therapy this spring from Misericordia. A graduate of Misericordia s five year Master s of Science in physical therapy program, Kozich credits the online aspect of the doctoral program for helping him achieve the degree.

Having the program online is definitely an advantage, he said. It makes it easier to do with work and family. They know the students in that program have a number of obligations and are mostly working full time, have families and kids and a lot going on. They definitely make it easier to accomplish and gear it toward the non traditional student.

And Kozich has a lot going on. He married fellow Misericordia physical therapy graduate Erin McDermott 99 in 2000. After both pursued careers in the field, they welcomed triplets Ryan, Maggie and Ellie in 2005. In 2008, the same year he began the doctoral program, they added to the family with twins Katie and Molly.

Today, Kozich is a physical therapist at St. Luke s Miners Memorial Hospital in Coaldale, Pa., working with a variety of in patient and out patient cases. Erin Kozich, meanwhile, does per diem physical therapy work. The family resides in Mountain Top, Pa.

We both understand the stresses the other one is going through, he said. It s nice to go home and talk about your day and she knows where I m coming from and I know where she s coming from. With the doctoral program, Erin s been very supportive in any way she can, doing things like taking the kids for a little bit so I can study or do research. She understands what it takes to do a program like this.

Pursuing his doctorate was important, Kozich said, because of the additional career opportunities it can provide and because he said it is expected most physical therapy programs will be doctoral programs in the next decade.

To keep up with that workforce that will be coming up, I thought it would be a good idea to go for the doctorate now so I can be as up to date and current as possible in the field.

As an undergraduate, Kozich chose Misericordia University because of its physical therapy credentials and because it felt like home. Looking back, he said Misericordia helped instill in him an important sense of family that plays a major part in a sometimes challenging but always rewarding family life.

I learned a sense of family first, he explained. That comes before work and it comes before school. And for our kids we want to set that example for them, to point them in the right direction.

Renaissance Woman

Professor follows her love for literature in publishing handbook

STORY BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

When Professor Rebecca Steinberger, Ph.D., received a call in 2006 from a colleague in England asking if she would be interested in being a co editor for a Renaissance period handbook, she was thrilled.

For each book, the series editors were looking for both an editor and submissions from both sides of the Pond, and I was honored to be asked to take the American lead role, says the chair of the English Department, whose career is devoted to teaching and research on English literature. This series is the first of its kind that provides an educational guide on single periods of literature. What an honor to be a part of it.

Over the past four years, Dr. Becky, as she is affectionately known on campus, was involved in requesting and reviewing submissions from widely known scholars from both continents, compiling reference material and editing final copy. The 233 page book, *The Renaissance Literature Handbook*, was published by Continuum Press in January. It is recognized as the first printed, edited collection of essays and resources for students and teachers of Renaissance literature on both continents.

Before I had even seen a copy, I went to the Modern Language Association conference in Philadelphia. When I walked up to my publisher s exhibit, I saw other handbooks in the series, but not mine, she says. When I asked about it, I was told it was first printed in the United Kingdom, but had already sold out in the U.S. and there was a long list of orders. It was great feeling.

She returned to MU to find a copy in her mailbox. It is one in a series of literature and culture handbooks designed for those studying the arts. Each handbook offers a series of collected essays and reference materials covering a certain period of English literature.

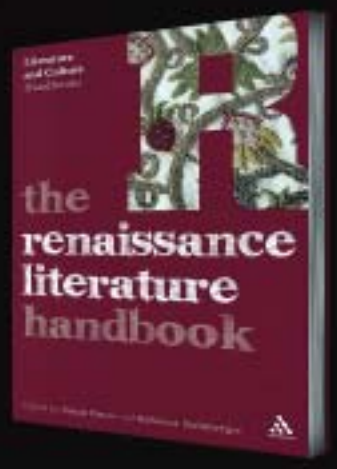
Dr. Steinberger says she was particularly thrilled to be asked to cover the Renaissance because it is such a rich and lengthy literary period. The Renaissance extended from 1485 to 1689 and was a robust and tumultuous time. It included the reigns of King Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth, who was succeeded by James VI from Scotland.

It was a high time for the arts and literature and a time when publishing was taking off, she notes. It offers a lot for students to learn and for professors to cover. This handbook brings a variety of resources together, including a glossary of key terms, time lines, historical context essays and critiques, and an appendix including notes on contributors as well as a guide to digital resources.

The handbook is only one of Dr. Steinberger s recent successes. In February, she was named a full professor, a tribute to her subject expertise and prolific writing and research.

Her first book, *Shakespeare and Twentieth Century Irish Drama: Contextualizing Identity and Staging Boundaries*, was published in 2008. She is currently editing the collection of essays, *Encountering Ephemera from Shakespeare to Swift: Scholarship, Performance, Classroom*, a guide for teaching ephemeral matters in the classroom. She plans to edit a third collection of essays in honor of a literary colleague, Adam Max Cohen, who recently died. The volume will include some of his yet unpublished works.

Her current research includes the study of terror as a thematic thread through British literature. She is working on a book exploring the impact of historical violence and cultural conflict on the lives of those living in London and the resultant impact on literature. *Panic on the Streets of London: Cultural Conflict in the City* is expected to be published in time for the 2012 Olympics in London, England.



CHANGING LIVES

STORY BY
MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

Alumna carries Misericordia spirit on service trip to Rwanda

As an undergraduate student in psychology at Misericordia, Patsy Gerhart 05 loved being a part of Campus Ministry and learned lessons about mercy, service and sacrifice while on service trips to Washington, D.C., and Jamaica.

Yet those trips only began to prepare her for what she would see when she accompanied members of her church in Fairfield, Conn., on a service trip to Rwanda last summer. There she encountered people who owned nothing more than the clothes on their backs. For Gerhart, the words life changing come to mind.

When I met people who were not able to complete a mud hut without help, I knew that there are needs in the world that are hard for most of us to comprehend, states Gerhart, who traveled with peers from Black Rock Congregational Church which partnered with World Relief, an international Christian humanitarian organization.

Despite the strife we saw, what was most inspirational to me is that these people, who need the most basic necessities, are the most joyful, faithful people I have ever encountered. They have an extraordinary faith in God and their place in the world. They were extremely thankful we brought them a roof to put on their house, food and soap things we take for granted.

The church sent its first missionary to Africa in 1933 and now donates $1.1 million annually to missions.

As participants in the Roofs for Rwanda program, Gerhart s church also raised money for metal roofs that are needed for the houses they built in Africa. The people aren t able to afford secure roofs for their houses, explains Gerhart, who stayed at the Free Methodist Guest House at Kibogora Hospital, Rwanda. We purchased the roofs in the community to keep the money there and helped them make mud bricks and walls. You would be surprised at the amount of physical labor that goes into the process of getting the dirt and the water and making mud bricks.

For me, it was a profound lesson, being thankful for a home that can withstand a sudden downpour. I looked at my life and suddenly realized just how blessed I really am, she adds.

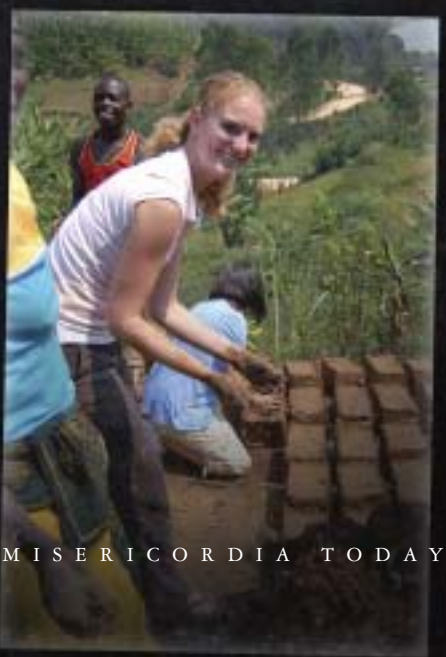
Gerhart says her desire to help strangers a half world away was inspired by the spirit of service she encountered at Misericordia. She first fell in love with the intimate campus setting and personable atmosphere during visits to see her older sister, Ann Gerhart DiCampello 03, a biology and chemistry major.

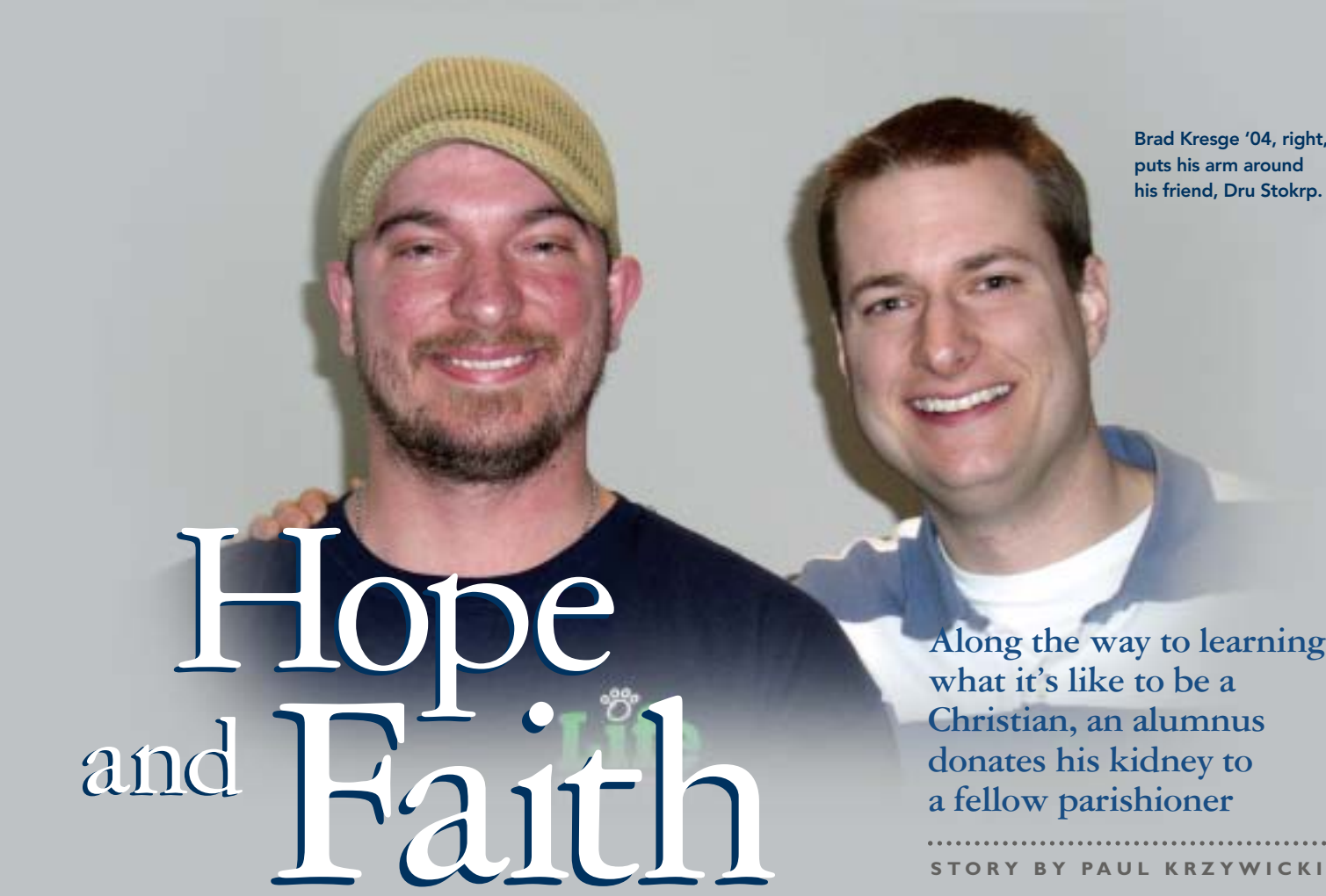
The youngest Gerhart sister majored in psychology with a minor in English, and also earned a certificate in child welfare law. As a student, she was involved with the Psychology Club, worked in the Insalaco Center for Career Development and earned dean s list honors.

Her best friend at MU, Kristen Ewall McCormack 05, joined Gerhart for a return visit to campus in December 2009, which was timed to coincide with a holiday performance by Elisabeth von Trapp on campus.

It is so nice to see the University flourishing, she adds, saying they both marveled at the new Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall and the refurbished Lemmond Theater.

Currently, Gerhart is planning to pursue a master s degree in clinical and public health starting in the summer 2010. She invites fellow classmates to get in touch by emailing her at prettyp343@hotmail.com.





Brad Kresge '04, right, puts his arm around his friend, Dru Stokrp.

Hope and Faith

Along the way to learning what it's like to be a Christian, an alumnus donates his kidney to a fellow parishioner

STORY BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

In his own words, Brad Kresge '04 acknowledges he is a work in progress. Imperfect and flawed like the rest of humanity, he stubbornly followed his own youthful path before eventually learning valuable lessons from life and his own transgressions.

He keeps those not-too-distant memories close to his heart and works everyday to make himself a better man through his actions, family and faith. American poet Ralph Waldo Emerson once wrote, "What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you."

"I messed my life up enough that I actually knew I needed a savior," Kresge wrote friends in a heartfelt letter to family and friends shortly after making a life-changing decision. "You know, like someone to come in and rescue me from the hole I had dug myself into."

For Kresge, he found his inner contentment by redefining and reprioritizing his life. Today, he is an anomaly, a living organ donor in a nation urging others for similar unselfish acts. Across the country, the need for living organ donors is increasing daily, according to the National Kidney Foundation's Living Donor Council (www.livingdonors.org).

According to the National Kidney Foundation, 13,157 kidney transplants were conducted in the United States from Jan. 1, 2008 through Dec. 31, 2008. Of those transplants, 7,189 patients received kidneys from deceased donors and 5,968 living donors provided kidneys for transplant. In 2007, 76,070 people were waiting for a kidney transplant, according to the most recent data.

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> – Brad Kresge '04

Thankfully for Andrew "Dru" Stokrp, Kresge's blood type is O positive, meaning he is a universal donor. That revelation and his new-found faith provided Kresge with the strength and direction "to become the sort of man that is willing to give all for Him," he says. Kresge's gift of life has enabled Stokrp, a fellow senior high school youth leader at the Lebanon Area Evangelical Free Church in Jonestown, Pa., to recover from kidney failure caused by Alport's syndrome, a genetic disease that attacks the kidneys. "I had been learning more and more about what it actually means to be a Christian, specifically about loving others even if it really costs you something," Kresge says, explaining his decision.

After being on dialysis for about 10 months, Stokrp received his new kidney on Nov. 17, 2009 from the acquaintance who is a family friend today. Along the way, Stokrp showed initial signs of rejecting the new organ. He had to undergo several plasmapheresis treatments, which separated the antibodies that were rejecting the new kidney. Stokrp is expected to make a complete recovery in about a year. Kresge returned to work six weeks later with few restrictions.

"I feel fine physically," adds Kresge, who received a master's degree in physical therapy from Misericordia. "I just have to drink lots of fluids and, in general, live a healthier lifestyle."

Kresge is a licensed physical therapist at a skilled nursing facility in Lancaster, Pa., and has two children, Caleb, 4, and Norah, 1, with his wife, Lauren Gianacopoulos Kresge '03, whom he met at MU while she was working towards her bachelor's degree in psychology and master's degree in occupational therapy.

The father, husband, friend, Christian and organ donor does not consider himself to be a hero. Rather, his random act of kindness is an extension of his faith. "The glory is God's and His alone," he says. "If Jesus had not pulled me out of my pit and saved me from the way I was going, I would still be lost and not donating any kidney."

Breaking NEW GROUND

Alumnus conducts groundbreaking research to help head and neck cancer patients

STORY BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

Tariq Adwan's research is being funded by a National Institute of Health-supported Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award.

Tariq Adwan '05 has traveled farther than most in search of his dream.

About 6,000 miles and a continent away from his home in Bethlehem, Palestine, Adwan began the first leg of his altruistic journey at Misericordia University to help humankind through research and medicine. "I have always been curious and I have always loved science," says Adwan, who is working towards his Ph.D., in cell, stem cell and developmental biology at the University of Colorado. "I grew up with a strong sense of social responsibility and science provided an avenue where I can do what I love and enjoy, and at the same time help others."

Today, his expertise and research into salivary gland cell death is being funded by a prestigious National Institute of Health-supported Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award. The pre-doctoral fellowship award's goal is to ensure a diverse pool of scientists in biomedical, behavioral and clinical research, and to provide support for promising doctoral candidates.

The three-year grant is allowing Adwan to focus on developing therapeutic strategies to protect against salivary gland dysfunction in head and neck cancer patients who are undergoing irradiation treatment. Since his research began in April 2009, he has made significant progress in understanding the molecular mechanism that regulates salivary gland cell death, which can lead to xerostomia or dry mouth in 40,000 people in the United States annually.

> "Misericordia nurtured my desire to help others."
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> – Tariq Adwan '05

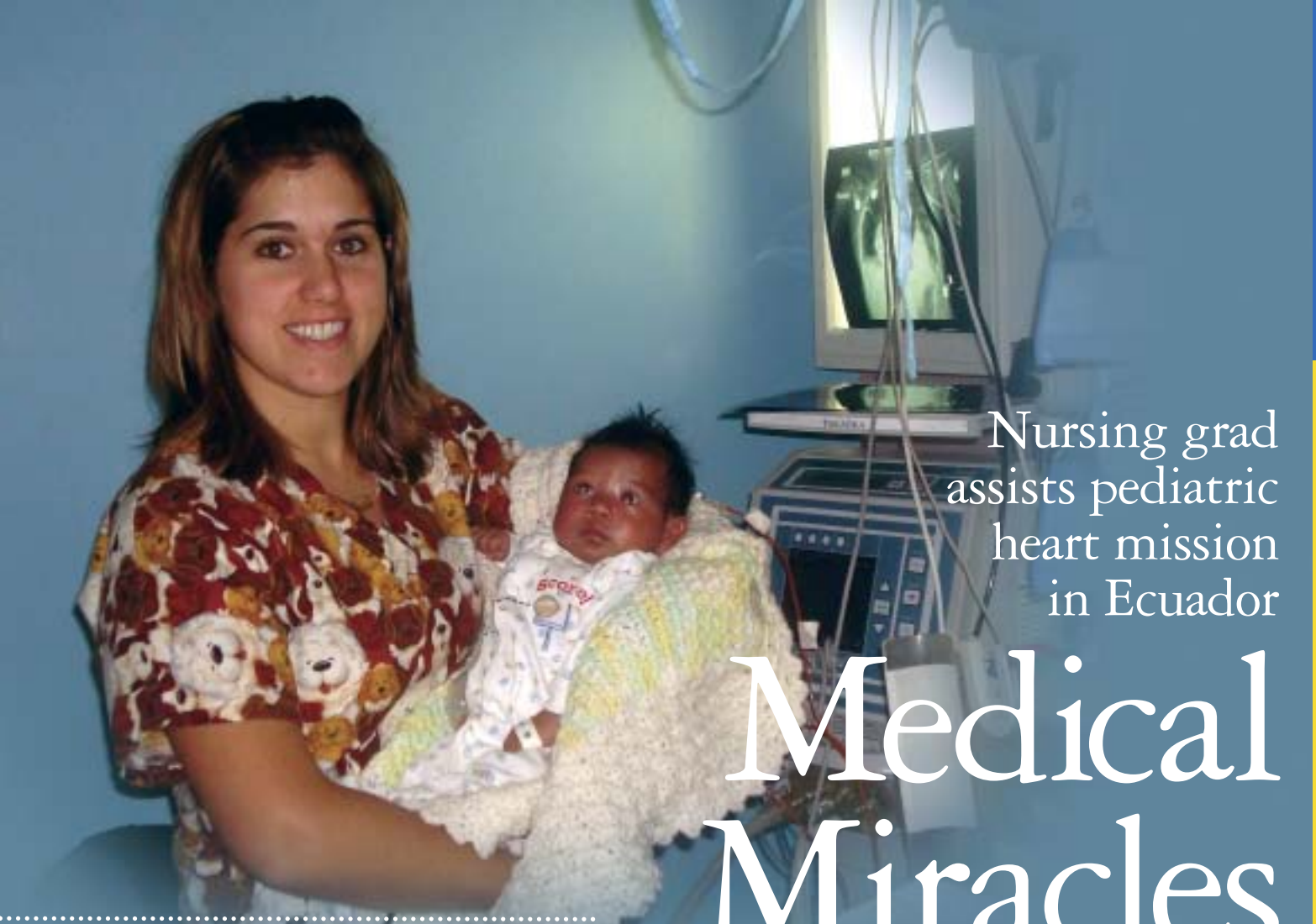
The salivary glands of head and neck cancer patients oftentimes die in response to irradiation and they do not regenerate. The condition greatly reduces the quality of life for some patients and the long-term prognosis can be worse for others. "Saliva plays a lot of important functions," says Adwan, explaining the role it plays in chewing, digestion, speech and oral health. "The loss of salivary functions is a serious condition that results in patients losing their teeth and being susceptible to all kinds of oral infections."

By understanding the mechanism through which the PKC delta protein signals for cell death, researchers hope to be able to disrupt its mobility as a means of disrupting its pro cell death function. "It's important for this treatment to be specific to the salivary gland since you don't want to protect cancer from the toxic effects of irradiation," he says. "Our lab has identified a region that mediates sub-cellular mobility of this protein, which can potentially be used as a target for therapeutic strategies."

A cum laude graduate in biology, Adwan credits a lot of his success in research and graduate school to the opportunities he received at MU. He worked with doctors Frank DiPino, Angela Asirvatham and Larry Pedersen on biology and chemistry research projects on campus and secured a summer research internship at Thomas Jefferson School of Graduate Studies.

"Through these opportunities, I had an idea of what research was going to be about and I was prepared to face that reality as I started graduate school," says Adwan, who is in the process of applying to medical school. "Misericordia offers a myriad of extracurricular opportunities that give students the chance for personal and professional growth.

"Misericordia nurtured my desire to help others and my social responsibility towards others in the community," he adds, "all of which made me more committed to my goal of helping others and serving my community."



Nursing grad assists pediatric heart mission in Ecuador

Medical Miracles

STORY BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

On a day to day basis, Leah Steele, R.N., 08 sees some pretty amazing cases as a nurse in the pediatric intermediate care unit at the Penn State Hershey Children s Hospital, one of the most highly respected pediatric units in the country. But her work just barely prepared her for a recent trip to Ecuador where she assisted two pediatric heart surgeons who performed 27 life saving surgeries in 20 days.

It is just eye opening when you get there. What we take for granted in medicine, they would give anything for, Steele opines. They have a very high mortality rate. It truly was a gift to them to be able to fix something so small.

By small, Steele refers to Tetralogy of Fallot, a congenital condition where a child has a hole between the two bottom chambers of their heart. It is a common heart problem in children and one that, by standards in the United States, is relatively easy to fix with a surgical patch.

For the 10th year, Hershey Medical Center (HMC) sent two cardiac surgery teams to Ecuador, including two doctors each with a team of nurses, anesthesiologists, perfusionists, residents, medical students and senior high school students from Milton S. Hershey High School who served as translators. The team of cardiologists and residents screened more than 40 children per day, determining which patients the team may best be able to help. The children selected ranged in age from three months to 17 years old.

The teams took a load of equipment with them, including surgical instruments and medicine. Ecuadorian doctors and nurses assisted with the surgeries. I was responsible for post operative care for the 14 surgeries my team did the first week, says Steele, who plans to return to Ecuador with another HMC surgery team in November 2010. As a child, I had asthma and was in and out of the hospital. That made me want to be a pediatric nurse and help kids feel better.

The daughter of John Steele of Tamaqua, Pa., and Ida Steele of Summit Hill, Pa., Steele earned her Bachelor of Science degree in nursing from Misericordia University in 2008. A Cougar cheerleader, she had the thrill of competing in the squad s first trip to nationals in 2007 in Dayton Beach, Fla. She was also an orientation leader, a member of SOAR, the Student Outdoor Adventure & Recreation Program, and performed with the campus Chamber Singers.

Going to Ecuador opened up a whole new world of nursing to me and those on the team, Steele adds. It reminds us that this is why we became health care professionals. It was truly the most amazing experience of my life.

Alumni News

Helene Flower Reed '66

For more information about alumni events and news, visit the MU website: misericordia.edu/alumni

I just want to take this opportunity to tell you how happy and honored I feel to be asked to serve as President of your Alumni Association. These are truly exciting times at Misericordia times that have brought about significant changes at our school through what, on occasion, seemed to be monumental challenges.

These past several months have seen the opening of the exquisite Pauly Friedman Art Gallery in Sandy and Marlene Insalaco Hall as well as the addition to on campus housing with the opening of Monsignor Andrew J. McGowan Student Residence Hall. The former Walsh Auditorium has been given a rebirth in the form of the beautifully remodeled Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall. Events can now be held in climate controlled comfort.

The College of Health Sciences, located in the former Commonwealth Telephone building on Lake Street, will provide much needed space for the expanded medical related science programs.

All of these buildings with their current need and their implications for the future were made possible in large part because of the generous support of you the Alumni. Thanks to your loyal support, the Leading from the Heart campaign was an overwhelming success. You can all be Misericordia proud.

Having had the delightful opportunity to meet many of the incoming freshmen on Move in Day, I must say that the true excitement on campus comes not from the addition of these wonderful new buildings, but from the students themselves. Many members of the freshman class are at MU because of the financial aid you provided through your support of the Annual Fund. Buildings, after all, may be spectacular interpretations of concrete and steel, and brick and mortar, but they really come to life only when they are filled with the vibrancy of these fine young men and women. It is not until they echo with innovative ideas, impassioned discussion, new discoveries and spirits made to soar through the arts that these buildings achieve their full glory.

Misericordia today may not be the Misericordia you remember, but, it is not one you will soon forget. Misericordia is very much alive and well. The students, faculty and staff all are dedicated to the charisms of the Sisters of Mercy mercy, service, justice and hospitality, and are the promise of the future. You can be proud of Misericordia; of the traditions from which we came, of what we have become and of the promise we will carry to the future.

Helene Flower Reed

Class Notes

'70

Maureen Indira Ramson Hairston is working as the Director of Dietary Services at the Potomac Rehab Center, Potomac, M.D.

'77

Mary E. Holdredge Anyomi is proud to announce that her paper entitled, *Website Accessibility of Public Senior Institutions in South Carolina,* has been published in the Against the Grain website, Vol. 21, No. 4, Sept. 9, p.48-51. Mary resides in Columbia, S.C.

'81

Susan Woodeshick and Andrew J. Katsock III, Esq. were united in marriage on July 17 in St. Stanislaus Kostka Church, Wilkes-Barre. Susan is employed by the Hanover Area School District as a Title 1 math teacher and is a Realtor with Century 21 Signature Properties, Shavertown.

'89

Iola Valenta and Rich Fredrickson were married on Sept., 18, 2009 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Pittston. Iola is employed as a registered nurse at Wilkes-Barre General Hospital. The couple resides in Pittston.

'98

Carolyn Machonis-Catalano and her husband, David, welcomed twin daughters, Holly and Bethany on Sept. 1, 2009.

'99

Leah Youells Brown is working for the Central Dauphin School District as an occupational therapist. Leah and her husband, Michael, reside in Harrisburg.

Joshua Hogan and his wife, Evelyn, announce the birth of a daughter, Olivia Marie Hogan, on July 8, 2009.

'00

Kristy DeRome and Paul Gomberg were united in marriage on May 24, 2008 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, Pittston. Following a honeymoon trip to St. Lucia, the couple celebrated their first anniversary in the Caribbean. They reside in Exeter.

'01

Tara Lee Bralczyk and Christopher Jon Holko were united in marriage on Sept. 12, 2009 at St. Aloysius Church, Wilkes-Barre. Tara is employed by CDW as a senior account manager. The couple resides in Brick, N.J.

'03

Erin Burger Baron and her husband, Jason, welcomed their first child, Rylee Mae, on Sept. 19, 2009.

Angela Pastorelli Shobe and her husband, Dillon, proudly announce the birth of their son, Quinnlon Lee Shobe, on Jan. 28.

Justin David Snyder is working at Lancaster Rehabilitation Hospital in Lancaster. Justin, his wife, Ashlee, and their son, reside in Middletown.

'04

Colleen Corrigan and Kevin Kloss were married at St. Thomas More Church, Lake Ariel, on July 10. Colleen earned a master's degree in classroom technology from Wilkes University and is a teacher in the Western Wayne School District.

Meghan Dwyer welcomed a daughter, Gwendolyn, on Oct. 15, 2009. Megan resides in Baltimore, Md.

Allyson Young Eisenhour and her husband, Jason, celebrated their son, David Curtis', first birthday on Feb. 11.

Allison Bush Korus and her husband, Joseph, welcomed a son on Sept. 9, 2009.

Erica Jule Llewellyn and Michael Patrick Conahan were united in marriage on Sept. 18 at the Woodlands Inn and Resort, Wilkes-Barre. Erica is the granddaughter of **Ruth Purcell McEvoy '55**. Erica and Michael reside in Kingston. **Christa Marra** and Russell Lucas chose the Montdale

Country Club as the setting for their wedding on July 25, 2009. Christa is pursuing a doctor of physical therapy degree at Misericordia University and is employed by Geisinger Wyoming Valley Hospital.

Kristin Marie Zbierski and **Robert Karl Harris '06** were united in marriage on August 8, 2009 at Holy Transfiguration Ukrainian Catholic Church, Nanticoke. Kristin is employed as a fifth-grade teacher in the Wilkes-Barre Area School District. Robert is employed as a marketing consultant for Fox 56 television.

'05

Gretchen Foster Fish and her husband, Brian, welcomed a daughter, Emilia Lynn, on Dec. 11, 2008.

Melissa Martin and Glenn Lawless were united in marriage on Oct. 23, 2009 in All Saints Parish, Plymouth. Melissa is the daughter of Loretta Martin, who is a Misericordia University employee. Melissa is employed by the Woodlands Inn and Resort, Wilkes-Barre as a corporate sales executive.

Victoria Birkenhead Smith and her husband, Paul, welcomed twin sons, Tyler John and Zachary Paul on Feb. 7. Victoria's mom is **Christine Fisher Birkenhead '86**.

Wendy Wesley and Philip J. Novicki, Jr., were united in marriage on Sept. 26, 2009 at Gate of Heaven Church, Dallas. Wendy is employed by the Wyoming Valley West School District as a first-grade teacher. They live in Luzerne.

'06

Erin Elizabeth Confrey and Jason Paul Derenick chose St. Christopher's Church, Baldwin, N.Y., as the setting for their May 23, 2009 wedding. Erin is a physical therapist for Drayer Physical Therapy Institute, Maryland.

Suzanne Pierce Hernandez and her husband, Paul, welcomed a son, Isaiah Michael, on July 12, 2009.

Emily S. VanEeden is a staff occupational therapist at Central Dauphin School District, Harrisburg.

Elizabeth Lee Zawatski and Justin James Kaszowicz were united in marriage on April 18 at St. Mary's Church, Mocanaqua. Elizabeth is employed by the Guard Insurance Group, Wilkes-Barre, as an internal sales advisor. Elizabeth and Justin live in Nanticoke.

'07

Kelly Ahart and **Terrence Mull '06** were married on June 20, 2009. Kelly is working as a physical therapist for Concentra at Trinity High School, Mechanicsburg. Terrence works as a physical education and assistant athletic director at Trinity High School in Camp Hill.

Kristina Schultz Amerman is working at the Women's Cancer Center of Central Pennsylvania as achemotherapy nurse. Kristina and her husband, Bruce, live in Harrisburg.

Julianne Wolyniec and Curtis Brieling were married on July 4, 2009 in the Misericordia University Chapel by the Rev. Michael Bryant. Julianne is employed by the Luzerne Intermediate Unit 18 as a special education teacher. The couple resides in Plains Township.

'08

Ian Delaney is working as an operations coordinator for a beer distributor, W & L Sales in Camp Hill. Ian just bought a new home in Camp Hill.

Susan Marie Gryziec and Timothy Ross Showalter were married on June 6, 2009, at All Saints Parish, Plymouth. Susan is pursuing a Master of Science degree in publishing at Drexel University, Philadelphia. She also works full time at Pearson Publishing, Philadelphia, as a content development editor.

Ian Scott Steele was recently hired by The Hetrick Center, Harrisburg, as a physical therapy technician. Ian resides in Middletown.

Leah Steele is a RN in the cardiac department at Penn State Hershey Medical Center, Hershey.

Jeremy Reeves and Katie McHale chose St. John the Evangelist Church, Pittston as the setting for their Sept. 19, 2009 wedding. Jeremy and Katie are living in West Pittston.

Chase Daniel Susko and Ashlee Janette Boyle were united in marriage on Sept. 26, 2009 at St. Leo's/Holy Rosary Church, Ashley. Chase is employed as a physical therapist at Good Shepherd, Allentown.

'09

Julie Ann Fenner and Eric John Samanas were united in marriage on Aug. 29 at St. John's Church, Larksville. Julie is employed by Wyoming Valley Health Care as an RN. They reside in Kingston.

Rachel Kahn and Adam Sutliff were wed in St. Theresa's Church, Shavertown on Aug. 8, 2009. Rachel is the daughter of Thea Kahn '04 who is a Misericordia University employee. The couple resides in West Wyoming.

Joanna M. Kelley and Tyler D. Emmerich were united in marriage May 23, 2009. Joanna is employed as a nurse at Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, Fla. After a honeymoon trip to Jamaica, they make their home in Tampa, Fla.

Molly Jean Yaple and Thomas Steven Bybee were married on July 25, 2009 at Stillwater Christian Church, Stillwater. Molly is employed as a registered nurse by the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Wilkes-Barre.

Misericordia offers best wishes and a happy retirement to Bob Kaleta, Alumni Services Coordinator, a valued member of the alumni staff who retired in April following 15 years of service.

Mission Of Mercy

Time magazine chronicles nursing alumnus' assignment to earthquake-ravaged Haiti

STORY BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

Lt. Col. Kenneth Williams '88 might just tell you he was doing his job as a nurse anesthetist for the U.S. Air Force, but the circumstances were far from normal. On duty with the Joint Task Force Bravo in Soto Cano, Honduras, the Dallas, Pa., native was among the first medical personnel called to respond when the 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck Haiti on Jan. 12.

His 23-member team of Air Force, Army and Navy personnel arrived at the Admiral Killick Coast Guard Station in Haiti to find hundreds of people strewn throughout the compound waiting for medical care, some there since the quake seven days earlier.

"The situation was absolutely horrendous," he says. "Unfortunately, one of our three planes was diverted, so we were missing critical anesthesia equipment as well as all our personal belongings."

With no running water and working under two tents — one set up as an operating room, the other to sleep in — the team began surgery on table tops and desks. The cases were some of the most challenging Lt. Col. Williams had ever seen, even during war duty, including dangerous limb amputations and severe scalp wounds. There were times when he needed to place his hand on the patient's chest to make sure they were breathing.

The chaotic setting and heroic medical efforts attracted the attention of reporters from both the Associated Press and Time magazine. Williams was featured in a special report, "Medics Scramble to Save Quake Survivors," that appeared at www.Time.com on Jan. 21.

With no anesthesia machine, Lt. Col. Williams was forced to use the more primitive TIVA — Total IV Anesthetic — method to administer sedation intravenously, and had to pump a blue Jackson-Reese breathing bag by hand to control the oxygen flow to the patient. He had learned the method in class but had never needed to use it before since modern machines give gas anesthesia.

Assisting on 11 surgeries in the first two days, Lt. Col. Williams was happy to have clean clothes and anesthesia equipment arrive on the third day just in time to move the OR into a nearby building deemed safe by engineers. The team was able to complete 10 surgeries that day thanks to the improved conditions. He was also required to do shifts of guard duty and often slept in the OR just to make sure the equipment was safe.

His team worked in conjunction with the U.S.N.S. Comfort hospital ship and would transport critically injured patients there and return with patients for follow-up care, just to keep the beds on the ship open for the most seriously injured.

The relief effort took on an international flavor when teams from Mexico and Columbia arrived in mid-February. "Even though there was a language barrier, we've worked well together and successfully helped each other out," he adds.

The son of Nancy and Hank Williams of Dallas, Pa., the lieutenant colonel has some amazing numbers to report from the 29-day deployment. The team treated more than 1,250 patients from newborn to 77 years old, performed 64 surgeries and assisted a Mexican orthopedic surgical team with 34 additional surgeries. There were a few baby deliveries along the way, including one woman who delivered in the tent while surgery was being performed.

Lt. Col. Williams returned to Honduras on Feb. 29. He expects to complete his tour of duty in June and return to his home base, Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Miss., to be reunited with his wife, fellow MU nursing graduate Karen Ann Haduck, R.N., '88, and their daughters Amanda, 17, and Dana, 12. The couple met during their sophomore year in the nursing program.

Following graduation, Karen went into civilian practice and her husband entered ROTC, serving for seven years before enrolling in the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences for anesthesia training. He has served 22 years with the Air Force, including deployments to Turkey, the Persian Gulf, Italy, Ohio, Illinois and Delaware.

He follows in the footsteps of his father, Hank, a U.S. Air Force veteran, and older brother, Richard, who served in the U.S. Coast Guard. Younger brother, Raymond "Scott" '92, a Misericordia business alumnus, also served in the U.S. Army.

'Justice Is For Everyone'

Alumna follows her motto in life to a seat on the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas

STORY BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

Tina Polachek Gartley s motto in life justice is for everyone is simple and revealing at the same time. It shows a woman who is grounded in strong family values and who also is willing to help those most in need.

It s little wonder that as a determined 18 year old she matriculated to Misericordia and quickly found a strong connection to the institution s tenets. I was seeking a small college where I would know my instructors and have a very personalized education, recalls Gartley, a 1988 summa cum laude graduate with a double major in history and English and minors in writing and Russian area studies with a specialization in pre law. I also felt a strong connection to the mission of Misericordia and its sense of service to society.

With the courage of her convictions, Gartley has possessed a passion to make a difference in both the legal community and in her own community. As a practicing attorney for 18 years, she convicted violent criminals, rapists and predators as a county prosecutor and ensured that the victims of unimaginable abuse were given a voice in civil and criminal courts that could not be silenced.

She has taken that same fervor for equal justice to the Luzerne County Court of Common Pleas, where she was seated as a judge after being elected in November 2009. I learned that with faith, hard work and dedication you could accomplish anything, says the lone female jurist in Luzerne County. It was my need to seek justice for those who felt betrayed by their experiences with life and the court system that dominated my adult years. It is that exact same passion for justice that I bring to the bench.

After nearly two decades of practicing law, I have unique insights into the challenges that face victims, the poor and disenfranchised, adds Judge Gartley, who earned her Juris Doctorate from Syracuse University College of Law in 1991.

Justice comes in many forms. For Gartley, it was found in courtrooms throughout the commonwealth as she fought to protect children, families and communities from common criminals.

Misericordia offered me every opportunity to succeed. My education and experiences at Misericordia instilled in me a strong sense of confidence and fearlessness, she says, matter of factly. I say that in a good way in that I left Misericordia ready to take on the world.

I learned and nurtured the vocation to help others and provide service to those most in need. And I found that justice was something everyone did not get, so I took my academically prepared mind and my need to help others and fought for justice, Gartley adds. Misericordia was my foundation.

Between 1991 and 2010, Judge Gartley followed the same civic minded path that she first crossed at MU. In 1991, she began her legal career in a regional law office and as a full time prosecutor in the Luzerne County District Attorney s Office. The future jurist was the first S.T.O.P. (Stop Violence Against Women) prosecutor in the DA s office and earned the office s highest conviction rate in 2000. In 2002, Judge Gartley parlayed her work with victims of crimes into a legal position at the Barbara J. Hart Justice Center, which was created by former Gov. Tom Ridge and the PA Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Two years later, she became the senior attorney for the Justice Center.

A majority of the legal work that I focused on was directed at helping people through terrible crises and allowing them to seek justice for some wrong that had been committed in their life, she explains. I dealt with the human side of the law where children, teenagers, women and men suffered unthinkable crimes. Advocating on behalf of those who were victims and survivors became a focus of my career.

MU names Mercy Integration director

Little did she know when she attended the convocation of the Sisters of Mercy of the Mid Atlantic Region at the Misericordia campus in July 2009 that it would be her first step to a new position and a new ministry. Sister Bernadette Duross, RSM has joined the MU family as special assistant to the president for Mercy Integration.

When University President Michael MacDowell spoke to our gathering of more than 500 sisters, he talked about the spirit of Mercy and how it is woven into the campus mission, said Sister Bernadette.

Walking around the campus it was easy to see, the hospitality and spirit of Mercy was so refreshingly present. I knew right away that this was a very special place and an extraordinary campus.

In naming Sister Bernadette to this new position, Misericordia joins a majority of the 16 colleges that comprise the Conference for Mercy Higher Education with a designated director of mission integration. Misericordia University is proud to have Sister Bernadette with us in this important role, said President MacDowell. Misericordia s proud history is based upon our Catholic identity and Mercy traditions. It is essential that we strive in every way to honor that heritage in both our daily operations and long range plans.

The youngest of seven daughters, Sister Bernadette was raised in West Philadelphia and attended West Catholic High School for girls. She earned a bachelor s degree in sociology from the University of Scranton and a master s degree in pastoral counseling and a certificate in spiritual direction from Neumann College.

She began her career as a parish social minister at a predominantly African American parish in North Philadelphia, and next served at the Jesuit Center for Spiritual Growth in Wernersville, Pa., where she directed retreats, provided spiritual direction and supervision, and assisted with training programs for men, women and religious from the U.S. and abroad. She returned to the University of Scranton to serve as the director of Ignatian Spiritual Formation and vice president for Mission and Ministries. She most recently served at the Bethany House of Prayer. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee in April 2009.

Sister Bernadette will have responsibility for mission and Mercy integration throughout the campus community. She will work closely with faculty, staff and students to strengthen the University s commitment to and understanding of MU s Catholic identity and Mercy traditions. Campus Ministry and Service Leadership offices will report to Sister Bernadette and she will also serve as executive director of the Ethics Institute of Northeastern Pennsylvania at MU.

Faculty Notebook

Alicia Nordstrom, Ph.D., was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor of psychology. **Rebecca Steinberger, Ph.D.**, English department chair; **Glen M. Tellis, Ph.D.**, speech-language pathology department chair; and **Marnie Hiester Idec, Ph.D.**, psychology department chair, were each promoted to full professor.

Brenda Hage, Ph.D., C.R.N.P., associate professor of nursing and director of graduate nursing programs, has completed national board certification requirements to become a gerontological nurse practitioner.

John N. Mellon, Ed.D., C.F.C.S., C.D.E.P., associate professor of business, has been named by the Hospitality Sales and Marketing Association International to serve as a board member of the National Sales and Marketing Faculty Advisory Board.

Paula Pate-Schloder, M.S., (RT)(CV)(CT), associate professor of medical imaging, was elected president-elect of the Association of Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences.

Ellen McLaughlin, Ed.D., O.T.R./L., associate professor of occupational therapy and doctorate of occupational therapy program director, has been appointed as the chairperson for the Educational Standards Review Committee by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education.

Jim Siberski, M.S., CMC, CRmT, assistant professor and coordinator of gerontology education, was recently certified as a care manager by the National Academy of Certified Care Managers.

The **Nursing Department** has formed an External Advisory Board comprised of 24 regional health care professionals in response to the changes and challenges in health care education. They bring years of experience from varied backgrounds, including both the clinical and academic fields.

Faculty and a business graduate student presented research at the Northeastern Pennsylvania Faculty Research Symposium, sponsored by the Institute for Public Policy & Economic Development at King's College.

Dr. Mellon presented the study, For Enhancing Communities of Higher Education Teaching Practices: Student Preferred Methods of Instruction Survey Results.

John Sumansky, Ph.D., professor and chair of the Department of Business and director of the Center for Economic and Entrepreneurship Education, and **William DesRosiers**, M.B.A. candidate at MU, presented, *Business Incubators and Regional Economic Development: A Continuing Search for Impacts*.

Steven Tedford, Ph.D., assistant professor of mathematics and computer science, presented, *Characteristic Polynomials of Graphs*.

Corina N. Slaff, Ph.D., assistant professor of business, presented, *Emotional Intelligence and Academic Leadership: An Exploratory Study of College and University Presidents*.

Mary Dana Hinton, Ph.D., has been named associate vice president of academic affairs. Dr. Hinton's primary responsibilities will be to oversee the planning and assessment efforts of the University, including the implementation of the long-range strategic plan (See page 7). She will also guide MU through Middle States accreditation.

Dr. Hinton has also been appointed to the Luzerne County Community College Board of Trustees and been named president of the Mid-Atlantic Region of the American Academy of Religion.

Lorie Zelna, M.S., RT, (R)(MR), associate professor of medical imaging, has been named chair of the Pennsylvania Society of Radiologic Technologist board.

Jean A. Dyer, Ph.D., dean of the College of Health Sciences, has been invited to be a commissioner of the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities. It is one of two positions on the 24-member board offered to professionals outside the Northwest region.

Sister Patricia Lapczynski, RSM, DPS, associate professor of mathematics and computer sciences; **Barbara McCraith, Ph.D.**, associate professor of biology; **Kathleen Foley, M.S.**, dean of students; **Michael P. Orleski, Ph.D.**, assistant professor of physics; and **Dr. Hinton**, participated in the Association of American Colleges and Universities Institute on General Education and Assessment.

The following faculty members were recognized at Commencement: **Stevan L. Davies**, Ph.D., professor of religious studies, received the Louis and Barbara Alesi Excellence in Scholarship Award; **Allan W. Austin, Ph.D.**, associate professor of history, was presented the Pauly and Sidney Friedman Excellence in Service Award; and **Gwen M. Bartolacci**, O.T.D., O.T.R./L., associate professor of OT, received the Judge Max and Tillie Rosenn Excellence in Teaching Award.

The Religious Sisters of Mercy had a simple, honest mission when they established *Misericordia* in 1924. Through their tenets of Mercy, Service, Justice and Hospitality, the sisters interwove noble principles and ideals of Catholic scholarship with challenging liberal arts academic programs. Eighty-six years later, the campus community continues to live the *Misericordia* way. The following sisters work at MU played an important role in making *Misericordia* what it is today and will be tomorrow and they are honored in the:

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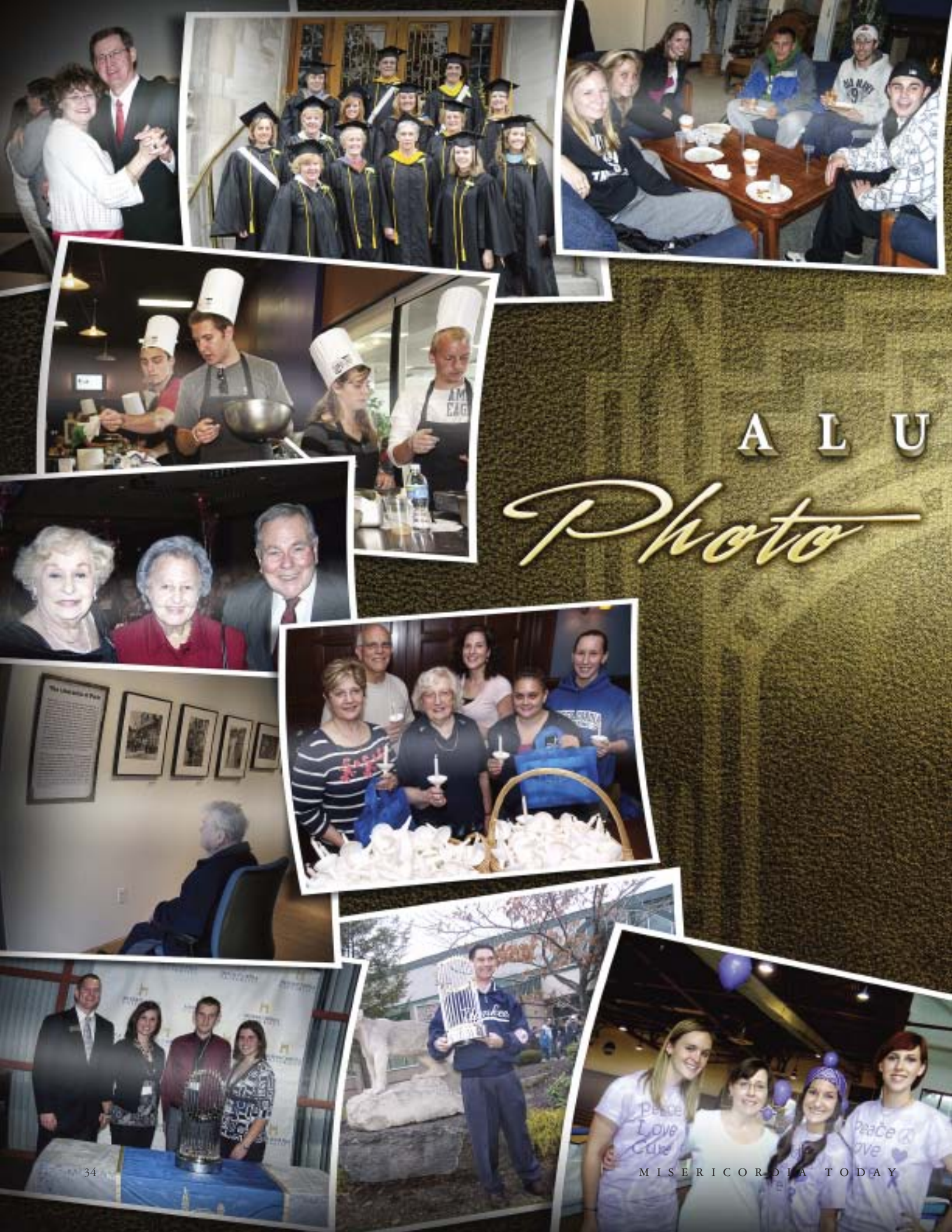
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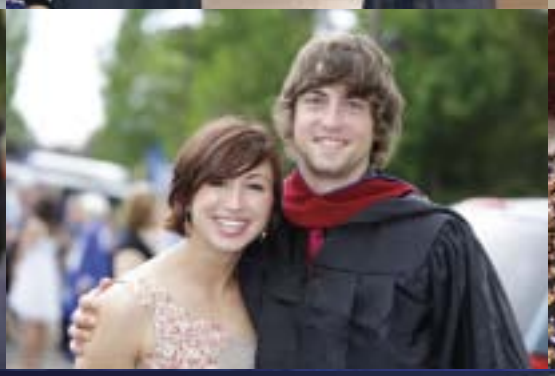

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Woman of The Year

Award honors Sister Miriam Stadulis RSM, '62 for service to underserved children

STORY BY MARIANNE TUCKER PUHALLA

Her ministry is simple: Changing the world one child at a time. And for more than 50 years, she has done just that. At the end of each day, it is the hugs, smiles and good conduct reports that fuel the energy of Miriam Stadulis, RSM '62, founder and director of the McGlynn Learning Center in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Her foresight and untiring efforts earned Sister Miriam the 2009 Woman of the Year Award by the Women's Club of the Wyoming Valley, one of the most recent of many she has garnered in tribute to the beneficial services she provides.

Each weekday, more than 50 underserved children living in the Boulevard Townhomes development spend their pre-school and after-school hours being tutored and getting homework help from volunteers in the center. Their efforts are capped by a hot meal provided daily by the Commission for Economic Opportunity. The center provides a much-needed sense of security, socialization and academic encouragement while offering a more basic benefit of keeping them safe and off the streets.

QUICK INFO

The McGlynn Center is located at 72 Midland Court, Wilkes Barre, PA 18702; phone (570) 824 8891. Sister Miriam can be reached at: **Miriam@wbhousing.org**

"My hope is to plant the seeds for these children to do good in life," she offers. "My wish is that they live good and happy lives. If we can get them on the right road and show them the importance of education, we've made a good start."

In her role, Sister Miriam is part traffic cop — assigning incoming students to one of the four tutoring stations in the center; part disciplinarian — keeping in touch with the students' teachers by e-mail to make sure they are keeping up their grades; and part chief "hugger" — welcoming each one by name and accepting the pint-sized hugs of thanks they offer as they head out the door.

Sister Miriam holds a bachelor's degree in business from MU, but the Nanticoke, Pa., native says she always loved children so she took extra credits in elementary and secondary education while living on the third floor of Mercy Hall as a novitiate. She earned her master's in counseling at the University of Scranton. Her early teaching career took her to schools in Long Island, N.Y., and across Pennsylvania. She was the first vice-principal of Bishop Hafey High School when it opened in Hazleton, Pa., in 1969. She returned to her alma mater as director of Counseling Services in 1973.

Inspired by what she saw working with Catholic Social Services, Sister Miriam opened the McGlynn Center in 1988 with the support of the Wilkes-Barre Area School District and Housing Authority, which provided a townhouse and free utilities. So many children responded a second unit next door was added two years later.

With computers, furniture and supplies she garners through grants and donations, Sister Miriam relies on more than 100 volunteers each year, including 20 students from MU.

She shares her time with numerous organizations, serving on the boards of directors of the Diversity Institute at Misericordia University, the Greater Wilkes-Barre Family YMCA and Children's Service Center. She is also a member of the Luzerne County Youth Council and the Luzerne County Family Centers Planning Group.

Her efforts have not gone unnoticed. She was awarded an honorary doctorate from King's College and has received recognition from the W-B Area School District, Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug and Alcohol Planning Council, Child Development Center of NEPA, Luzerne County Reading Council; Leadership W-B; Children's Service Center; W-B Education Association; Community of Inter-Faith Action; City of W-B, W-B NAACP and Kiwanis Club of Wilkes-Barre.

Little era ends for basketball program

STORY BY SCOTT CRISPELL

Andre Little '05

Marcus Little '10

When the final horn sounded on the Misericordia University men's basketball season, it marked more than the end of the 2009-10 campaign. For the Cougars and their fans, in particular Pam and Herman Little, it marked the end of an era – the Little Era.

The Littles have watched their sons, Andre and Marcus, handle the point guard duties for the Cougars in eight of the last nine seasons. After Andre appeared in 106 games from 2001-02 to 2004-05, the Littles took a year off before Marcus arrived in Dallas for the 2006-07 season.

In more than 200 games, the Stroudsburg natives combined for 111 wins and six playoff berths, including a spot in this year's Freedom Conference tournament. "I wish Marcus had a little brother," said Misericordia head coach Trevor Woodruff, who coached Andre as a senior and has coached Marcus for all four years. "They have certainly left their mark on our program."

Besides Andre's breakout senior season where he averaged 15.8 points per game on his way to first-team all-conference and Wendy's Athlete of the Year honors, the duo's careers are eerily similar. They both were part of 19-win seasons, the school single-season victories record, and both played on teams that reached the ECAC championships.

Andre, at 5 feet, 9 inches, and Marcus, at 5 feet, 10 inches, both used their muscular bodies and quickness to drive to the basket and get to the foul line. "They are both so athletic," said Woodruff. "They brought so much to the table: quickness, durability, and consistency."

Andre is tied for third in school history with 106 games played while Marcus is fifth with 103. Marcus is fourth with 330 free throws made while Andre is eighth with 227.

Marcus made 201 field goals and averaged 7.6 points per game for his career while Andre scored 6.4 ppg on 209 field goals. Both players would step out and make an occasional three-pointer – with 33.8 percent for Marcus to 33.3 percent for Andre.

In the assists department, Marcus is third with 317 assists and Andre is fifth with 257 while the positions are reversed for steals. Andre is third with 146 career steals while Marcus is fifth with 121.

While Andre's absence was eventually filled by his brother, Marcus' departure will be tougher to replace for the Cougars. "Any program and coach would've been fortunate to have Andre or Marcus play for them," said Woodruff. "Having the pleasure to coach both of them has been invaluable to me personally and our entire program."

Athletics Briefs

Redmond an All-American

Junior Frank Redmond earned All American status at the NCAA Division III Track & Field Championships at Baldwin Wallace College. He finished fifth in the 800m (1:53.05) to become the first track & field All American in MU history.

Frank Redmond

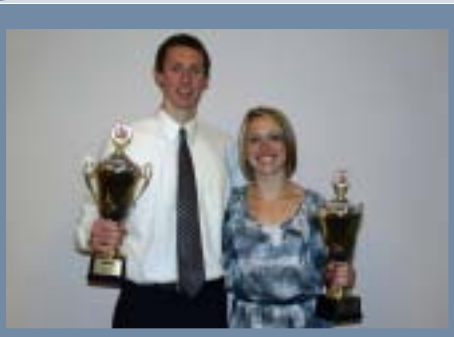
I m really excited for Frank, said head coach Chris Wadas. He did what h came out here to do. His goal was to get to the finals and place as high as possible. He put himself in position with a great race in the prelims. This is a great experience for him to build on for his senior season.

Winter Sports Wrap-up

The MU men s basketball team finished 16 12 and advanced to the Freedom Conference championship game and the ECAC South playoffs. Senior **Dom Del Prete** was a first team All Freedom selection and ended his career with 1,209 points.

The Cougars opened the season by winning the Laurel Line Tournament with Del Prete earning MVP honors and **Mark Williams** making the All Tournament team.

MU won seven of its last nine regular season games to finish tied for second place during the regular season in the Freedom Conference.



Jeff Clark, left, and Sue Bochnovich pose with the trophies they received for being named the Wendy s Athletes of the Year at MU.

The women s basketball team finished 15 11 and earned a Freedom Conference playoff berth for the second consecutive year.

Sophomore **Christine Marks** was named first team All Freedom after leading the team in scoring (16.1 ppg) and rebounding (9.7 rpg).

Senior **Vanessa Wright** concluded her career in sixth place in career steals (173) and tied for eighth all time in assists (187).

The swim teams enjoyed another successful weekend at the MAC championships as the women finished second overall while the men were third. The women won five MAC titles and set seven school records while the men won six MAC titles and set eight school records.

MU s individual MAC champions were **Jeff Clark** (100 & 200 breaststrokes), **Greg Vossler** (50 free), **Alicia Bryk** (50 free) and **Chelsea Mixon** (100 free).

Clark set MAC records in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes and became Misericordia s first NCAA qualifier since Eric Sweeney won an NCAA Championship in 1998 99.

Sue Bochnovich concluded her track & field career with an All ECAC performance in the 200m dash. She broke her own school record to finish third in her final collegiate race.

Kelsey Cameron, Brianna Kramer, Marina Orsson and **Marcie Cusatis** earned All ECAC status with a sixth place finish and a school record in the 4x800 relay.

Bochnovich earned her second consecutive MAC Indoor Track Athlete of the Year Award while winning four MAC championships. She won the 55m and 200m dashes and was part of winning teams in the 4x200 and 4x400 relays to lead MU to a runner up finish in team standings.

For the men, Frank Redmond was All ECAC after breaking his own school record and finishing second at 800m. At the MAC meet, he won the 800m and was part of the winning 4x800 relay team.

Clark and **Bochnovich** also were named the 2009 10 Wendy s Athletes of the Year at MU. In its 11th year, the Wendy s Athlete of the Month program is sponsored by Quality Served Fast, he local Wendy s franchise organization.

A Bright Future

OM graduates rise to VPs at Berkshire Hathaway Co.

STORY BY PAUL KRZYWICKI

Matt Malcolm 02, 04, seated, Laurie Cywinski 03, left, and Patricia Leonard 02, 06, are vice presidents at Koehler Bright Star LLC.

Warren Buffet is bullish when it comes to investments, but a local subsidiary of his Berkshire Hathaway Inc., holding company also knows how to meet revenue projections by developing new state of the art products and properly managing people.

Koehler Bright Star LLC has been an industry leader in lighting products since 1909. The Hanover Township manufacturing facility makes the safest, most advanced flashlight and lighting products for industrial safety, mining industry and emergency responders around the world.

Managing the company s growth and development are three vice presidents who learned to properly manage both business and human assets through the organizational management master s degree program at Misericordia University. Matt Malcolm 02, 04, Patricia Leonard 02, 06 and Laurie Cywinski 03 have different corporate responsibilities, but abide by similar philosophies.

From my perspective, a successful organization develops plans to achieve goals, effectively communicates them and crisply executes those plans, says Malcolm, who as executive vice president is in charge of strategic planning, new product development and revenue generation. One of the tenets of the OM program is that management is not all about financial modeling. But, in fact, it also includes the motivation and management of people.

Leonard manages all aspects of human resources and safety functions for Koehler and Wells Lamont Industry Group in Chicago, Ill., Philadelphia, Miss., Semur en Auxois, France, and Quebec, Canada. That second MU degree allowed her to further sharpen her people skills.

The OM program has helped me develop leadership skills and increase knowledge of how successful organizations function. Everything I have learned through the OM program I have been able to apply directly to my work. The program helped to fine tune my management skills, she says.

I was looking for a program that would build my leadership skills and give me a an overview of other areas of business such as human resources and business law, adds Cywinski, who serves a dual role as VP of finance for Koehler and assistant director of finance for Marmon Industrial Companies. The program gave me a good working knowledge of many aspects of business needed to succeed as a leader.

The VPs completed their graduate degrees as working professionals with outside family responsibilities. Each of them credited the Center for Adult and Continuing Education with understanding the unique needs of adult learners and catering to them, as well.

They paid attention to the students, understood that at times work interfered with class, helped students work through their fears and anxieties, and were willing to assist in any way, says Leonard. I found the OM program to be job friendly and geared toward adult learning. The program made it easy for me to go back to school while working full time. I did not feel like a number.

During the time I was working on my degree, I was able to attend classes in Hazleton and on campus depending on my personal and work schedule, offers Cywinski, who prepares the annual budget and strategy plans for the company.

There were multiple choices throughout the program on time and location.

I was attracted to the flexible scheduling and also its emphasis on management skills of an organization s human resources, adds Malcolm.

Without hesitation, I can say that my education is a pivotal part of my ability to successfully manage and provide leadership in today s hyper competitive global marketplace.

Adult learner pursues education despite hardships

At first glance, it might appear that fate is against him. Yet 32-year-old Mark Jones, a married father of four from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., has earned a 3.98 GPA and continues to pursue his bachelor's degree from Misericordia University despite the hardships he faces due to his eldest son's on-going battle with leukemia and losing his job during the recent recession. His dedication and perseverance has earned him the 2010 Misericordia University Outstanding Adult Learner Award.

Jones is scheduled to graduate in December 2010 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration with a minor in marketing that he earned through the Expressway Accelerated Degree Program. "I try to reiterate to my sons that it's not just about getting a better job because you have a degree. College is about learning, experiencing, becoming independent and challenging yourself to be the best you can be," he said.

A native of Charleston, W.V., Jones graduated from high school in 1995, and began his collegiate career on a track and cross country scholarship at West Virginia Wesleyan College. He had completed just three semesters before a death in his family caused him to return home and go to work full time. He came to the Wyoming Valley to pursue a job as a radio disc jockey in 1998. His career path next took him into newspaper advertising sales.

In February 2008, he made the decision to "finish what he started" and enrolled in Expressway. The program's flexible schedule allowed him to take

Mark Jones poses for a picture with his son, Zackery, 13, after receiving the award.

classes while continuing to work full time and raise four sons with his wife, Maggie. The arduous task was made even harder because their then 11-year-old son, Zackery, was undergoing chemotherapy treatments for leukemia.

Another hurdle soon followed when he was laid-off from his job during the recession in 2009. "I considered putting my education on hold, but my wife and I decided it was in our best interest for me to finish my educational pursuit even if it meant personal and financial hardship," Jones said.

A member of the Business Professional Association and a Peer Tutor, Jones has excelled in class and earned plenty of accolades.

Explore security issues in Government, Law and National Security program

The Center for Adult and Continuing Education has introduced a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government, Law and National Security (GLNS) for adult learners with an associate's degree to prepare them to enter the expanding national and homeland security workforce within the government and private sector.

The recent institutionalization of security services due to international and domestic events, and natural and manmade disasters has created a need for academic training that is more managerial and government-oriented than traditional criminal justice programs. The 66-credit GLNS program offered through Expressway broadly trains students in law and government with an emphasis on analytical managerial skills. It provides students with a strong foundation in the field of national security studies so graduates of the program can succeed in a wide range of challenging careers spanning the federal, state, local and private-sector national security system.

"Over the past decade, there has been an increased interest in national security studies at both the undergraduate and graduate levels,'' said Brian Carso, J.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of history and director of the new GLNS program. "The program is designed to appeal to students from a variety of academic backgrounds and to provide them with a specialization that is at once directed and focused, and yet broad enough to give them flexibility in this growing and emerging career field.''

Public safety and national security have been pushed to the forefront of the public's consciousness due to terrorist attacks, natural disasters and various criminal activities. In response, public safety has been categorized under umbrella terms like emergency management, homeland security and national security. These new organizational structures have been charged with detecting, deterring and mitigating threats, both domestic and foreign.

The program is being offered to adult students with an associate's degree and is being delivered in a format to account for their busy schedules. It is available in Misericordia's Expressway Program which is designed to meet the needs of working adults. The new program can be completed in as little as 2 1/2 years.

For more information about the Government, Law and National Security program at Misericordia University, please call the Center for Adult and Continuing Education at (570) 674-6791 or e-mail Maki McCann, assistant director of off-campus programs and special initiatives, at mmccann@misericordia.edu.

Career Exploration Camps introduce teens to careers

Misericordia is offering high school juniors and seniors the opportunity for hands on academic learning at eight Career Exploration Camps.

The Communications & Media camp on June 27 30 offers students the chance to explore print, TV and new media careers. The camp is $85. To register, contact Melissa Sgroi, communications department, chair, at (570) 674 6744, msgroi@ misericordia. edu.

The Literature camp on June 27 30 is designed for students who have a passion for stories, novels and the stae. The camp is $85. To register, call Rebecca Steinberger, Ph.D., English department chair, at (570) 674 6423, rsteinbe@misericordia.edu.

The Nursing camp is June 27 30 and offers 15 students the opportunity to gain a firsthand look at the exciting field through a mixture of clinical, laboratory, classroom and field experiences. The camp is $95. To register, contact Kathleen Gelso, MSN, RN, at (570) 674 6373 or at kgelso@misericordia.edu.

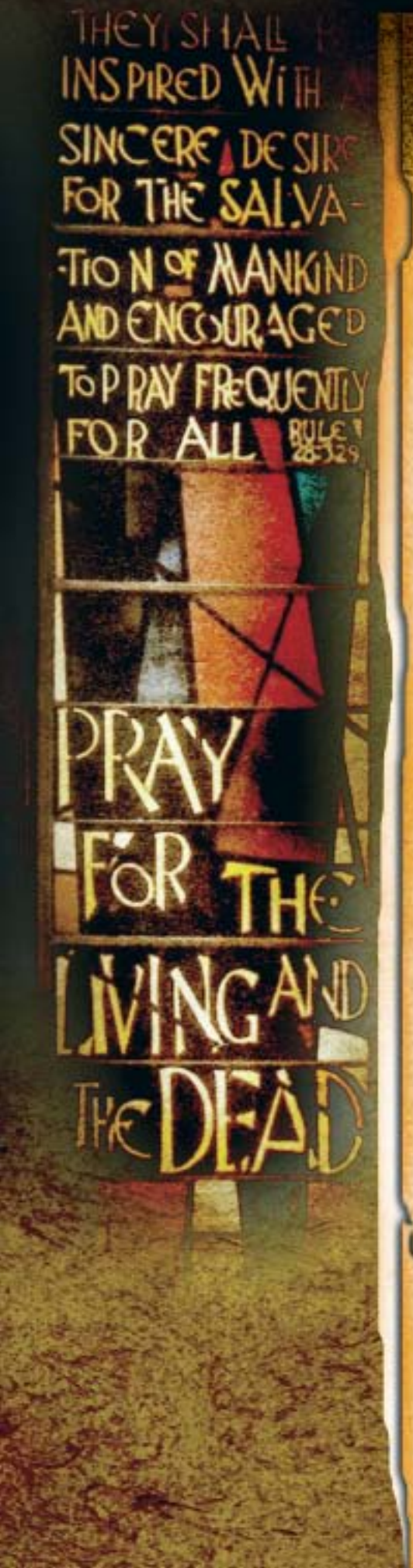
The Future Business Executives camp from June 27 30 is for students interested in being prepared to make good decisions about finance, money and careers. The camp is $85. To register, contact Robert Williams, assistant director, Center for Economic and Entrepreneurship Education, at (570) 674 6777 or at rwilliam@ misericordia.edu.

The Speech Language Pathology camp from June 27 30 allows students to become familiar with the many career options in the growing SLP field. The camp is $85. To register, contact Donna DiBlasi at (570) 674 6724, ddiblasi@ misericordia.edu.

The Biology camp is June 27 30 and students will gain experience working in teams and assisting with a research project. The camp is $95. To register, call (570) 674 6400 or jdessoye@ misericordia.edu.

The Future Teachers camp is June 27 29. Students will learn about the education profession and participate in hands on sessions designed to introduce them to methods and strategies utilized by real educators. The camp is $75. To register, call (570) 674 6270 or rhometch@misericordia.edu.

The Occupational Therapy camp is June 27 29 and gives students the opportunity to learn about OT and tour clinical sites. The camp is $90. To register, contact Debbie Carey at (570) 674 6391, dcarey3@misericordia.edu.



In Memoriam

Sister Mary Michele Brophy, RSM 1958
March 16, 2010

Eleanor Jackowski Buda 1969
November 7, 2009

Resia M. Carroll 1983
November 16, 2009

Kathleen Cavuto 1953
April 3, 2010

Mary Comer 1992
April 2, 2010

Josephine Zelnock Heffers 1942
November 1, 2009

Lucille M. Lang 1968
November 20, 2009

Sister Mary Lucian McGroarty, RSM 1963
November 26, 2009

Sister Maureen McGroarty, RSM 1954
March 24, 2010

Anne P. McKeown 1963
October 29, 2009

Elizabeth Kotinsley Myers 1939
September 1, 2008

Agnes Stephens Novitt 1951
December 4, 2009

Maria Kirwan Owen 1966
December 8, 2009

Margaret Shafer Pape 1975
March 1, 2010

Sister Mary James
Margaret Purcell, RSM 1959
January 1, 2010

Mary Isabel Gallagher Reiff 1950
February 28, 2010

Marie Wittner Roberts 1953
November 29, 2009

Mary Pugh Scanlan 1953
March 22, 2010

Marilyn Turon Schevets 1949
October 28, 2009

Luisa Amelio Smith 1987
January 7, 2010

Sister Mary Amalia Soulliard, RSM 1956
December 10, 2009

Mary Dettmore Watkins 1955
December 30, 2009

Ruth A. Wilhelm 1941
December 25, 2009

Mary McGuire Yankalunas 1960
March 28, 2010

Three Dog Night headlines Under the Stars in July

Legendary music icons Three Dog Night headline the Under the Stars Summer Arts Festival at the Wachovia Amphitheater in July, which also features The Ken Peplowski Octet playing jazz standards from *The Great American Songbook*.

In the early 1970s, no other group achieved more top 10 hits, moved more records or sold more concert tickets than Three Dog Night. The Grammy-nominated band has 21 consecutive Top 40 hits, including No. 1 chart-toppers *Mama Told Me (Not to Come)*, *Joy to the World*, and *Black and White*.

Founding members Cory Wells and Danny Hutton on lead vocals, as well as original keyboardist Jimmy Greenspoon, are joined by guitarist Michael Allsup, Paul Kingery on bass and vocals, and Pat Bautz on drums.

The Starlight Concert starring Three Dog Night is Saturday, July 17 at 8 p.m. Festival tables that seat six are $360, amphitheater tickets are $30 and lawn seats are $20. The Jazz in July concert featuring The Ken Peplowski Octet is Wednesday, July 21 at 8 p.m. Festival tables that seat six are $120, amphitheater tickets are $15 and lawn seats are $8. Call the Box Office at (570) 674-6719 for tickets.

Capa, WWII exhibits receive rave reviews

Brian Carso, J.D., Ph.D., assistant professor of history and curator of the exhibit, explains a photograph to a gallery guest.

The Pauly Friedman Art Gallery at Misericordia University hosted the exhibit, *Robert Capa: World War II Photographs*, and a related four-part lecture series, *Views of the War: World War II in Art, Film and Photographs*, from March 2 to April 17.

The exhibit featured 33 prints from Capa, who was the preeminent war photographer during the world's violent century. True to his motto, "If your pictures aren't good enough, you aren't close enough,'' his photographs portray the brutal reality of combat with an intimacy and immediacy that had never before been seen.

The exhibit was complemented by World War II artifacts on loan from the Luzerne County Historical Society, including authentic World War II uniforms.

The Friedman Art Gallery also featured exhibits *Guiding Light* by Christopher Ries (Aug. 22-Oct. 25, 2009; Capturing Realism 2009: The Waichulis Studio (Nov. 7-Dec. 19, 2009); Elma Pratt and the rebellious artistry of the Assembly of Revolutionary Artists of Oaxaco (Jan. 25-Feb. 27, 2010); and the Modern Masters (April 24-June 26).

For more information about the gallery, please call (570) 674-6250 or log on to misericordia.edu/art.

Show off your Misericordia Pride

University Advancement at Misericordia University and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation are offering the University s alumni another avenue to display their Cougar Pride everywhere they go through the new Misericordia University license plate.

Now available through Alumni Relations for $30, the plate features Misericordia s historic arch.

For more information or to order a license plate, please contact Denise Miscavage, director of Alumni, Community and Donor Relations, at (570) 674 6248 or e mail her at dmiscava@misericordia.edu.

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SUMMER

July 5 September 24
A Vision of Rhythm exhibit by artist Brian Keeler of Wyalusing, Pa.
Pauly Friedman Art Gallery artist reception, Wednesday, July 21, 5 8 p.m. (570) 674 6250. Gallery Hours: Mon. Thurs.: 10 a.m. 8 p.m.; Friday, 10 a.m. 5 p.m.; Sat. Sun: 1 5 p.m.

July 17, Saturday
Under the Stars Concert
Three Dog Night
Grammy nominated, legendary music icons perform live at the Wachovia Amphitheater at 8 p.m. Tickets: $360 Festival Table (seats 6); $30 Amphitheater; $20 Lawn.

July 18 24
Exploritas at Misericordia
Hospitality and education will be on the menu for those over age 50 during the University s 31st annual adventure in lifelong learning. Please call 1 800 454 5768 or go online at www.exploritas.org

July 21, Wednesday
Jazz in July Under the Stars
The Ken Peplowski Octet presents The Great American Songbook.
Eight immensely talented leading musicians, members of The Statesmen of Jazz and/or who have shared the stage with stars like Frank Sinatra, perform this magical evening of jazz standards. Wachovia Amphitheater, 8 p.m. Tickets: $120 Festival Table (seats 6); $15 Amphitheater; $8 Lawn.

July 25 30
Institute on Sacred Scripture
42nd Institute offers thought provoking scripture study hosted by Dr. Marie Noel Keller RSM, Th.D. To register, please call (570) 674 6161 or e mail Thea Kahn at tkahn@misericordia.edu.

FALL

October 1 3
Homecoming Weekend

October 2
Athletics Hall of Fame Induction

October 17 26
Misericordia University Alumni Association sponsored trip to Ireland.

November 18 20
Misericordia Players
Theater to perform, 8 p.m., Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall.
Tickets: $5 adults; $3 students/senior citizens.

December 2, Thursday
Ensemble Evening: DANCE
Student performances in dance in Lemmond Theater in Walsh Hall, 7:30 p.m. No charge.

December 4, Saturday
Brunch With Santa
Banks Student Life Center. For information contact the Alumni Box Office (570) 674 6768.

December 8, Thursday
Ensemble Evening: MUSIC
A delightful evening of Jazz, Wind, Flute ensembles, and Chamber Singers student performances in the Lemmond Theater. 7:30 p.m. No charge.

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November 30 December 7, 2010
Alpine Christmas Markets
Innsbruck, Salzburg, Oberammergau and Munich
Optional Train Ride on Free Day to Bolzano, Italy. $2,449

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March 17 27, 2011
Southern Italy and Sicily
Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento, Amalfi Coast and Sicily
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May 26 June 6, 2011
France Magnifique
Paris, Seine River Cruise, Normandy, French Riviera, Avignon, Monaco, etc.
$3,599

September 2 12, 2011
Gems of the Baltic Cruise
Tallin, Estonia, St. Petersburg, Helsinki, Stockholm and Copenhagen. Starting at $2,048 (includes airfare). Book by Aug 2, 2010 and save $130 per person.

Mid to Late October, 2011
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Greece: In the Footsteps of St. Paul
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