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A Message from the President

Dear Westminster Friends:

“There is a line from an old Beatles song that goes, ‘There are places I remember, all my life…’ Westminster has many such places. It is, after all, that sense of place that beckons us to keep coming back to this beautiful campus again and again to experience a certain kind of tranquility we cannot quite describe.” Thus begins the forward to the new pictorial history of Westminster College by Barbara Bradon Guffey ’70 and Debora Swatsworth Foster ’74 (available through the Westminster Bookstore). Its pages give us a view of the place and its purpose.

The sense of place brings us back to our roots, the sense of purpose spurs us on as we strive to carry out Westminster’s mission: “To help men and women develop competencies, commitments and characteristics which have distinguished human beings at their best.”

In each Westminster Magazine we try to share the accomplishments of the College and her faculty, staff and students. In our last issue we reported on Westminster’s ranking among liberal arts colleges by Washington Monthly. The ranking is a measure of mission-related success among the nation’s top 201 liberal arts colleges. Westminster is ranked #15 among a “Who’s Who” of such colleges. The publication’s editor, Paul Glastris, explains, “The Washington Monthly college rankings are meant to provide a guide not just to what colleges can do for you, but what colleges are doing for the country. The whole point is to recognize the broader role colleges and universities play in our national life and to reward those institutions that best fulfill that role.”

More remarkable still is the fact that Westminster has achieved its status among the Williams, Wellesleys, and Washington and Lees of the world with an endowment that is a fraction of their monetary resource bases. The secret weapon: Westminster people, faculty and staff members who go the extra mile to inspire and truly educate deserving students, regardless of their background or family income.

American dreams start here. We’ve known it all along. We support Westminster because of her authenticity, her focus on mission, and that certain sense of place and tranquility that defies description.

With gratitude,

R. Thomas Williamson
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Westminster selects 14th president

Westminster College has selected Dr. Richard H. Dorman to serve as its 14th President. Dorman is currently vice president for institutional advancement at Otterbein College in Westerville, Ohio.

The announcement came following a special meeting of Westminster’s Board of Trustees. Dorman, a 54-year-old New York state native who has spent many years in Pennsylvania, is expected to assume leadership of Westminster College on July 1, 2008, when President R. Thomas Williamson steps down. Williamson has led Westminster since 1997 and announced his retirement plans last February.

“Westminster’s mission is to help men and women develop competencies, commitments and characteristics which have distinguished human beings at their best,” said Board Chair Debora S. Foster ’74. “Dr. Dorman has the skills, experience, and dedication needed to lead Westminster College while embracing the special mission that has served Westminster since 1852. We are delighted that he will join the Westminster community.”

“Tom Williamson has been an extraordinary leader for Westminster and has established a strong foundation upon which the institution can continue to build its reputation for quality,” said Dorman.

Dorman has served as vice president for institutional advancement at Otterbein College since 1996. He was responsible for all external affairs and oversaw the most successful fundraising years in the College’s history. Otterbein completed a $35-million comprehensive capital campaign and completed a number of renovation and capital projects during his tenure.

He served as assistant vice president for development (1994-96) and director of health sciences development at the University of Louisville (1990-94) following four years as an executive with the Penn State Alumni Association. The Penn State Alumni Association earned the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education’s Grand Gold Medal as the best Alumni Relations program in the nation for an unprecedented three consecutive years during Dorman’s tenure with the association.

Dorman served as director of marketing for Prestige Expositions in Ridgewood, N.J., from 1983-87, and began his career as director of choral activities at Red Lion Area Senior High School from 1975-79.

Dorman earned a bachelor of music degree in music education from Susquehanna University in 1975. He earned his master’s in counseling/college student personnel services and his doctorate in higher education administration from The Pennsylvania State University.

A member of the Presbyterian Church (USA), Dorman and his wife, Beverly, have a son, Daniel, and a daughter, Kelly.

Westminster to offer $56,000 Legacy Scholarships

Westminster College will celebrate its 156th anniversary in 2008 by offering $56,000 Legacy Scholarships to qualified children and grandchildren of Westminster alumni.

New students entering Westminster in the fall of 2008 can earn $56,000 Legacy Scholarships—$14,000 per year for four years—as long as they are accepted at Westminster, have at least a 3.0 cumulative high school grade point average, and have a parent or grandparent who earned a degree from Westminster.

Legacy students qualifying for a higher merit scholarship would receive the larger merit scholarship, plus an additional $1,000 Alumni Scholarship award. Non-qualifying Legacy students would also receive a $1,000 Alumni Scholarship award in addition to any other merit scholarship they may earn.

“Westminster College is blessed to have great alumni who support Westminster in countless ways,” according to Westminster President R. Thomas Williamson. “We are pleased to offer the $56,000 Legacy Scholarships to thank our loyal alumni and give them an opportunity to share Westminster’s special experiences with their children and grandchildren.”

The Legacy Scholarship program comes at a time when there is record interest in attending Westminster College. Westminster expects to receive a record 2,500 applications for the 380 spots available in next fall’s class. Incoming freshmen have an average 3.42 high school grade point average and most rank in the top 25 percent of their high school class.

Westminster has more than 15,000 living alumni and has averaged about 20 Legacy freshmen in each incoming class.

Contact Brad Tokar ’91, dean of admissions and enrollment management, at (724) 946-7100 or e-mail tokarbp@westminster.edu for more information.
Campus groups join national campaign to make a difference

Several Westminster student groups took part in the national Make a Difference Day at the end of October.

- **Alpha Gamma Delta** sorority sisters spent a day painting pumpkins with residents of Shenango Presbyterian Senior Care and Shenango on the Green.

- Volunteers from **First Book-Westminster** read to children at Walker Neighborhood House, an after-school program in New Castle.

- **Mortar Board**, an honor society for seniors, raked leaves for more than 30 families in New Wilmington and the surrounding community. Leaves collected from outside the borough were taken to Westminster’s Field Station for composting.

- A group of 18 children from Westminster’s **Preschool Lab** and many of their parents participated in a composting project at Westminster’s Field Station under the direction of Dr. Clarence Harms. They discussed composting and how to re-use their garbage to feed the earth. At the Field Station, they added worms, water, leftover food, shredded paper, and leaves and stirred it up with gloved hands.

- Volunteers from the **Sierra Student Coalition** cleaned their mile-long Adopt-a-Highway section of Interstate 80. They collected 13 heavy duty trash bags of garbage in addition to fallen road signs, sand bags, and tires.

- The **Westminster College Feminists** volunteered at the Lawrence County Crisis Shelter in New Castle. One group planted approximately 20 donated trees, one group did interior painting, and one group cleaned the food pantry of expired items.

- Students in Dr. Amy Camardese’s **elementary education/special education class**, who are participating in a semester-long service learning project involving Special Olympics athletes, joined the athletes for a Halloween Dance at Shenango Volunteer Fire Department in New Castle.

First Book affiliate formed at Westminster

First Book-Westminster has been established on campus and will work to promote and facilitate the distribution of new books to children in literacy programs in Lawrence and Mercer counties.

Working in conjunction with the national network First Book, the Westminster advisory board has been provided 3,000 books to distribute in the two-county area. Some were given to children from the Farrell Elementary School and Greenville Head Start at the Celebrity Series’ presentation of “Arthur Tricks the Tooth Fairy.” Additional books are earmarked for the Sankey Youth Center, an after-school program administered by the New Castle City Rescue Mission.

“First Book-Westminster is developing a grant program for children’s organizations to apply for some of these books,” said Dr. Eileen Morelli, Westminster associate professor of education and faculty adviser to the campus group. “Our goal is to get all of these books into the hands of children by next spring.”

Dr. Mandy Medvin, Westminster professor of psychology and director of Westminster’s Preschool Lab, is co-adviser to the group.

First Book is an international nonprofit organization whose mission is to give children from low-income families the opportunity to read and own their first new books. In neighborhoods across the country, First Book advisory boards unite community leaders to provide books to children in literacy programs, shelters for battered children, housing project initiatives, soup kitchens, after-school programs, and other community-based efforts reaching children living at or below the poverty line. The organization has distributed over 45 million new books since its founding in 1992.

For more information about First Book, visit www.firstbook.org.
Students, faculty participate in Capitol showcase

Faculty and students represented Westminster College at the Undergraduate Research at the Capitol - Pennsylvania in Harrisburg.

The poster conference showcased undergraduate and award-winning research projects by undergraduate students from Pennsylvania. The event provided an opportunity to bring together college students and faculty with state legislators and staff to share the experiences of students engaged in research or scholarship at their colleges and universities.

The goals of the event were two-fold: To demonstrate that undergraduate research is important to the educational development of college students; and to show that undergraduate students can produce important and valuable research results that enrich the knowledge, cultural heritage, and economic well-being of our communities, our state, and our nation.

Anna Sparacino, a senior mathematics major from Verona with a minor in secondary education, shared her research, “The Evolution of the ABO Blood Group: A Mathematical Model,” which is a collaboration with Sara Jensen from Carthage College and is the result of her participation in a mathematics Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) at the University of Akron.

Brett Turk, a senior psychology and human resources major from New Castle, presented his poster, “A Content-Based Typology of Idiosyncratic Working Arrangements.” It is a component of his honors research.

Westminster faculty Dr. Carolyn Cuff ’78, professor of mathematics; Dr. Jamie McMinn, assistant professor of psychology and chair of Turk’s honors board; and Dr. Virginia Tomlinson, director of Westminster’s Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, attended the conference.

Students earn grants for undergraduate research

The Westminster College Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning awarded grants to eight students to continue their undergraduate research.

“Enhancing opportunities for undergraduate research is an important component of the work of the Drinko Center in enriching undergraduate education,” said Dr. Virginia Tomlinson, associate professor of sociology and director of the Drinko Center. “The Undergraduate Research Initiative provides funding for students to conduct research and to present their research at regional and national conferences.”

Students who received awards are:
- Ashley Boucek, a senior molecular biology major from Allison Park, will use the grant to further her research on “Vitamin D metabolites and dedifferentiation inducing signals in Ambystoma mexicanum.” She is working with Dr. Joshua Corrette-Bennett, assistant professor of biology.
- William “Mike” Kochemba, a junior chemistry major form Grove City, will use the grant to continue his research on “Luminescence of Lanthanide Salts Containing Nitrosalicylaldehyde Schiff-base Derived Ligands.” He is working with Dr. Peter Smith, assistant professor of chemistry.
- Anna Montgomery, a senior molecular biology major from Cortland, Ohio, will apply the grant to continued research on “Temperature-Dependent Rate of Limb Regeneration in Ambystoma mexicanum.” Her adviser is Corrette-Bennett.
- Shelley Perschke, a senior molecular biology major from Renfrew, will use the grant to further her research on “The Effect of Pthalates on HOXA13 in Ambystoma mexicanum.” She is working with Corrette-Bennett.
- Jennifer Steele, a senior chemistry major from Beaver, will apply the grant to continued research on “The Synthesis of 1,4-Butanediol from Aldose and Ketose Sugars Using Wilkinson’s Catalyst in Aqueous Solutions.” Smith is her adviser.
- Mallory Strickland, a senior biochemistry major from North Huntingdon, will apply her grant to further research on “The Effects of Therapeutic Touch on the Renaturation of Ribonuclease A.” She is working with Dr. Helen Boylan, associate professor of chemistry.
- Michael Gorka, a senior chemistry major from Erie, will apply the grant to continue research on “Microwave-Assisted Synthesis of Tetrahydrofuran via Acid-Catalyzed Cyclodehydration of 1,4-Butanediol.” Smith is his adviser.
- Brandi Weigand, a junior chemistry major from Allison Park, will use the grant to further her research on “Luminescence of Lanthanide Complexes Containing Bromo-Schiff/Base Derived Ligands.” Smith is her adviser.

All grant recipients are invited to participate in the Undergraduate Research Symposium held on campus in the spring.

Student completes REU program

Anna Montgomery, a senior molecular biology major from Cortland, Ohio, completed a 10-week research training program at the University of Florida Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience in St. Augustine.

Montgomery was one of 11 students selected from more than 100 applicants nationwide to participate in the Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) program, co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the Whitney Lab.

Montgomery worked in the lab of Dr. Paul Linser to quantify the expression of the mRNA of selected anti-microbial peptides in mosquito larvae after the ingestion of high doses of bacteria; and to define if any up regulation takes place in the gut, the carcass, or both. The significance was to understand the immune system for a potential target for controlling the larvae of the African malaria mosquito, the major transmitter of malaria in this region.

“Medical school is my career plan, and my work at the Whitney Lab has helped advance my goals,” Montgomery said.

“Collaborating with several researchers and working on multiple projects has shown me that the research process builds and develops in many ways. The results provide a basis of understanding that can be used in the clinical world.”
Westminster’s contribution to arts recognized in Harrisburg

Opera Westminster performed at Independent College and University Day in October at the Pennsylvania State Capitol. Westminster College was recognized for its contribution to the arts.

The event, established by State House Resolution No. 406, was sponsored by the Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Pennsylvania (AICUP), of which Westminster is a member.

Under the direction of Dr. Anne Bentz, Westminster associate professor of music and director of Opera Westminster in Harrisburg, students performed “O help me, o help me!” and “Die Vicious Snake” from Mozart’s The Magic Flute. Ladies of the Queen of the Night were played by Karen Biddle, Ashley Cesaratto, and Jill Darby. The part of Tamino was portrayed by Douglas Rab. Chris Granger provided piano accompaniment.

Westminster was one of 10 colleges selected to participate and represent different areas in which independent colleges contribute to the state, said Dr. Virginia Tomlinson, associate professor of sociology and director of the Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

AICUP’s booklet, “Top 10 Reasons Pennsylvania Needs Independent Colleges & Universities,” featured Westminster’s contribution to the arts. The caption stated, “Independent colleges and universities provide numerous opportunities for students to get involved in the arts. But the communities also benefit—many institutions have built centers for the arts for students and residential performances.”

The Opera Westminster service-learning course performed in off-campus settings that included a Pittsburgh Opera reception, a nursing home, a preschool, and an Italian restaurant.

Westminster is recognized as a Western Pennsylvania Center for the Cultural Arts with its active music and theatre programs, and 40-year-old Celebrity Series, which brings the finest performers to the region.

Boylan, students lead workshop

Boylan led the workshop “The Science of CSI” concerning the science of fingerprinting. Westminster students assisting Boylan were Nichole Batey, a sophomore biology major from McDonald, and Kimberly Worst, a sophomore chemistry major from Butler.

Batey demonstrated taking and analyzing inked prints. Worst demonstrated dusting and lifting fingerprints. Workshop participants had an opportunity to experience both activities.

Boylan also spoke on mercury issues at two fall conferences.
View Westminster’s history in new pictorial book

Barbara Bradon Guffey ’70 and Debora Swatsworth Foster ’74 have co-authored a pictorial history of Westminster College, now available for purchase in the Westminster Bookstore.

Published by Arcadia Publishing, Westminster College: The Campus History Series offers an illustrated timeline of Westminster’s 155 years. From an 1853 sketch of the College’s first building to Westminster’s contributions during World War II to the construction of the McKelvey Campus Center, the book is a photographic history of Westminster and its heritage.

Foster serves as chair of the Board of Trustees, and Guffey is also a member of the Board. They acknowledged many in the production of the book, including professor emeritus and current Westminster archivist Dr. H. Dewey DeWitt, librarian Molly Spinney ’72, and college historian Paul W. Gamble ’32. Royalties from the book will benefit McGill Memorial Library.

Documentary earns runner-up finish at film festival

The 2007 Iris Film Festival honored a short documentary produced and directed by Westminster College students with a runner up finish.

“Who Knows What Caitlyn May Do?” was produced for the communications/sociology cluster course during the spring 2007 semester. The 13-minute film introduces the audience to 3-year-old Caitlyn May Hickman, a child with Down syndrome, and her family: Lisa, Jason, and Leah Hickman. The family shares insights to remind the viewer that while life may seem rough at times, viewing from a different perspective makes one aware of all life’s gifts.

Executive producers are Dr. Virginia Tomlinson, associate professor of sociology and director of the Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, and Bradley Weaver, instructor of broadcast communications. Dr. Mandy Medvin, professor of psychology, was also featured in the documentary. Weaver represented the College at the September festival at the Clifton Theater in Huntingdon.

Students involved in the writing, direction and production of the documentary were: Julie Kepins, a senior psychology major of Murrysville.

Ashley Pierson, a senior financial economics major of Wellsville, Ohio.

Andrew Polack, a senior computer science and mathematics major of Abingdon, Md.

Michael Wolenski, of Butler, a 2007 Westminster graduate with a degree in broadcast communications.

The festival was a competition open to all Pennsylvania filmmakers. Entries were screened in advance and the top two in each of several categories were featured in festival screenings open to the public.

Physics major co-authors article

Lisa Gayetsky, a senior physics major from Canfield, Ohio, and Dr. Craig Caylor, associate professor of physics, co-authored “Measuring the Forces Between Magnetic Dipoles,” which was published in the September issue of The Physics Teacher.

“Students regularly experience the force between two magnets. That force gets significantly stronger when the magnets are closer, and weaker when they are farther away. It is uncommon for introductory level courses to describe how much stronger or weaker,” said Caylor. “The lab we developed is a very simple one that shows that halving the distance between the magnets would make the force between them 16 times stronger. We can also show that the force between a magnet and a piece of iron or steel would get approximately 128 times stronger by halving the distance between them. Neither result is surprising; both are theoretically expected. The lab activity gives students an accessible way to experience it.”

Gift of Giving

Patricia Litwinowicz M’73, niece of Victor Frank Beck ‘54, presents Westminster College President R. Thomas Williamson with a check for $150,000 from the Beck estate. This gift has been designated to the McGill Library Improvement Project.

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Faculty Making News

Dr. Shahroukh Mistry, assistant professor of biology, was a presenter at a joint meeting of the 14th International Bat Conference and the 37th North American Bat Research Conference in Merida, Mexico.

Mistry’s presentation, coauthored with Dr. Arnulfo Moreno, “Climate change and vampire bats: latitudinal and elevational shifts in North America,” was given to participants from more than 30 countries.

He also delivered the Henderson Lecture in October on “Impacts of Global Climate Change – More Than Just a Mere Inconvenience.” His lecture highlighted the impacts of climate change on ecosystems, species distributions, and agricultural, socio-economic, and human health issues.


“Stevens and Moore are two of the great American Modernists of the 20th century,” Hicok said. “My essay tracks the way the two poets respond to and echo each other in the poetry of the 1930s.

Oxford University Press released Millennial Dreams and Apocalyptic Nightmares: The Cold War Origins of Political Evangelicalism by Dr. Angela Lahr, visiting assistant professor of history.

“The book addresses how the American evangelical subculture was able to reconstruct its relationship with the mainstream political culture during the Cold War,” Lahr said. “Conservative evangelicals engaged in religious practices inspired in part by their beliefs about the end-times to make sense of an increasingly dichotomous Cold War world. At the same time, Americans of all stripes were experiencing certain fears brought on by the nuclear age and anticommunism. Within this context, evangelicals became less marginal, creating a political foundation that would culminate with the prominence of the Religious Right in the late 1970s and the early 1980s.”

Dr. Edward Cohen, associate professor of political science and chair of the Department of Political Science and Sociology, was an invited presenter at the sixth Pan-European International Relations Conference in Turin, Italy, in September.

The conference, “Making Sense of a Pluralist World,” was sponsored by the Standing Group on International Relations (SGIR), a sub-group of specialists in international politics of the European Consortium of Political Research, the leading European-wide organization of political scientists. Approximately 1,000 participants represented nearly every European country, as well as countries in North and South America and the Middle East.

Cohen was invited by the organizer of a panel on “The Rule of Law under Security.” His paper, “Commercial Law, Legal Pluralism and the Privatization of Governance in the Global Political Economy,” was a continuation of his research on the politics of international economic and commercial law.

Dr. David O. Cushman, professor of economics and Captain William McKee Chair of Economics and Business, co-edited (with Jan Boucher Breuer of the University of South Carolina) a special issue of the Review of Financial Economics (August 2007).

In addition to the issue’s introduction, “Exchange rates and international financial assets: A special issue in honor of Stanley W. Black” (co-authored with Breuer), Cushman contributed an article titled “A Portfolio Balance Approach to the Canadian-U.S. Exchange Rate.”

The issue’s honoree, Stan Black, has been Lurcy Professor of Economics at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill since 1983. Prior to that he taught at Princeton and then Vanderbilt, where he was Cushman’s Ph.D. dissertation adviser.

Cushman’s paper in the issue shows that U.S. and Canadian assets and liabilities have been related to the U.S.-Canadian exchange rate over the last 30 years.

Dr. Bryan Rennie, associate professor and Vira I. Heinz chair in religion, was the keynote speaker at the biennial conference of the Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture held in October at Ohio State University.

Rennie’s presentation was “Eastern Orthodox Thought and Mircea Eliade’s Understanding of Religion.” Rennie has published four books and several articles about Eliade.

Dr. Andrew Ade, assistant professor of English, is the author of a one-act play that earned “Best play 2007” honors at the fifth annual Theatre Festival in Black and White, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Playwrights Theater Company (PPTC). The play was also performed in the fall at Westminster.

“A Question of Taste is a political fable about modern Africa,” Ade said. “Two African men of different generations and political philosophies meet while both are in police detention. They clash over important issues that motivate their resistance fighting against their national president and, despite the discovery of surprising similarities between them, end their personal encounter in violence.

In addition to Ade’s play, the festival included Cake Without Frosting by fj Hartland ’80.

Dr. James Rhoads, associate professor of political science, and Dr. Shannon Smithey, assistant professor of political science, presented “Attitudes Toward Privacy and Security Five Years After 9/11” at the annual meeting of The International Society for the Scientific Study of Subjectivity held at the National Library of Medicine in Bethesda, Md.

Nearly 100 scholars attended the meeting. Presenters came from Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands, South Korea, Norway, England, Canada, Brazil, Thailand, Taiwan, and the United States.

Rhoads was also appointed to the editorial board of The Journal of Human Subjectivity, an English-language journal sponsored by the Korean Society for the Scientific Study of Subjectivity.
SPORTS UPDATE

Ray Cebula was the ultimate three-sport athlete earning a total of eight varsity letters. Cebula competed in football, baseball, and track and field under head coaches Harold Burry, Buzz Ridl and Fran Webster, respectively. During his junior year in 1964-65, all three teams won championships including the football team posting an 8-0 record. As a senior, Cebula won the school’s Athlete of the Year award.

A native of Campbell, Ohio, Cebula attended Westminster as an elementary education major. The first known football player to preserve eligibility with a red-shirt season, Cebula played end and outside linebacker for the Titans while earning four varsity letters. He received an honorable mention for the all-district and all-conference teams as a sophomore in 1963 before earning a first-team all-conference selection in 1965.

In track, Cebula earned two letters and finished the 1965 season undefeated in the 220-yard dash. He also ran the 100 and 440.

Brian Germanoski was an All-American defensive lineman for the football team before graduating in 1995 with a degree in biology and environmental science. A four-year letterman, Germanoski achieved first-team All-America status during his senior season in 1994 after Westminster won the NAIA Division II National Championship. He was also an all-conference selection in the Mid-States Athletic Association.

Germanoski is ranked 24th in school history with 303 career tackles. His best season was in 1993 when he made 122 stops, while during his senior year he made 114 tackles with three pass break-ups, one interception and two fumble recoveries.

Overall, Germanoski played in two national championship games (1993 and 1994), and during his four years the Titans compiled a record of 39-9 under head coach Gene Nicholson.

The volleyball team advanced to the NAIA National Tournament in 1997 with a 31-8 record and Carrie Gorda was the dominating presence at middle hitter.

Gorda, who played from 1994-97 under head coach Tammy Swearingen, currently holds the school record for career blocks with 869 and ranks fourth in team history with 1,297 kills. She is one of two Westminster players (Janie Cebula ’97) to earn first-team all-conference and first-team all-region honors in consecutive seasons.

Gorda also played basketball at Westminster for two years.
TITAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Nominee________________________ Nominated by ______________________

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Class year ______________________ Your class year ______________________

**Nominees may include athletes, coaches, or anyone else who has made outstanding contributions to varsity athletics at Westminster.** Nominations may be made by Westminster alumni and current and former Titan coaches.

Athletes who are nominated must: 1) be a Westminster College graduate; 2) have been out of school a minimum of eight years; 3) have earned at least two letters in the same sport; and 4) receive nominations from at least two people. Non-athletes must also be nominated by at least two people. All nominations should include supporting documentation.

**Justification** (attach supporting data if necessary):

Sport(s) ____________________________________________________________

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Letters earned

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Awards, honors, accomplishments, etc. ____________________________________

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Deadline for nominations each year is March 1. Nominees not selected remain on the ballot for one additional year. Please send nominations to Director of Athletics, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA 16172-0001.

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**JIM GOSKE ’95**

There are only two teams in Westminster men’s basketball history to win 25 or more games in a season. Jim Goske was the leading scorer on the last Titan team to reach the benchmark in 1993-94.

During Goske’s junior season the Titans won their first Keystone-Empire Collegiate Conference (KECC) title—going 14-0 in league play—and advanced to the NAIA Division I Tournament in Tulsa, Okla., before the Titans finished the season with a 25-3 record, surpassed only by the 1961-62 team that went 26-3.

Goske, a 6-foot-4 forward, averaged a team-high 17 points per game that year and led the team with 77 3-pointers. As a senior in 1994-95, Goske averaged 14.6 points per game, second on the team to another prolific scorer, Booker Newberry ’95. Goske finished his career with 1,202 career points, which currently ranks 19th in school history. He also was a second-team all-KECC selection.

**JIM O’DONNELL ’63**

Jim O’Donnell was the most accomplished swimmer for Westminster in the early 1960s under head coaches William McGinnis and Harold Burry. A four-year letterman, he was voted team captain and the Titans’ most valuable swimmer for two seasons.

O’Donnell was untouchable in the 440-yard freestyle as he owned the Penn-Ohio Conference title in the event all four years, including a school record time of 5:01.9 as a senior. He was also the Penn-Ohio champion in the 220-yard freestyle for three years.

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**CRAIG VILLWOCK ’97**

Craig Villwock played in two of the Westminster football team’s national championship games in the mid-1990s under head coach Gene Nicholson. A 6-foot-2, 220-pound defensive end, Villwock was voted most valuable player in the Titans’ 1994 NAIA national championship game win over Pacific Lutheran, finishing a sophomore year in which he registered 18 sacks.

After sitting out the 1995 season with a hip injury, Villwock came back strong and played two more seasons earning a first-team all-conference honors, an honorable mention for the NAIA All-America team, and a Football Gazette All-America selection.

Villwock ranks 15th in school history with 364 career tackles, including 118 as a sophomore, 84 as a junior and 86 as a senior. Not including the 1995 season in which Villwock was injured, Westminster’s record was 40-10 during his four seasons from 1993-1997.
Alumni honored during Homecoming

As a part of Westminster’s Homecoming & Reunion Weekend festivities, Alumni Citations were presented to David Black ’75, the Rev. Dr. Daniel Merry ’77 and Mrs. Beth Brown Merry ’76, and Dr. Bille Jean Pearce Rondinelli ’79, while Jason Kalajainen ’97 received the Outstanding Young Alumni Award at the annual Citation Celebration Reception and Dinner.

David Black ’75

• President and CEO of the Harrisburg Regional Chamber and Capital Region Economic Development Corporation (CREDC), a recognized leader in member services, legislative advocacy, and economic development with more than $200 million in projects, creating and retaining more than 9,000 jobs since 2001.
• Has served in key roles for former Gov. Tom Ridge, including chief operating officer of Team Pennsylvania and deputy secretary in the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). He played a leadership role merging two departments to form DCED.
• As a Clarion County Commissioner, he was involved in economic development activities throughout western Pennsylvania.
• Black serves on a number of boards in the Harrisburg region. He has served as a Little League coach, a band and a football booster, as well as an elder in his Presbyterian church.

Rev. Dr. Daniel Merry ’77

• Earned a doctor of ministry degree from Union Theological Seminary and a diploma from American Summer Institute at St. Andrews University in Scotland.
• Served as pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in Pittston and at John McMillan Presbyterian Church.
• After serving as associate pastor for churches in Pittsburgh Presbytery, he was called to be head of staff at Southminster Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh in 2006.
• From August 2004 to July 2005, Merry and his wife, Beth Brown Merry ’76, and their daughters, Heather and Brooke, were missionaries in Malawi, Africa, as part of a partnership between Pittsburgh Presbytery and the Synod of Blantyre, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian.

Beth Brown Merry ’76

• Earned a master’s in cross cultural communications at Wheaton College and studied at St. Andrews Summer Institute.
• Currently an adjunct instructor in the communication and English departments at Waynesburg College.
• Has worked at the Wilkes-Barre campus of The Pennsylvania State University, Allegheny Community College, Robert Morris University, and Washington and Jefferson College.
• From August 2004 to July 2005, the Merrys and their daughters were missionaries in Malawi, Africa, as part of a partnership between Pittsburgh Presbytery and the Synod of Blantyre, Church of Central Africa Presbyterian. Dan was acting general secretary of Blantyre Synod and Beth worked at the Handicapped Center, the camp and conference center, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and the Open Arms Orphanage.

Dr. Bille Jean Pearce Rondinelli ’79

• Earned a master’s in education and certification as an elementary and secondary principal from Westminster, and a doctor of education degree from the University of Pittsburgh.
• She is assistant superintendent/secondary for the Pine-Richland School District, focusing on the secondary curriculum and coordinating professional staff development.
• Her previous experience included positions in the Shenango Area School District, Kent State University, Mentor High School, Mt. Lebanon school system, and Moon Area School District.
• She is involved with many professional and academic associations and has received honors that include the Giant Eagle Class Act teacher recognition award and “Who’s Who among High School Teachers.”

Jason Kalajainen ’97

• Finishing coursework for a master’s of education in non-profit administration from Vanderbilt University.
• Since 2005, he has been executive director of Ox-Bow School of Art and Artist’s Residency. He manages the operating budget, oversees their assets, develops relationships with academic programs, and is spokesman for Ox-Bow’s history and mission with the national arts community.
• He has worked with the United Way of Erie County, the Ann Arbor Art Center, and the Holland Area Arts Council.
• Active on community committees and boards, he has served as juror in exhibitions, art shows and fairs.

The Westminster College Alumni Citations were created to recognize alumni who achieved significant accomplishments in their profession or made meaningful contributions to the community or Westminster. The Outstanding Young Alumni Award recognizes alumni of 15 years or less who are making significant contributions as they build careers, serve their communities or Westminster.
College hosts alumni lecturers

Each year Westminster alumni are invited to share their experiences and expertise with students as part of the Homecoming & Reunion Weekend festivities. The 2007 Distinguished Alumni Lecturers were Paul M. Rice ’78, Susan Akerstrom Tarr ’70, and Dr. Tuesdae Rodgers Stainbrook ’91.

Rice, a mathematics teacher at Boardman High School for 30 years, spoke to students in the Department of Education. While a student at Westminster, he was tri-captain of the 1977 national championship football team. He earned his master’s degree in education from Youngstown State University. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Rice was an assistant football coach, an assistant baseball coach, president of the teachers’ union, and is an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

Stainbrook, medical director of DuBois Regional Medical Center (DRMC) Wound Care Center, addressed the Department of Biology during her return to Westminster. She holds a doctorate from the Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine and a master’s of public health in epidemiology from the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health. In addition to serving as the director at DRMC Wound Care Center, she also acts as the center’s infectious disease consultant and infection control chairman. She is an HIV specialist with the Northwest AIDS Alliance; a board member of the Clearfield and Jefferson County Drug and Alcohol Commission; a board member of the Clearfield and Jefferson County Heroin Task Force; and medical director of DuBois Regional Hyperbaric Medicine. She has written a number of articles and continues research in the areas of infection control, wound care management, and drug abuse.

Tarr, former executive director of the Federal Library and Information Network. During her 31-year career, she has served as executive director of the former Processing Services Department and chief of the Cataloguing Distribution Service, where she managed the introduction of the library’s first CD-formatted cataloguing products. She received a master’s in library science from the University of North Carolina and a master’s in legislative affairs from George Washington University. She is currently a master’s candidate in the theological studies program at Wesley Theological Seminary.

The three were honored during a Distinguished Alumni Lecturers Luncheon in Witherspoon Lakeview of the McKelvey Campus Center.

Send your wishes to the Williamsonsons

As we approach the 2008 retirement of President R. Thomas Williamson, we would be grateful if you could join us in celebrating his years of commitment and dedication to Westminster College.

We encourage you to send a card or note of appreciation to President Williamson and his wife, Jean. We are certain it will be a gesture welcomed by the Williamsonsons, and the cards will be tangible evidence of the exceptional work he has accomplished during his tenure.

If you would like to participate, please send your cards and well wishes by May 1, 2008. Because we will be gathering all of the cards to present to President Williamson, please address the envelope as follows: Ann Hope Haldeman ’48, c/o Office of Institutional Advancement, Box #7, Westminster College, 319 S. Market St., New Wilmington, PA 16172-0001.

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Save the Date!

Homecoming & Reunion Weekend • October 17, 18 & 19, 2008

Reunions to be Celebrated

• 25th Reunion: Class of 1983
• 45th Cluster Reunion: Classes of 1962, 1963 & 1964
• 50th Reunion: Class of 1958

Who do you hope to see at your reunion? Contact Westminster friends now and start making plans to get together on campus!
August 17 – Pittsburgh ▲
More than 30 Pittsburgh-area alumni enjoyed a fun August evening as they gathered at Hi-Tops before the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game at PNC Park. More than 100 alumni and guests enjoyed the game and the Skyblast 2007 fireworks and laser show afterwards. Thanks to our Pittsburgh Regional Alumni Committee for planning this great alumni outing! Committee members include Jim Giel ’74, Melissa Rea Goda ’99, Barbara Braden Guffey ’70, Rich McKenna ’84, Leanne Onorato ’98, Phil Petraglia ’83, Seth Rice ’01, Becky Rickard ’98, Melissa Ruefle ’98 and Melissa Wiley ’00.

From left Jan Twaddle ’74, Phil Petraglia ’83, Ginny Petraglia

October 7 – Chambersburg ▲
Central Presbyterian Church was the setting for a Sunday afternoon luncheon and alumni gathering in Chambersburg with Tom and Jean Williamson. Thank you to Jane Morgan ’62 and Alan Sternbergh ’51 for hosting this lovely event. President Williamson gave a College update and a pictorial PowerPoint of campus was shown, bringing alumni up-to-date on changes to campus. An extra thanks to Jane for compiling the pictures!

It’s been a busy fall for Regional Connections! I am thrilled to have the opportunity to meet with regional alumni volunteers throughout the country. Please write me or call me if you are interested in making connections for Westminster in your area. I’d love to hear from you.

UPCOMING ALUMNI EVENTS:

• Tuesday, April 15, 2008: Lawrence-Mercer County Alumni Dinner and Celebrity Series performance of Evita

• Sunday, April 27, 2008: Cleveland-Akron-Canton-Youngstown Alumni Gathering at the Pine Lake Trout Club, Chagrin Falls, OH

• Thursday, May 1, 2008: Pittsburgh Alumni Gathering at the Rivers Club

Cindy Dafler ’03 has been a member of the Westminster College staff since 1991.

For information about an upcoming regional event or if you are interested in hosting an event in your area, contact Cindy at 724-946-7373 or daflers@westminster.edu.

October 6 – Wexford ▲
The Pittsburgh Westminster College Women’s Club held its fall meeting at Atria’s Restaurant in Wexford. Twenty-five alumnae and guests enjoyed a delicious lunch and received an update on the McGill Library Renovation Project, presented by Molly Spinney ’72, associate professor and head librarian.

As Coordinator of Advancement Events for Westminster College, Cindy works with regional alumni groups throughout the country to develop and strengthen Westminster Connections.
The annual Homecoming parade along Market Street is a Westminster tradition, featuring familiar scenes such as children grabbing the best curb seats, student floats, and candy tosses to parade goers. Parade participants this year included Harriet Jackson Sarver ’36, driven by son Dave Sarver ’73.
All-alumni picnic: The all-alumni picnic in Old 77 offered a chance for classmates to enjoy a meal and catch up.

Golden Anniversary: Roxanne Johnson Shane ’57 registers for the 50th class reunion luncheon.
Prior to developing this short monograph I asked a number of individuals for input on inscription surfaces. A specific question was, in both the historical and contemporary contexts, “What types of inscriptional surfaces come to mind?” The perceptions included paper, black boards, chalk boards, papyrus, cuneiform, concrete/cement (both fresh and cured), walls (for graffiti) and glass. How do these perceptions correlate with human history?

Over several millennia humans have used a wide variety of styles and surfaces to illustrate life, engage in artistic expression and make notes or leave records of various types. The styles vary from charcoal sketches to stylus impressions to glyphs to alphabets. Some of the surfaces are in the natural form (granite, sandstone or cave walls), while others are the result of human processing (clay tablets, velum, pottery, metal or papyrus). Many of these writing styles and surfaces are part of the College’s artifact collection.

Perhaps the oldest inscriptive artifacts in the collection are a cuneiform cone and cuneiform tablets from Mesopotamia (modern day Iraq) circa 2500 B.C. The collection includes inscribed stone fragments from The Valley of the Kings and Saqqara (Egypt). We are all familiar with papyrus but probably not aware of “poor man’s” papyrus, i.e., an ostracon. Ostracons are pottery shards with inscriptions scratched into their surface decades or even centuries later.

The most intriguing inscriptive artifacts are velum manuscripts. Velum is lamb or kid skin. These items were acquired in Yemen. The oldest is a velum with Arabic script that may pre-date the Hejira (632 A.D.). Another may date earlier than 800 A.D. The Sabaean script on one of the velums became passe about that time. The collection also includes Hebrew script leather manuscripts (circa 1200 A.D.).

There is no means of verifying the authenticity of the velum artifacts. If resources become available, modern science could be applied to determine the age of the skins and the nature of the ink, but there is probably no means of verifying that the pen was applied to the skins centuries ago or if they are modern forgeries.

What is so intriguing about these animal skin documents? About 30 years ago workers were renovating a mosque in Yemen. In the process, dozens of sacks of old documents were discovered. Could it be that these animal skin documents were part of that hoard? Only the Lord knows the answer.

Among the other holdings are inscriptions on (1) alabaster, (2) metal (a Chinese Zodiac), (3) wood (a school boy’s “slate”), (4) a pane of glass from Hillside with student names etched into the surface and (5) a variety of other inscription surfaces/artifacts including pottery, musical instruments, mother of pearl, ivory, bone and, of course, paper. A number of the artifacts noted above are on exhibit in the McKelvey Campus Center and the Mack Library of the Hoyt Science Resource Center.

Sam Farmerie, professor of education emeritus, serves as curator of cultural artifacts at Westminster College. He is a regular contributor to Westminster Magazine, providing updates and facts about items currently on exhibit.
Varsity and intramural student-athletes, marching band members, visitors and spectators will have an enhanced experience thanks to a recently green-lighted $1.7 million renovation project of Veteran’s Memorial Field and Harold Burry Stadium.

Artificial turf, lighting, a terraced entrance plaza, and bleacher renovation and replacement are all in the works for Burry Stadium. Construction of the project will begin in summer 2008 for tentative completion by the start of the 2008 fall sports season.
A key feature of the project will be the Joseph B. Fusco Plaza, a tribute to the man who played and coached under Burry before leading the Titan football team to four national championships as head coach from 1972-90 and being elected to the College Football Hall of Fame in 2001.

An attractive brick terrace adjacent to Memorial Field House, Fusco Plaza will include outdoor seating and will serve as an attractive gathering area and location for receptions and other events.

Also planned is an entranceway named in memory of Jerry C. Neff ’54, the Westminster Board of Trustees member and Towering Titan Organization co-founder who passed away on Oct. 2, 2007. Neff was a basketball player at Westminster in the early 1950s and a member of the Titan Sports Hall of Fame.

The new arched entryway near the north end of the field will provide a more visible, aesthetically-appealing and convenient gateway to the field and stadium.

Concessions will be located between the plaza and the field.

The centerpiece of the project will be the installation of artificial turf, which is expected to enhance the recruitment of football players and other student-athletes. The current natural grass surface is used sparingly—and maintained extensively—to preserve it for football home games.

“There is absolutely no doubt that artificial turf and related improvements will be a great help to the recruitment of student-athletes for the football program,” said Jeff Hand, head football coach.

Current and prospective student-athletes, however, will not be the only benefactors of the addition of artificial turf and lighting.

“The more even surface will contribute to greater ease in execution of marching band drill work on the field and contribute to less injury due to slipping (mud and ankle turns and sprains) from the ruts that cannot be seen readily through the grass,” said R. Tad Greig, assistant professor of music and director of the marching band.

“The great thing about artificial turf is its flexibility for serving different sports and activities and its capacity for heavy use. This project will end up benefiting just about every student at Westminster College,” said Jim Dafler, director of athletics.

In addition to the new synthetic field surface, stadium lighting will also maximize scheduling opportunities for football and other varsity teams and campus groups.

Lighting would enable the College to move practices slightly later—reducing or eliminating student-athlete and band member conflicts with late afternoon classes and labs—and would allow for the evening scheduling of intramurals, various practices, and general student and community recreational use.

The 40-year-old wooden bleachers on the visitors’ side will be replaced with modern units that meet all current safety and accessibility codes. The home side bleachers will be renovated for ADA accessibility and safety code compliance.

Questions regarding the Veterans Memorial Field Improvement Project and naming opportunities should be directed to Gloria C. Cagigas, vice president for institutional advancement, at (724)946-7368 or cagigasgc@westminster.edu.
The senator from the South and a mock pundit from Comedy Central earned the two top Democratic nominations at Westminster College’s 18th Mock Convention in November. John Edwards, one of the top three contenders for the Democratic spot, earned the party’s candidate nomination for president, while Stephen Colbert of the satirical news program “The Colbert Report” snagged the party’s vote for vice president.
Nearly 600 students, faculty, and staff participated in this year’s convention, which featured nationally syndicated radio talk show host Bill Press as the keynote speaker. A quadrennial event since its inception on the Westminster campus in 1936—with the exception of 1944, when it was not held due to World War II—the convention is held for the party not currently in the White House.

Edwards, the former U.S. senator from North Carolina, defeated Barack Obama 204-198 on the third ballot. He led after the first two ballots, but did not receive a two-thirds majority on the first ballot, nor a majority on the second.

Edwards’ campaign manager was Dan Milcarzyk, a senior history major from North Huntingdon.

In platform issues, the delegates endorsed a withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq, beginning immediately, and to be completed by Dec. 31, 2008. They endorsed a resolution calling on the national government to recognize civil unions for same-sex couples, and passed a resolution mandating all automobiles and SUVs manufactured in 2011 and beyond in the U.S. must average a minimum 35 miles per gallon. A resolution to grant amnesty to all undocumented aliens was defeated.

“The 2007 convention exceeded my expectations,” said Dr. James Rhoads, associate professor of political science and faculty adviser to the convention. “It began with a great keynote address from Bill Press, continued with a serious debate on important issues, and ended with students choosing candidates for president and vice president.”

“I think this experience helps make politics more accessible to our students,” he said. “They showed great enthusiasm and created an atmosphere that made the convention a lot of fun.”

In the past, the convention was held early in the presidential election year. This year’s event was move to November due to national parties shifting their state primaries to earlier dates.

The next mock convention will be held in 2011.
Runners Meet in New York

Four Class of 1953 track and cross country team members and their wives gathered in July for a reunion in upstate New York. From left to right are Frank Legge of Dallas, Bob Smith of Hankins, N.Y., Tom Kelly of Ormond Beach, Fla., and Ted White of Easton.
Jeanne Miller Rodriguez retired as deputy director in the office of human rights of the California Department of Social Services. She is currently teaching at Sacramento State University. She lives in Sacramento with her husband, Javier.

Patricia O’Keefe is a licensed optician at the Vision Center. Trish lives in Jamestown, N.Y.

Mary Ann Prokop Richards M’74 is president of Monolith, GSC, LLC. A retired teacher, she was entered in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers for 2005-2006 and 2006-2007. She and her husband, Duane, live in Butler.

Judy Rogler Risk retired as a fourth-grade teacher in the Spring Grove School District. She lives in Hanover with her husband, Warren Risk, who is director of special education with Lincoln Intermediate Unit 12.

Margaret Savoldi Censullo retired as director of the San Luis Obispo Reading Clinic. Maggie lives in San Luis Obispo, Calif., with her husband, Albert.

Elaine White of Sebring, Fla., retired as vice president of Mutual of America in Boca Raton.

1972

The Rev. Dr. Timothy Beal is pastor and head of staff at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church. His wife, Cherie Sanderson Beal ’89, is project manager with Wells Fargo. Tim and Cherie reside in Severna Park, Md.

Carolyn Bragg Lyons retired as high school librarian in the Warsaw Central School District. She and her husband, Timothy, live in Warsaw, N.Y.

Nora Daubenspeck retired as a teacher in the Warren County (Pa.) School District.

Kathryn Flye Culp received her master’s in library science from Long Island University and is a librarian. She lives in Greenwich, Conn., with her husband, the Rev. Bob Culp, who is senior pastor at Round Hill Community Church.

Linda Guthrie McClelland retired as a substitute teacher in the St. John’s County Schools. She lives in Jacksonville, Fla., with her husband, Hugh.

Diane Hackett Harrell of Oakmont retired as Spanish and French teacher in the Penn Hills School District.

Carol Kelso Perletz is senior manager, quality assurance with Juniper Networks, a networking infrastructure and software firm. She lives in Reading, Mass., with her husband, Larry.

Ann Strome Gold and her husband, Gary, live in Manitowoc, Wis., where Ann is a musician at First Presbyterian Church.

1973

Pamela Griffith Block retired as a teacher in the South Side School District. Pam and her husband, James Block ’75, reside in Pittsburgh.

Jeffrey Hodes is director of The Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Washington Inc. His wife, Carol Davis Hodes ’72, is director of education with the National Association of Governmental Purchasing. The couple lives in Herdon, Va.

Jane Lauer of Nashville, Tenn., is a reading specialist/teacher in the Williamson County Schools.

Nancy Leete Gries is a support teacher at Benchmark School. She and her husband, Gary, make their home in King of Prussia.

Mary Marsh Gleason is a middle school reading teacher in the Fayette County Public Schools. Her husband, Stephen Gleason ’71, is inspector general for the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Mary and Steve live in Peachtree City, Ga.

Joseph McCaw Jr. is first vice president of Life of the South, a financial services firm. Joe and his wife, Sue, live in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

Millard McQuaid is quality assurance manager with Google Inc. His wife, Susan Sherrick McQuaid, retired as a substitute teacher in the Boulder Valley School District. Millard and Sue are at home in Boulder, Colo.

Dr. Allene Morris Scott is medical director with Unum Insurance Company. She lives in Saco, Maine, with her husband, Jeffrey, and two sons.

Janet Nordman is a vocational counselor with Coventry Health Care. She lives in Rochester, N.Y., with her husband, Garrett Phelan.

Phyllis Ponzo Kourian is an instructional aide in a pre-K class in the Farrell Area School District. Phyl and her husband, Art, reside in Hubbard, Ohio.

Linda Seneff Gross is an editor for the Board of Equalization, State of California, a state tax agency. Her husband, Wayne Gross, retired from the U.S. Postal Service and is a staff services analyst with the Office of Public School Construction. The couple resides in Sacramento, Calif.

1974

Scott Colvin was appointed to the advisory council of the Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants. He is a professor of accounting at Naugatuck Valley Community College and a member of the accounting sisterhood continues

Every five years, the sisters of Kappa Delta from the Class of 1971 reunite at Homecoming. Pictured at this year’s Homecoming are, from left, Cathy Sterling McGinn, Kay Elder Wilson, Joyce Reiter Mendelson, Sharon Mathewson Campbell, Marcia Mayhew, Carol Stone Irvine, and Cheryl Thompson Nelson.
1975
Kathleen Hollis Joyce teaches religion and social studies at St. Elizabeth Parish School. She lives in Downingtown with her husband, Dan, and two children.

1976
Kevin Hambelton of Hagerstown, Md., is manager, revenue analysis and reporting with Marriott International.

30th Cluster Reunion:
Classes of 1977, 1978 & 1979
Saturday, October 18, 2008

1977
Kevin Garvey is president of Garvey & Associates, LLC, a fundraising and non-profit consulting firm. He lives in Zionsville, Ind., with his wife, Jody.

Debbie Satterlee is a senior director with the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. She is on the team planning the Pittsburgh region’s 250th anniversary and has oversight of the publication of a heritage travel guide on the 1758 Forbes Trail. Her husband, the Rev. Dan Corll ’76, is pastor at Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian Church. He serves on Pittsburgh Presbytery’s Committee on Ministry and is chair of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary Alumni Council. Debbie and Dan and their three children live in Wexford.

1978
Kirk Miller is national sales manager, lumber and panel division with Do It Best Corporation. He lives in Fort Wayne, Ind., with his wife, Laure.

1979
Douglas Burr is chief financial officer with Ridge Property Trust. He resides in Libertyville, Ill., with his wife, Karen.

1980
David Woodward is senior managing director for FTI Consulting, an international financial advisory firm, and will open their Detroit office. He lives in Grosse Pointe, Mich., with his wife, Gretchen, and their two daughters.

1982
Scott McPherson was promoted to strategic planning director with Banner Healthcare Systems. He and his wife, Jill, and two children live in Greeley, Colo.

Edwin Stohrer is recruiting manager with Robert Half Technology, a staffing agency and information technology firm. Ed lives in Strongsville, Ohio, with his wife, Connie, and their two sons.

Mark Van Gilder is a math teacher at Jennings Middle School. He and his wife, Holly, and two daughters reside in Fairlawn, Ohio.

25th Reunion: Class of 1983
Saturday, October 18, 2008

1983
Loriann Hoff Oberlin earned her master’s in clinical counseling from Johns Hopkins University and completed the post-master’s certificate in clinical counseling. She is a licensed graduate professional counselor in Montgomery County, Md., and the author of nine non-fiction books.

1984
Elizabeth Brooks Patton received her Ph.D. in English from Purdue University and is an assistant professor of applied linguistics at the University of Louisville. While at Purdue, she was twice honored with the Quintilian Award, given for excellence in teaching. She is co-authoring a book on building bridges between English as a Second Language (ESL) K-12 teachers and ESL researchers. Beth and her family live in Bardstown, Ky.

1986
Doug Fleming of Playa Del Rey, Calif., is senior manager in the Federal Tax Controversy Services group with Deloitte Tax, LLP.

1987
Gregory Michalek is building facilitator at the New Castle Christian Academy. His wife, Martha McKeen Michalek ’91, is a solid waste management specialist with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection. The couple and their three children make their home in New Castle.

1989
Dr. Charles Washabaugh is a health scientist administrator with the National Institutes of Health. He and his wife, Susan, and two children live in Germantown, Md.

1990
Jeffrey Morrow is a sales representative with GE Medical. He lives in Cranberry Township with his wife, Jennifer, and their three children.

Rich Edder was appointed principal at Big Knob Elementary School in the Freedom Area School District. He and his wife, Judy Brooks Edder ’85, and two children live in Conway.

1991
Michael Condron of Oakmont is senior vice president of investments with Ferris Baker Watts Inc.

Dr. Edward Covert, a general dentist, relocated to Jacksonville, N.C., with his wife, Dr. Shanie Covert, and the couple’s two children.

Paul D’Antonio is a senior patrol agent with the U.S. Border Patrol in Erie. He and his wife, Jodi, and four children reside in Wattsburg.

Darla Davis Rine is operations supervisor with the Social Security Administration in Butler. Her husband, Shane Rine ’90, is assistant vice president of support services for West Virginia University Hospitals. The couple lives in Evans City with their son.

David Foley received his Ph.D. in education from the University of Pittsburgh. He is a principal in the Grove City Area School District. His wife, Amy Myers Foley, is employed in human resources by Children’s Community Pediatrics. Dave, Amy, and their three children live in Grove City.
Juleen Folman Zimmer is a clinical social worker at UPMC-Presbyterian Hospital. Julee lives in Waynesburg with her husband, Andrew, and their two children.

Jody Hoffman Hall is a paralegal, trusts and estates with Trenam Kemker. She and her husband, Paul, reside in Lutz, Fla.

Rebecca Lambert has relocated to Mt. Laurel, N.J. Becky is a project manager with NFL Films.

William Luffey is an analyst, cargo service and cargo contracts with USAirways. Bill and his wife, Nikki, and their two children make their home in Coraopolis.

Susan McGinnis of Pittsburgh is a sales trainer with Respironics.

Ellen McGuinness O’Brien is a pediatric ICU nurse at Morristown Memorial Hospital. She and her husband, John, and daughter live in Cranford, N.J. (See also New Additions)

Lisa Murray Kalsey is an elementary art teacher in the Central Green School District. She and her husband, Robb, and two daughters live in Waynesburg.

Dr. Tuesdae Rodgers Stainbrook is director of DuBois Regional Medical Center’s Wound and Infectious Diseases and Hyperbaric Center. She lives in DuBois with her husband, Dr. Matthew Stainbrook, and their three children. (See also page 11)

Tina Ruth Braun is administrative assistant at LifeHouse, a church in Van Wert, Ohio. She and her husband, the Rev. Matthew Braun, and their three children, reside in Van Wert.

Doreen Scouloukas Vendetti is a stylist assistant at Salon Richard Evans. Her husband, Victor Vendetti ’90, is a construction market manager with Mine Safety Appliances Company. The couple and their two daughters reside in Seven Fields.

Stacy Wagner Gallagher is a Christian counselor with Northway Counseling Services. She and her husband, Rick, and four children make their home in Pittsburgh. (See also New Additions)

James Welty is a senior government affairs consultant with Kirkpatrick and Lockhart, Preston, Gates, Ellis, a law firm. Jim lives in Boiling Springs.

1992 Joanna Aiello Strickland is an administrator at Little Soldiers Child Care Center. She lives in Warren, Ohio, with her husband, Craig, and their son.

Nikki Assid Smith is regional manager/vice president with Huntington Bank. She and her husband, Bryan, and two children reside in New Castle.

Elizabeth Brunt of North Wales is a software engineer with Siemens.

Rick Conrad is regional manager with PWT Inc. He lives in Portersville with his wife, Jennifer, and their three children.

Sheila Cord Adams is a literacy professional developer with the Fund for Educational Excellence. She lives in Baltimore, Md., with her husband, George, and their son.

Carolyn Cunningham Webb is a real estate investor/residential specialist with Prudential California Realty. She and her husband, Eric, and two children live in Carlsbad, Calif.

Michael Dowling is a commodity manager with Chrislynn Energy Services. He and his wife, Dina, live in Gibsonia.

James Flinn is sales manager with Protapes. He has relocated to Pittsburgh with his wife, Michelle, and their four children. (See also New Additions)

Inga Groteluschen Schmitzer is director of human resources with Tech Data Corporation. She lives in Tampa, Fla., with her husband, Greg, and three children. (See also New Additions)

Stephen VanSuch is wealth management advisor with Merrill Lynch. Steve lives in Canfield, Ohio, with his wife, Dianna, and two children.

Lisa Will Moody is a kindergarten teacher in the Neshannock Township School District. She and her husband, Mike, make their home in New Castle.

1993 Donald Bowden Jr. is the controller at Castle Environmental Inc., a provider of industrial waste services. Don and his wife, Pamela Liantos Bowden ’94, and three children live in New Castle.

Phillip DiLucente is an attorney with DiLucente & Tetlow, LLC, and special counsel to the Allegheny County controller. Phil resides in Pittsburgh.

Nicole Jones is a teacher in the Middlesex County Schools. She and her husband, Chuck Huntley III, make their home in Tappahannock, Va.

David McCommons is assistant superintendent in the Fox Chapel Area School District. Dave and his wife, Kathy Galbreath McCommons, and their two daughters live in Ellwood City.

Michelle Rogowski Adams is a healthcare admissions coordinator with Beechwood Health Care Center, a long-term care facility. She and her husband, Scott, and four children make their home in Buffalo, N.Y.

John Stout is director of sales with Vossloh Fastening Systems, a rail products manufacturer. He and his wife, Jodi, live in Atlanta.

Maureen Wargo Whitfield is manager, billing and disbursements with Duquesne Light Company. She and her husband, Chip, and son live in Eighty Four.

Deborah Williams of Cottonwood, Ariz., is a teacher at Sedona Charter School and is pursuing a master’s in education at Ottawa University.

Dr. Todd Zeh is a chiropractor. He and his wife, Laurie, and daughter reside in Southern Pines, N.C.


1995 Heather Bloom Hall is a regional director of development with the Sigma Kappa Foundation. Her position focuses on the Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) program, which encourages involvement and contributions from young alumnae for the various educational and philanthropic initiatives offered by the foundation. She and her husband, Andrew, live in Zeeland, Mich.
Jennifer Riznick Hayward was promoted to sales manager, major accounts with Micros Systems Inc. Her husband, Christopher Hayward ’93, is a financial consultant with Sky Financial Services. The couple lives in Sewickley.

Kate Tipton Silvis earned a doctorate of education from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and is an education professor at La Roche College. She and her husband, Brian Silvis, and son live in Harmony. (See also New Additions)

1996

Laura Kelanic is a math specialist for Arlington Public Schools. She lives in McLean, Va.

Brian Rising earned an MBA from the University of Phoenix and was promoted to senior manager with FedEx Ground. He and his wife, Amanda, and three children live in Bethlehem.

The Rev. Dr. Emily Rodgers earned her doctor of theology in homiletics from Knox College, Toronto School of Theology, and the University of Toronto. She is the minister of Knox Presbyterian Church in Oshawa, Ontario.

10th Cluster Reunion:

1997

Hugh Knapp and his wife, Kathryn Clymer ’00, have relocated to New York City. Hugh completed his MBA at Suffolk University and is the retail marketing budget analyst with Bloomingdale’s Inc. Katie earned an LLM in tax law from Boston University and is senior tax consultant with Ernst & Young’s tax advisory services/mergers and acquisitions department.

Mark Meury is president and CEO of NGP Networks, a technology firm. He and his wife, Andrea, live in Phoenix, Ariz.

Angela Penrod Moczan is director of corporate financial planning and analysis with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Angie and her husband, Kevin, reside in Cranberry Township.

1998

Erica Burner of Durham, N.C., is a genetic counselor at the Duke University Eye Center.

Justin DeVanna earned his doctorate of veterinary medicine from Purdue University. He was promoted to captain in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Fort Buchanan, Puerto Rico, as branch chief of veterinary services. His wife is Jennifer Passarelli ’99.

Nicole Johnson earned her Th.D. in practical theology from Boston University School of Theology and is an assistant professor of philosophy and religious studies at Mount Union College. She and her husband, Glenn Griffin, make their home in Canton, Ohio.

Dawn Planic Gullifer is laboratory supervisor at Ohio State University. She and her husband, Matthew, and daughter live in Pickerington, Ohio.

Rebecca Pope-Ruark earned a Ph.D. in rhetoric and professional communication from Iowa State University, where she received awards for graduate college teaching and research excellence. She is an assistant professor of English at Elon University. She and her husband, Tracey, have relocated to Durham, N.C.

Jennifer Webb Motzer is the elementary supervisor of teaching and learning and federal programs coordinator in Great Valley School District. She and her husband, Edward, live in Linfield.

1999

Emily Boyle Dietrich is employed by Bucknell University where she is the assistant director of alumni relations and career services and the director of the Bucknell Public Interest Program. Her husband, Robb Dietrich, is the director of resource development and communications for Lycoming County United Way. Emily, Robb and their son reside in Montoursville.

Julie Casbarro Morgan is a licensed clinical counselor/director of clinics with Trico Corporation, a provider of outpatient mental health. She and her husband, Michael, make their home in Hollywood, Md.

Laurie Chamberlin Berry earned her MBA from Villanova University. She and her husband, Matthew Berry ’96, and daughter live in Broomall. (See also New Additions)

2000

Megan Airutz of Bridgeville is a kindergarten teacher in the Chartiers Valley School District. She was included in the 2006-2007 edition of Who’s Who among America’s Teachers.

Anita Heider received her license for clinical social work and is the suicide prevention coordinator for the Veterans Administration Pittsburgh Healthcare System.

Aaron Todaro earned a master of public management degree from Carnegie Mellon Heinz School of Public Policy and Management. He is a research computing consultant at Carnegie Mellon University and is pursuing an MBA at the university’s Tepper School of Business.

2001

Dan Brownlee is a public affairs analyst with the Department of Defense at the Pentagon and is completing a master’s in political management at George Washington University.

Andrea Cronic earned a master’s from Johns Hopkins University and is a school counselor in the Montgomery Public Schools. She lives in Germantown, Md.

Dawnelle Paldino received her Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Binghamton University (State University of New York). During her graduate training, she received a University Excellence in Teaching Award. She is currently completing her internship at the Veterans Administration Pittsburgh Healthcare System.

Aaron Stamp is a senior internal audit consultant with Protiviti. He and his wife, Sylvia, and son live in Brunswick, Ohio. (See also New Additions)

2002

Matthew Deegan is an instructor at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. He and his wife, Janine, live in Aberdeen, N.C.

Matthew Scholl is director of Christodora Inc., an educational non-profit. He and his wife, Sara Russell-Scholl, and two children have relocated to Florida, Mass. (See also New Additions)

Ryan Williams is in energy sales with Mid-American Natural Resources. His wife, Nicole Beaver Williams ’03, is an account executive with CCS
Medical, a diabetes equipment firm. The couple lives in Baden.

2003
Travis Lively and his wife, Amy, have moved to Nazareth, where Travis is an agent with State Farm Insurance.

Nicole McDorman was selected for inclusion in Who’s Who among American Teachers.

Laura Raible of Gibsonia is an adult probation officer with Allegheny County Adult Probation.

Tatum Tuschak Veverka is an admissions counselor with Carlow University. She and her husband, Steven, live in Pittsburgh.

Ann-Marie Vazzano Conroy is an assistant editor with Meister Media Worldwide. She and her husband, Daniel, live in University Heights, Ohio.

Justin Young and his wife, Megan Clark Young, are the owners of Allstate Insurance Agency in South Park. The couple lives in Evans City.

2004
Kristie Cwynar Sallee is a teacher in the Liberty School District. She and her husband, Mariel, and daughter live in Youngstown.

Meghan Medwick of Pittsburgh is a second-grade teacher in the Peters Township School District.

Tom Moore is pastor of Emsworth United Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh.

Alicia Roberts Pizon is a fourth-grade teacher in the Parma City School District. Her husband, Thomas Pizon ’03, is a physics teacher and cross country coach at Padua Franciscan High School. Alicia and Tom make their home in Cleveland.

Holly Tabernik earned a master’s in clinical psychology from Cleveland State University and is pursuing a Ph.D. at Sam Houston University.

2005
Brooke Arens earned her master’s in social work from the University of North Carolina Charlotte and is a family counselor with Youth Villages in Concord, N.C.

Melissa Butler lives in Charleston, S.C., where she is a fifth-grade teacher in the Charleston County School District.

Katrina Cline Lee is a sixth-grade teacher in the State College Area School District. She and her husband, Dan, live in Pleasant Gap.

Megan Daley is a school counselor in the Liberty Local School District. She and her husband, Michael, and son reside in Poland, Ohio.

Maroun Kanaan of Alexandria, Va., is a financial specialist with Wachovia Bank.

Tatiana Pickett is a K-3 teacher of English as a second language in the Manassas Park (Va.) City Schools.

2006
Colleen Byrnes of Pittsburgh is a seventh-grade reading and language arts teacher in the North Allegheny School District.

Kaylan Lehotsky of Bethesda, Md., is the Web site assistant in the White House Department of Media Affairs.

Lindsay Lutes of Verona is a derivatives operations specialist with Bank of New York Mellon.

Elizabeth Randall is a counselor at Mercy Behavioral Health. Beth lives in Swissvale.

Ashley Seidelson of Cranberry Township is a staff accountant at Schneider Downs.

Lindsay Thomas Frye is a teacher in the Reynolds School District. She and her husband, Phil, have relocated to Hubbard, Ohio.

Ashley Wilson Coking is a senior support representative with Giant Eagle Inc. She and her husband, Christopher, live in Tarentum.

Philip Zablocky is manager, operations with First Energy. He and his wife, Robin, make their home in Huron, Ohio.

2007
Ryan M. Barnes has entered first-year studies at the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg, W.Va.

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1971
Emily Annecillo and David Maker, June 9, 2007. The couple lives in Vernon, Conn.

1993
Carleen Czolba and Joseph Latess. The couple lives in Cranberry Township.

Julian Owoc II and Deborah. Julian works in nuclear services for Alaron Corp. The couple lives in New Castle.

1999
Elizabeth Costello and Christopher Moyer, Nov. 4, 2006, at St. Francis of Assisi Church in Weston, Conn. Alumni in attendance were Erin Remai Palko ’98, Chaleen Shepherd Tidrick, Julie Bridges Brown, Laura Babcock, and Maggie Mossor Mackay ’00. Elizabeth is an anesthesiologist for Milford Anesthesia Associates in Manchester, Conn. The couple lives in Ellington, Conn.

2000

2003

2004
Stacey Babyak and Erick Pabis, June 2, 2007. Alumni in the bridal party were B.G. Davison, Cortney DiVito, R.J. Pabis ’00, Shannon Lutz ’03, and Lindsey Braem ’02. Stacey is account executive at Mullen, and Erick is account executive at Lown Home Financial. The couple resides in Cranberry Township.

Casie Howes and Brad Zerbe ’05, Oct. 14, 2006, at St. Ferdinand Church in Cranberry Township. Alumni in the bridal party were Erica Schweiger, Katie Scarlett, Dan Beckwith ’03, and John Libert. The couple resides in Cranapolis.

2005
Cristina Carlson and Korey Weisenstein, July 28, 2007, at Faith Country Chapel. Alumni participating were maid of honor and vocalist Kauleen Cloutier and bridesmaid Jessica Fraley ’06. The couple lives in New Castle.


2006
Allyson Wilson and Luke Garrett, July 20, 2007, in an outdoor ceremony at the Atrium in Prospect. Alumni in the bridal party were Meghan Wilson Cowart ’05, and Christin Mikulan. Allyson is a preschool teacher in Louisa County, Va. Luke is a director at WVIR-TV NBC 29 in Charlottesville, Va., where the couple resides.

Rachel Smith and Shawn Berkebile, June 2, 2007, at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Lancaster. Alumni participating were maid of honor Amanda Ries and bridesmaid Becky Gonda. Other alumni in attendance were Pam Engler Amos and Mike Amos ’03. The couple lives in Seattle, Wash., where Rachel is a preschool teacher.

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1989


James P. Flinn and his wife, Michelle: a daughter, Laeyln, in 2006. She joins siblings Braden, Sydney, and McClain at home in Pittsburgh. (See also Class Notes)

1991

Lee Ann Boos Miller and her husband, Donald Miller ’90: a son, Donald James, on Aug. 21, 2006. The family resides in New Wilmington.

Catherine Chenchik Geiser and her husband, Edward: a son, Joseph Edward, on Dec. 31, 2006. He joins Maria Gabrielle, 2, at home in St. Bernard, Ohio. Catherine was a flight attendant with Delta Airlines for 15 years.


Ellen McGuinness O’Brien and her husband, John: a daughter, Lily Kate, on Jan. 5, 2005. The family resides in Cranford, N.J. (See also Class Notes)


Beth Steffey Cruz and her husband, Eduardo: a daughter, Rachel McBride, in 2006. The family lives in Crofton, Md.

Stacy Wagner Gallagher and her husband, Rick: a daughter, Avery, in 2006. She joins siblings Adyn, Cade, and Emma at home in Pittsburgh. (See also Class Notes)

James DeVita and his wife, Patty: a daughter, Gabrielle, in 2007. The family lives in Indianola.

1992


1993

Kristin Anderson Frazier and her husband, William: a daughter, Remi Claire, on June 2, 2006. She joins Zachary, 7, Emma, 5, and Jillian, 3, at home in Burgettstown.

1994


Tammy Kanuch Bischak and her husband, Brent: a daughter, Lyndsay, in January 2007. She joins Conner, Haley, 4, and Brooke, 2, at home in Clinton.


Michelle Pattison Friday and her husband, Brian Friday: a son, Jackson, in 2007. He joins Christian, 14, and Noah, 10, at home in Bethel Park. Brian is a vice president/certified financial planner in global wealth management for CITI-Smith Barney.

Virginia Rothaar Carr and her husband, Jason: a daughter, Amelia, in 2005. She joins Jacob, 8, and Alethea, 6, at home in Munhall.

Susan Schonauer Finney and her husband, Thomas Finney ’91: a son, Colin, in 2007. He joins Conner, 4, at home in Davidson, N.C. Thomas is district manager for Aramark.
1995

Kate Tipton Silvis and her husband, Brian Silvis: a son, Phillip Lawrence, on July 6, 2007. The family resides in Harmony. (See also Class Notes)

1996


Rob Galbraith and his wife, Karen: a son, Ryan William, born in Taiwan, on Oct. 1, 2006. The adoption was finalized in Taiwan on July 9, 2007. The family lives in Mars.

Michele Seigley Holmes and her husband, Geoff: a son, Samuel Geoffrey, on May 16, 2007. He joins Joshua William, 6, and Margaret Grace, 3, at home in Pittsburgh.

1997
Susan Kasubick-Tillman and her husband, Bryan: a son, Evan, on June 18, 2007. He joins Avery, 2, at home in Winston-Salem, NC. Susan is a physician assistant for a urology practice.

1998
Wendy Cook Mattucci and her husband, Louie: a son, Marco James, on Sept. 2, 2007. The family resides in Blacklick, Ohio.


Kate Perna Chapman and her husband, Patrick Chapman: a daughter, Isabella Caroline, on April 25, 2007. The family lives in Grove City where Patrick is the lead software developer at Keffer Development. Kate is a logistics manager for Dallas Mavis.

Emily Ann Boyle Dietrich and her husband, Robb Dietrich: a son, Robert Jack, on Dec. 1, 2006. The family resides in Montoursville. (See also Class Notes)

1999
Laurie Chamberlin Berry and her husband, Matthew Berry ’96: a daughter, Caitlin Marie, on Aug. 22, 2006. The family resides in Broomall. (See also Class Notes)

Cindie Cordes Friello and her husband, Michael: a daughter, Camryn Elizabeth, on May 5, 2007. Cindie is a teacher in the Ellwood City School District. The family resides in Ellwood City.

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DEADLINES:
Class Notes printed in this issue were received prior to Sept. 14, 2007. Because Westminster Magazine is a quarterly publication requiring significant lead time, please allow at least two months before your news is published. Class Notes received prior to Dec. 30, 2007, will appear in the next issue.
William Lucas and his wife, Rebecca: a son, Brady Alexander, on May 24, 2007. The family resides in Naperville, Ill.

2000
Brooke Bailey Tokar and her husband, Brad Tokar ’91: a daughter, McKenzie, in 2006. She joins Marcus, 6, Michael, 5, and Mitchell, 3, at home in New Wilmington.

Susanna Kenyon Maslow and her husband Jason: a daughter, Kara, in 2007. She joins Ryan, 5, at home in Round Rock, Texas.


2001
Aaron B. Stamp and his wife, Sylvia: a son, Aidan Brent, on Jan. 2, 2007. The family resides in Brunswick, Ohio. (See also Class Notes)

2002
Matthew E. Scholl and his wife, Sara Russell-Scholl: a son, Tristan, in 2006. The family resides in Florida, Mass. (See also Class Notes)

Angela Steck Lansberry and her husband, Michael: a son, Grant Raymond, on May 30, 2007. The family resides in Darlington.

2005
Cherie L. Bond and her husband, David: a daughter, Adelyn, in 2006. She joins Jaedyn, 4, at home in Fort Walton Beach, Fla.

Megan Daley and her husband, Michael: a son, Michael, on Aug. 20, 2006. The family resides in Poland, Ohio. (See also Class Notes)

IN MEMORY

Word has reached us of the passing of the following alumni and friends of Westminster College.

To submit information for the In Memory section, please provide a complete obituary notice (if available) to the Office of Alumni Relations. Please be sure to include the names and class years of any surviving Westminster alumni relatives.

1937
Carrie Mae Rentz McKinley of New Castle, July 31, 2007. She was a social studies teacher at Union High School for 35 years. She was a member of the Savannah United Methodist Church. Survivors include a stepdaughter; six grandchildren; and three cousins, including Alice Braatz Brunswick ’56.

1938

1940
Joseph Hetra of Erie, Aug. 20, 2007. After earning a master’s degree from the University of Pittsburgh, he served as a captain in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was awarded a Bronze Star for meritorious achievements in the South Pacific. Originally from Farrell, he was inducted into the Mercer County Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986. While at Westminster, he excelled in basketball and earned the nickname Swish for his ability to make long-range shots. Early in his career he was a teacher and basketball coach at Beaver Falls High School, and then went on to a career in insurance. He was a member and past deacon of the First Presbyterian Church of the Covenant. He belonged to the Parian Masonic Lodge # 662 Free and Accepted Masons, Beaver Falls, where he had received his 50 year pin; VFW Post #470; the Erie Maennerchor Club; and the
Towering Titans Organization. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Margaret Greer Hetra; three daughters, including Jane Hetra Peganoff ’70 and Suzanne Hetra Schroedel ’75; four grandchildren; two nieces; and one nephew.

Dr. John G. McConahy of New Wilmington, July 2007.

1941
Joseph L. Young of Los Angeles, Aug. 23, 2007. An artist originally from Aliquippa, he created dozens of sculptures, glass mosaic murals and cast-concrete bas reliefs and is best known for his controversial Tritorium public art—a three-pronged, six-story, 60-ton concrete sculpture decorated with Italian glass, 1,494 light bulbs, a music system and reflecting pool—that is located at the Los Angeles Mall Civic Center. Survivors include his wife, Millicent; two daughters; and three grandchildren.

1944
John S. Gaston of New Castle, Aug. 31, 2007. A retired teacher, he worked in schools in Albuquerque, N.M. He was a former conductor of the Albuquerque Symphony Orchestra. A World War II veteran, he retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel. He served 20 years in the Air Force as a pilot, flight instructor, personnel officer and squadron adjutant. Survivors include a brother and a sister.

1945
Alymer H. Girdwood Jr. of West Deer, June 29, 2007. He spent two years at Westminster College before enlisting in the Army in 1942 during World War II. He served with the 65th Infantry Division. His outfit was in the second wave of attacking Allied troops who stormed the beaches of Normandy in France on D-Day, June 6, 1944. He earned the Bronze Star and other medals. For 27 years, he taught biology at Pine-Richland High School, where he also coached the football team. He was also director of the Pine-Richland Youth Foundation. Survivors include his wife, Naomi; two sons; three daughters; 14 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1937
Barbara Johnson Paine of Salt Lake City, Utah, June 23, 2007. She was an avid golfer, skier, and she and her late husband of 54 years, Frederick Paine ’48, enjoyed traveling throughout the world. Survivors include three sons.

1939
William Parчер Harrison of Berkeley, Calif., May 15, 2007. Following his service in the U.S. Army during World War II, he worked in engineering and taught math and music. He played the flute with the San Francisco Recreational Symphony. Survivors include his life partner, Arthur; a brother; and two nieces.

1950
Donald Lee Russell of Struthers Township, Jan. 15, 2007. Survivors include his wife, Georgann; five daughters, including Kara Ann Russell Rapp ’98; six grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

David I. Reid of Valrico, Fla., Jan. 25, 2007. He was a former vice president of Hanley Co. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Kartlick Reid ’49; two children; and two grandchildren.

1958
Howard W. Heldman of Struthers, Ohio, March 14, 2007. Heldman earned a master’s degree from Westminster. He taught at Port William School from 1938 to 1939 and then became the physical education teacher for Struthers High School in 1939. He coached track at Struthers from 1941 to 1957, and football...
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AnnaMary Gamble of New Wilmington, Oct. 17, 2007. The wife of W. Paul Gamble ’32, Westminster College historian, AnnaMary was a long-time supporter of the College. She was an active member and former elder of New Wilmington Presbyterian Church and belonged to a number of committees for the Shenango Presbytery. In addition to her husband, survivors include one daughter, Lee Gamble Dillon ’65; two sons, Richard Gamble ’63 and Robert Gamble ’73; six grandchildren, including Gregory Dillon ’88; and two great-grandchildren.

Shu-Yen Chao Liu of Los Angeles, Calif. Liu was a friend of Dr. Wayne H. Christy—a long-time faculty member and chair of the Department of Religion and Philosophy—and helped establish the Wayne H. Christy Lecture Series. Survivors include four children, including Philip Liu ’74.

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1963

Craig R. Michel of South Riding, Va., formerly of Johnstown, Jan. 12, 2007. He had been CEO and president of BioSpherix. Survivors include his mother; his wife, Gail Clark Michel; one son; one daughter; four grandchildren; a sister; and a brother.

1966

Vernys John of Niles, Ohio, Feb. 17, 2007. During her teaching career, she taught in Niles, Brookfield Township, Ohio, and Broward County, Fla., retiring in 1981. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Niles. Survivors include a son; a daughter; two grandsons; a great-grandson; and a great-granddaughter.

1972

Peter B. Riecks of West Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 7, 2006. Survivors include his wife, Debbie; and two sons.

1992

William C. Anderson Jr. of New Castle, May 16, 2007. He was a nurse in Pittsburgh. Survivors include his wife, Melissa; his mother; two daughters; and one son.

2003

Thomas Henry Benjamin of New Wilmington, July 23, 2007. He held a master’s degree in criminal justice from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He was a member of the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his wife, Nicole; and a grandfather.
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