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~ Forbes.com
The American tradition of philanthropic support emerged from an inherent mistrust of government dating back to the earliest Puritan settlers. Attempting to escape the burdens of centralized European governmental control over many aspects of their lives, early Americans developed a spirit of strong independence and desire to provide for themselves without undue external government encroachment. In turn, the government enabled and supported this desire over the centuries through policy and tax law that fostered non-profit programs and services that in other countries are the responsibility of the government. This philanthropic tradition is now manifest in the many ways our citizenry help provide for the social institutions that are central to the fabric of our workings as a nation. No other country in the world has a people as generous as America, and we are a better nation because of it.

Today, you have many options on where to direct your personal philanthropy. According to the National Center for Charitable Statistics, there are 1.5 million non-profit charitable organizations in the United States serving countless needs and causes. The nation’s 3,514 not-for-profit colleges and universities are among them. An easy argument can be made that raising the educational attainment levels of Americans and improving the intellectual capacity of our country positively and significantly mitigates many of the social ills that plague our nation. Educational attainment has repeatedly and conclusively shown to be positively correlated to a reduction in a host of social maladies such as poverty, crime, poor health, lack of employability, and other factors. Yet, despite overwhelming evidence of the social benefits derived from education (and specifically higher education), Council for Aid to Education reported in 2009, on average, an estimated 11.9 percent drop in giving to higher education. Over the past decade Westminster’s alumni participation rate has dropped from 38 percent to 28 percent. Our alumni participation rate, though far better than national norms, is lower than it could or should be.

This issue of Westminster Magazine includes acknowledgments honoring all those alumni and friends of Westminster who, through their generous philanthropy, provided for the College in 2009-10. Please be aware that we recently converted our donor records to a new database system and some reporting errors may occur as a result of this conversion. We appreciate your patience as we correct any errors uncovered.

On behalf of our faculty, staff and students, THANK YOU for embracing our mission and our work. I can personally assure you that your gifts are making a difference in the lives of our students, and ultimately, our nation. You are not just donating; you are investing – in the future of our students and the long-term economic and social strength of America. In the coming years I hope we can see more of our alumni join with those who have already recognized and endorsed our vital mission through their tangible support. In doing so we perpetuate a uniquely American tradition while fulfilling in today’s students the same aspirations that you once held when you walked across Senior Terrace.

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For children familiar with the Tomie dePaola’s Caldecott Honor book _Strega Nona_, the story of a friendly, magical witch and her enchanted pasta pot, **The Moment** came in October when they were able to meet the titular character. Here, Strega Nona, portrayed by Beth Brooks from the Westminster College Office of Student Affairs, greets children at a pasta party prior to the Celebrity Series production of _Strega Nona the Musical_. Nearly 300 underprivileged children and their families from Lawrence County received transportation to and from Westminster, enjoyed the pasta party, and attended the musical – all funded in part by the Caroline Knox Memorial Trust Fund and sponsored by the College’s Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning and the Lawrence County Community Action Partnership.
Westminster is #1 College for Women in Science, Math Fields

Westminster College ranks first in the nation as the “Best College for Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM),” according to rankings released by Forbes.com in December.

Forbes contrasted Westminster’s rural setting in New Wilmington with its national leadership role in producing exceptional female graduates in the STEM fields.

“I think our success in recruiting women into STEM is a result of prospective students interacting with successful women faculty and seeing lots of women students in the science classrooms and labs,” said Dr. Helen Boylan ’95, associate professor of chemistry.

Westminster’s math and computer science department is 50 percent female, while the national average is below 15 percent, according to a study done by the National Science Foundation. Forbes noted 36 percent of Westminster’s 2008 graduating class received their degrees in STEM fields and unusually, more of those STEM graduates were women than men.

“First we tackled the issue of which schools are best for women in STEM disciplines,” according to Forbes. “We began by assuming that women studying science want to attend a school that’s good at teaching science, not just good at teaching women. So we took all 400 schools in Forbes’ ranking of America’s Best Colleges and eliminated those where overall STEM populations were extremely small, and where men obtained STEM degrees at very low rates.

“Then we ranked the remaining schools based on how closely they approached an ideal where STEM classrooms look like the school overall; in other words, if a school’s student body is 60 percent female and 40 percent male, a 20-person engineering class should have 12 female students and eight male. The results? Pennsylvania’s Westminster College came in first place.”

Best Colleges for Women in STEM

1. Westminster College
2. Colby College
3. SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
4. Harvey Mudd College
5. Williams College
6. Tuskegee University
7. Polytechnic Institute of New York University
8. California Institute of Technology
9. United States Coast Guard Academy
10. Colorado School of Mines
11. Worcester Polytechnic Institute
12. Earlham College
13. Embry Riddle Aeronautical University-Daytona Beach
14. Wofford College
15. St. Mary’s University
16. Albion College
17. Colorado College
18. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
19. St. Lawrence University
20. Stevens Institute of Technology

What they’re studying

Currently there are 190 female students (17 with double majors) with majors in STEM fields of study. Here’s the breakdown of majors in each of the STEM fields:

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Westminster College’s Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning launched the AmeriCorps Community Fellows program that will address community needs in college access and success and engage college students as active citizens.

Seven Westminster students are involved in the inaugural year. They are now temporary AmeriCorps members and have committed themselves to 300 hours of service over a calendar year. At the end of the year, they will receive an education award of $1,132 to apply to loan payments, tuition, textbooks, or room and board.

The Community Fellows program allows college students an opportunity to provide service and assistance to at-risk youth through volunteering to tutor and mentor, assist in college readiness, develop enrichment programs, organize skill-building workshops, and create opportunities for youth to succeed.

Locally, the program is partnering with Westminster’s Admissions Office and the Lawrence County Community Action Partnership.

“Community Fellows is a wonderful opportunity to enlarge the scope of service and volunteering for Westminster students,” said Jeff Ledebur, the Drinko Center’s community service coordinator and supervisor of the Community Fellows program. “It will allow us to extend our outreach to communities, schools, and youth throughout the area.”

Westminster has been named to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll every year since the program was launched in 2006. Nearly 70 percent of Westminster students volunteered last year and logged over 26,000 hours of community service.

The Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning was created to enrich undergraduate education at Westminster through advancing world-class teaching as well as by participating in collaborations that address community and regional needs including strengthening K-12 education.

Ulana Ainsworth  
Senior – Elementary Education

I have been working closely with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Lawrence County mentoring as a Big Sister, as well as cyber tutoring students through PA Cyber, the Pennsylvania Cyber Charter School. I enjoy my weekly experiences because I am able to interact with children, which is something I really enjoy.

Joseph Cappitte  
Freshman – Accounting

This year, I have served by assisting in K-12 Community Outreach programs through the Drinko Center. I helped organize special events for children, such as the Celebrity Series’ presentation Strega Nona The Musical. I also have been involved in tutoring high school students at Campbell Memorial High School in Campbell, Ohio, and I plan to serve as a camp counselor this summer for the Drinko Center’s Bright Futures Camp.

Alyssa Hanna  
Senior – Broadcast Communications

I have been volunteering my time in the Westminster College Office of Admissions. I greet prospective students, give tours and spend time with them, and also keep and record data regarding the tours and the experiences of prospective high schoolers. I also serve at the Learning Tree, a childcare center sponsored by Lawrence County Community Action Partnership (LCCAP), where I watch over children and provide developmental support. I love it!

Megan Hoffman  
Junior – Psychology

Much of my volunteering has been through the after-school tutoring program at Walker Neighborhood House in New Castle. I very much enjoy working with the kids and watching them achieve their goals.

Jenisa Jeblee  
Senior – Elementary Education

I volunteer regularly by tutoring children online through PA Cyber. It gives me a chance to gain experience as an education major while serving to help develop the academic skills of high school students.

Bridget McCray  
Junior – Elementary Education

I have been tutoring and mentoring youth at the Walker Neighborhood House, Head Start (New Castle), and George Junior Republic (Grove City). Over breaks, I volunteered in the Titusville Area School District working with an after-school tutoring program for students with special needs. I have gained incredible experience and really enjoy working with the kids!

Lauren Ritter  
Senior – Elementary Education

As a community fellow, I have worked with youth at the Walker Neighborhood House, PA Cyber tutoring, and other after-school programs. I absolutely enjoy working with community partners to serve students in these programs and feel that I am truly making a difference.
Million-dollar Bequest Establishes Scholarship

Westminster College was the recipient of a million-dollar bequest from the estate of Betty Naugle Parisen '45, a devoted alumna whose commitment to Westminster College spanned 50 years. Parisen passed away in January 2007.

The bequest, designated by the Board of Trustees, will be used to establish a fund in Betty’s memory to provide scholarship assistance to students with demonstrated financial need and academic merit and for the Patterson Hall Renovation Project.

Parisen earned an undergraduate degree in business administration from Westminster and a master’s in education from the University of Pittsburgh. She worked as an education therapist at the V.A. Hospital in Butler, as a claims representative for the Social Security Administration in Pittsburgh, and as a teacher at Robert Morris Business College before her employment as a teacher at Carrick High School. She retired in 1986.

“Westminster is grateful to Mrs. Parisen for her generosity and the opportunities her gift will provide for future generations of students,” said Vice President for Institutional Advancement Gloria Cagigas.

Visiting Professor

Dr. David Cushman, professor and chair of Department of Economics and Business, was appointed visiting professor at the Business School of Oxford Brookes University in the United Kingdom.

During the three-year term, Cushman will periodically visit Oxford Brookes to present papers and collaborate with faculty and students on research. He will maintain his schedule of teaching and administrative duties at Westminster.

Cushman’s first visit after the appointment was to present the paper “Purchasing Power Parity in the Post-Bretton Woods Pre-Euro OECD: Was There Any? Was It Universal?”

He is collaborating on several research projects with Professor Glauco De Vita of Oxford Brookes. One of these projects, concerning the effects of fixed vs. flexible exchange rate regimes on international investment, also involves Professor Andrew Abbott of the University of Hull (U.K.).

Cushman, the Captain William McKee Chair of Economics and Business, has been with Westminster since 2005.

Henderson Award

Dr. David Twining, professor of history, earned the 2010-2011 Henderson Lectureship Award and offered his presentation – “The Lost Generation of the 1960s: Moving from Memory to History” – in October.

The Henderson Lecture was founded by Dr. Joseph R. Henderson and his wife, Elizabeth, to encourage and recognize original and continuing research and scholarship among Westminster College faculty, and to afford the opportunity for faculty to share their learning with the academic community.

Twining’s lecture was based on research conducted during a fall 2007 sabbatical and explored “some of the key changes that occurred in liberal arts campuses in Ohio that shaped a new generation of students dedicated to the rapid reformation of American society.”

Each year, Westminster faculty members nominate candidates to receive the lectureship, which includes a stipend to support a specific research project. A faculty committee chooses the winner.

Twining joined the Westminster faculty in 1990.

Returning alumni

Dr. Edward Cohen, center, welcomes political science alumni Russell Mills ’05, Meg (Skiba) Ullengren ’99, Zachary Warrender ’05, and Gwen Kennedy ’04 back to campus in October. Each spoke to students about earning his or her master’s degree and what career path each has taken. Mills is currently a Ph.D. student in political science at Kent State University; Ullengren is a senior analyst and Warrender is a program manager and analyst, both at the Center for National Policy in Washington, D.C.; and Kennedy is a recycling specialist for the Loudon County Department of Construction and Waste Management in Virginia.
Alumna Gives Kids the ‘Royal’ Treatment

One Sunday morning at church a few years back, Beth Meyer Pears ’90 listened as a director of a national organization spoke to her congregation about a camp for abused children. Perhaps a sign from above, but as she heard the children’s stories and the need for loving and nurturing role models, she knew she needed to be involved with the Royal Family Kids Camp (RFKC).

Pears co-founded the Lawrence County branch of the RFKC in 2005, which gives abused, abandoned, and neglected kids a week off from their everyday lives and instead gives them a healing safe haven in a Christian camp setting. She’s never doubted her decision and hasn’t looked back since.

In a world where there are 3.6 million children abused each year in the United States, Pears finds it her duty—her calling, if you will—to help those she can reach. Each summer, kids between the ages of 7 to 11 are referred through social services to attend the camp. Last summer RFKC hosted 54 kids and she expects a similar number this year.

The camp, Pears said, is a great opportunity to give these children hope for a happy future and to give them a chance to live in a healthy and healing environment—if only for a little while.

For one week, the children are treated “like royalty.” They get a stable environment where there are beautiful lodges, good food, and outdoor fun—zip line, ropes course, wall climbing, swimming, and canoeing—and they even have birthday celebrations for all the campers and each child receives a special gift.

“We are there to be role models and positive influences for these children,” Pears said of herself and the 150 other counselors and volunteer support staff members who are involved with RFKC.

With roughly 170 children actively in foster care in Lawrence County, Pears recognizes the sad truth that there are many youth in her own back yard with troubling stories.

“There are so many different scenarios, but when you meet the kids, you remember that they’re just kids,” she said. Kids, she added, who really just need to be loved.

Often Pears will find that although she and her counselors are busy working with and teaching the kids, they will find themselves often learning in the process.

Pears recalled the story of a young girl who suffered from selective mutism. A closed-in child with difficulty communicating, the week at camp was challenging. But by mid-week, during a canoeing trip, she blurted out “keep going, keep going, keep going.” And by week’s end, she actively participated in the all-camp talent show.

“Amazingly, she got up and sang a song, aloud, with a few of the other girls at camp,” Pears said. “We were all blown away. In one week, we felt affirmed. She was comfortable enough to open up, even if just for one week.”

“In my mind, that—‘keep going, keep going’—keeps me going,” Pears said. “And it’s the difference we make in the lives of others and how much of an impact we can make.”

And Pears believes she and RFKC are making a difference. She sees changes develop even after just one week at camp. Many children return each year Pears hopes the memories from the experience will help guide them through their teen years—and perhaps they will return as potential counselors after they turn 18.

And if she ever questions the impact of RFKC, she remembers what one small boy told his counselor:

“So many kids don’t like me and I feel like the smallest pebble. But you make me feel like the biggest rock.”

Pears and her husband, Drew, also serve as national trainers for other Royal Family Kids Camp sites. When Pears isn’t involved with the camp, she teaches literature to 11th and 12th graders at Shenango High School in New Castle.
Phi Tau Earns Service Award

Westminster College’s chapter of Phi Kappa Tau was recognized at the national fraternity’s convention in Denver with awards for community service, philanthropy, and recruitment.

The Community Service Award was earned by contributing more than 20 hours per man during the 2009-2010 academic year. The brothers volunteered as tutors, Sunday school teachers, and supported community service events sponsored by other organizations on campus.

The Westminster chapter received the Order of the Star Award, given to the top Phi Tau chapters in the nation based on criteria that includes philanthropy money raised, community service hours donated, recruitment efforts, and alumni relations.

The Westminster chapter also earned the Recruitment Pacesetter Award for having one of the largest recruitment classes.

Senior English major Mike Disotell, president of the Westminster chapter, was elected to serve as one of the six inaugural members of the fraternity’s Undergraduate Advisory Board.

Founded in 1906, Phi Kappa Tau is a national collegiate fraternity that fosters the core ideals of learning, leading, and serving within its membership.

Kicking it with Sepulveda

Pittsburgh Steelers’ punter Daniel Sepulveda signs senior Nicole Zappa’s #9 jersey. Sponsored by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Sepulveda was the featured chapel speaker on Jan. 27. Sepulveda ended the 2010-11 season in December when he tore his right ACL. His injury kept him from playing in Super Bowl XLV. Sepulveda spoke about his faith, signed autographs and jerseys, and posed for pictures with students and community members.

SAVE THE DATE

Homecoming & Reunion 2011
October 14, 15 & 16
Matt Monahan is a typical college senior. He's constantly on the go, wrapped up in several organizations and activities, with college graduation on the horizon. He barely has a chance to check his e-mail, so if you need to reach him, you just might have to physically hunt him down. He's a busy guy with places to go and people to see.

But, when he does slow down enough to sit and talk, his Big Man on Campus persona fades, especially when he starts talking about his work with Camp Laughalot, an Arc Human Services summer day camp in southwestern Pennsylvania for special needs children.

“The kids are incredible,” said Monahan, a communication studies major who has worked at the summer camp for the past three summers. “It’s so rewarding to know that you are really making an impact in someone’s life.”

His face lights up when he talks about the kids and his role as a camp counselor. At the seven-week day camp, the children rotate to a different counselor each week. Monahan had roughly five children at a time and kept them busy with structured activities and supervised recreation.

“I love it. Working with these kids is so rewarding,” he said. “They treat you how people should be treated all the time.”

On paper, you wouldn’t expect this softer side of him: he’s the former social and rush chair for his fraternity, Alpha Sigma Phi. He was crowned Homecoming King last year. He just wrapped up his term as secretary of the Student Government Association. It’s safe to say that he’s a fun-loving guy.

“Matt is a true jester,” said Carey Anne Meyer LaSor ’86, assistant to the college chaplain and coordinator of the Young Presbyterian Scholars Program. “He comes across as a party guy, but his heart is huge for these kids.”

And if you look a little deeper, you’ll see the compassionate side of him. He’s been involved in Relay for Life, Habitat for Humanity, Fresh Start, and is a chapel speaker. In high school, he served as a student mentor, and to earn an Eagle Scout badge, he coordinated a toy drive for Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. Serving others is clearly a part of his makeup.

“It’s great knowing that you made someone smile,” Monahan said. “And it feels good knowing you made a difference.”

Matt will graduate this spring with a degree in communication studies. He is the son of Mark and Sharon Monahan of Pittsburgh.

~ Elizabeth Fontaine Hildebrand ’92
Three Westminster College alumni—Shirley Bigley LaMotte ’76, Alice Hill Brown ’83, and Linda Wright Simpson ’81—were honored as Distinguished Alumni lecturers during Homecoming 2010.

**Shirley Bigley LaMotte,** chief executive officer of Baltimore Literacy Corporation (Baltimore Reads, Inc.), was hosted by Westminster’s Department of Religion, History, Philosophy and Classics. Bigley LaMotte visited several classes within the department and held informal discussions with students.

In addition to her work with the literacy organization, Bigley LaMotte also serves as a member of the Baltimore mayor’s cabinet, the mayor’s sub-cabinet on human development, the Baltimore Workforce Investment Board, and is a governor’s appointee to the Adult Education Transition Council.

She holds a juris doctorate from the University of Maryland School of Law.

**Alice Hill Brown,** a biologist at the FBI Laboratory in Quantico, Va., lectured on “DNA, the FBI and Life.” Her visit was hosted by Westminster’s Department of Chemistry.

Brown joined the FBI Laboratory in Washington, D.C., in 1984 as a biological laboratory technician. She has co-authored several papers for presentation and publication and received numerous performance and achievement awards.

**Linda Wright Simpson,** a U.S. bankruptcy administrator for the western district of North Carolina, discussed “Math Geek or Lawyer—the Coolness Factor” during her visit, which was hosted by Westminster’s Department of Mathematics and Computer Science.

Simpson’s primary practice area for 25 years is in bankruptcy litigation and administration.

She has been active in legal education programs; committees providing advice to the Judicial Conference of the United States; has provided testimony to the National Bankruptcy Review Commission; and was a member of a delegation that provided assistance to the Bankruptcy Courts of Thailand.

Simpson is also serving her second term on Westminster’s Board of Trustees.

She earned her juris doctorate from the University of North Carolina School of Law. She has served as an elder at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, N.C., and received an honorary life membership to the Presbyterian Women of the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.

**New trustees**

Two Westminster alumni—Robin Willoughby Gooch ’75 and Glenn Thompson ’68—were recently appointed to the Westminster College Board of Trustees.

Gooch and her husband, David Gooch ’75, are co-owners for V.A.M. Associates Inc., of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, a steel and metals wholesale distribution firm that the couple founded in 1991.

She served as president of Alumni Council at Westminster and she is also involved in area civic organizations including the Girl Scouts, Chagrin Soccer Association, and the St. Jude Run for the Cure.

Thompson recently retired as chief operating officer of Plextronics Inc. of Pittsburgh, a high technology firm specializing in organic solar cell and light emitting diode technology. Previously, he had retired from PPG, where he served as vice president of its South American Coatings Operations and as director of business development.

He holds a master’s degree in polymer science from Carnegie Mellon University. He resides in Meridian.
Lives of Service

Each year at homecoming, three alumni are awarded a prestigious Alumni Citation from Westminster College. All are deserving and all are fine representatives of the College. As we looked at each of this year’s honorees, a common thread was found among them: a dedication to service. Whether it is their church, their community, or their alma mater, all three Alumni Citation winners have made a commitment to serving others and giving back in some manner…in true Titan tradition.

Investing in Relationships

On the surface, Stephen Gould ’74 is a financial advisor whose working life is dedicated to guarding and growing his clients’ wealth. But if you lightly scratch that surface, you’ll find a man who is concerned less with dollars and cents than he is to helping others.

Gould grew up in the Philadelphia area, the son of a church pastor who taught him about living a life of humility and faith.

“My father was the biggest influence in my life,” Gould said. “He taught me that faith has to be at the center of everything you do…and then everything else will come from it.”

An active member of his community and church, he has inspired others to be the best they can be - through his business Gould Financial Services, to coaching high school basketball, teaching Sunday school and bettering communities here in the U.S. and half a world away.

It all begins with building relationships, Gould said. Those relationships, whether they be with a client at his business or a teenager at his church, are built through listening and understanding.

“A lot of it is just conversation and finding out about their lives,” he said. “It’s all very relational.”

During the more than 20 years Gould has taught high school Sunday school classes at East Main Presbyterian Church in Grove City, he has consistently built meaningful relationships with his students. Gould has inspired those students travel to Africa, Mexico, and many locations in rural and urban United States on more than a dozen mission trips he has organized to help and serve others.

The investment of his time and talent has paid off for others time and again. In 2005, he challenged his Sunday school class students to raise enough money to build a freshwater well in Zambia that could provide clean water for as many as 3,000 people in the landlocked African nation. His students, in turn, took it a step further and challenged the church’s congregation. The result? They raised enough funds for World Vision to build that one well and 12 more.

“God really multiplied,” Gould said.

Gould said his work with Sunday school students is rooted in his own upbringing. There were people who took an interest in him growing up, Gould said, “and I try to do the same with the kids, talking with them, encouraging them, mentoring them, and building those relationships.”

While Gould has enjoyed material success, he said the real payoff is being able to be the same kind of influence on others that his father was on him.

“It’s been great to have the opportunity to have an impact on their lives and help them think at deeper levels, to encourage them to live their lives based on faith and Christian values,” he said.

~ Elizabeth Fontaine Hildebrand ’92
Let There be Music

Some people never seem to find their niche in life, while others set their sights on the goal and never waver. John Wilson ’70 fits into the second category.

Wilson’s love of church music began early, starting with piano lessons at seven and playing for his home church Sunday school at age 10. By 12, he was asked to fill in when the church organist was hospitalized.

“I didn’t know anything about the organ, but I was willing and started playing for the church service,” Wilson said. “When the former organist was released from the hospital, she wasn’t well enough to continue playing, so I was the organist until I went to Westminster. It was similar to learning to swim by being thrown in!”

Eventually, his father arranged for him to take organ lessons in a nearby town and, later, at a large church in Pittsburgh, which helped him grow musically. His home church purchased a new organ and he gave a recital on it, which deepened his interest in church music.

The young musician came to Westminster as a legacy student, following his father, uncle, brother, and sister: “Westminster had become the school of my family and I had visited so many times as I was growing up that I really didn’t think of going anywhere else.”

He studied under Ray Ocock and Clarence Martin, graduating cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in church music. During his time as a student, he was a part-time organist at local churches.

He went on to earn a master’s degree in sacred music (Union Theological Seminary), a doctor of musical art (American Conservatory of Music), and associate and choirmaster degrees from the American Guild of Organists.

Wilson served as director of music for a number of churches: Wayne Presbyterian in Pennsylvania, Haddonfield Presbyterian in New Jersey, and Coral Ridge Presbyterian in Florida, where the 100-voice Chancel Choir performed on the internationally-televised The Coral Ridge Hour every week.

He currently serves The New Presbyterian Church in Pompano Beach, Fla., as director of music ministries. With help from his wife, Lisa, Wilson directs the adult, children’s, and youth choirs, and oversees the director of the adult and youth handbell choirs.

Under Wilson’s direction, a Concert Choir that includes the Sanctuary Choir plus choir members from other churches presents community concerts and special services throughout the year, including a patriotic concert and Handel’s Messiah. He also conducts the 1,500-voice Ocean Grove Choir Festival in New Jersey.

In addition to his choral work, Wilson has served as organist for concerts in San Salvador Church (Venice, Italy), St. Patrick’s Cathedral (New York City), and St. Stephen’s Cathedral (Vienna, Austria); as guest conductor of Kiev Chorus and Orchestra (Ukraine); and as a participant in the 2008 pre-Olympic concert in Beijing’s Symphony Hall.

While his sacred music career has taken him to international venues, he maintains his ties with Mother Fair. He worked with Dr. Robin Lind, Westminster director of choral activities, to arrange for Westminster’s Concert Choir to perform at Coral Ridge during their 2005 tour.

One area of music that he has touched on but not pursued is composing.

“There are so many wonderful composers, past and present, who have produced so much beautiful music that I did not feel I could add much to such a glorious heritage,” he explained. “I have composed a few things over the years for special occasions, such as a brass fanfare for my wife to walk down the aisle at our wedding.”

Wherever he goes, there will be music.

~ Sandi Chandler, Communication Specialist
An Admirable Man

If you ask Fred “Fritz” Evanoff ‘50 about himself, he’ll likely tell you that much of his life’s success is owed to his older brother, Peter.

A humble man, the younger Evanoff will tell World War II stories—mostly about his brother, a Westminster football captain and 1942 graduate who was killed when his plane was shot down over Formosa in 1944. He’ll tell you about his days at Westminster—playing football and mingling with young co-eds in Browne Hall—none of which, he says, would have been possible without his brother’s urging to attend Westminster.

“He should have been the one up there,” Evanoff said of his brother after receiving the Westminster’s Distinguished Alumni Award at Homecoming.

But Evanoff’s own tale of service to his country, his community, and his alma mater is a testimony to a life of duty, obligation, and giving.

Evanoff joined the U.S. Navy in the footsteps of Peter and his other brother, Harry, who also was killed in action when his ship was hit by a torpedo near the Gilbert Islands. The deaths of his brothers led the Navy to reassign the younger Evanoff to a non-combat vessel two days before Japan surrendered.

When he returned from duty, Evanoff enrolled at Westminster College. Life on campus was a change for Evanoff after the rigors of the war – “I hadn’t sat in a classroom since 1942.” But it did not take long for him to adjust to college life as a student, a Sigma Nu fraternity brother, and an athlete. Like his brother before him, Evanoff joined the Titan football squad. Peter, according to Evanoff, had been “much more of an athlete,” but the younger brother proved to be standout on the field.

After graduating in 1950, Evanoff had a long and successful career as an agent for Connecticut General Life Insurance Company. He earned a lifetime membership in the industry’s Million Dollar Round Table, a premier association for financial professionals who are recognized for their professional knowledge, strict ethical conduct, and outstanding client service.

He’s also distinguished himself in his hometown through a literally groundbreaking effort. Twenty years ago road construction left a bit of an eyesore in his neighborhood. Wanting to improve the view, he worked with township officials to obtain grant funding to plant 20 Linden trees to help beautify the area. Since then he has been a member of Lawrence Park’s Shade Tree Commission and, at nearly 87, is still a familiar face around Erie, pruning trees and maintaining gardens.

The foundation of Evanoff’s professional success and community spirit was built in New Wilmington. “I will always feel indebted to Westminster,” he said. “The four years I spent at Westminster College were the best years of my life.”

Westminster is still as much a part of his life today as it was decades ago. Westminster was the college choice for his sons, Harry Evanoff ’78 and Mike Evanoff ’82. He continues to travel far and wide to cheer on the Titans and is a strong supporter of the Towering Titan Organization. In the 60 years since graduating, he also has yet to miss a class reunion.

Evanoff is a staunch believer in the concept of “giving back.” He has given of his time, talent, and treasure to Westminster over the years. He served as past president and member of Alumni Council, sat on reunion committees, and has provided leadership for alumni activities.

But perhaps his proudest contribution to the College was Evanoff’s decision to honor his brother with the establishment of the Peter Evanoff Memorial Scholarship, which provides funds each year to a Westminster student from Erie County.

The scholarship allows others to share Evanoff’s enduring devotion to his role model, while his own admirable life and commitment to making a difference place him firmly in his brother’s inspiring company.

~ Elizabeth Fontaine Hildebrand ’92

Members of the 1970 NAIA National Championship football team.

The 2010 Homecoming King and Queen, Will Armentrout ’12 and Lexie Elliott ’12, center, with last year’s royal couple, Matthew Monahan ’11 and Katelynn Gray ’11.

Ben Brenner ’60 signs the Golden Tower Society book on behalf of the Class of 1960.
You Can Get There from Here

Emmy Award-winning Alumnus Denny Wolfe ’97

By JUSTIN ZACKAL

It’s an autumn Saturday at the worldwide headquarters of the Worldwide Leader in Sports. That would be in Bristol, Conn., where the cable television sports network ESPN calls home. Producers are busy preparing for tomorrow’s “Sunday NFL Countdown,” the Emmy Award-winning show that previews America’s most-watched games played by some of the nation’s most recognizable athletes.

What could possibly distract them?

One producer can’t seem to stop checking his laptop as he checks live stats from a Westminster College football game.

Fast-forward to the next Westminster Homecoming weekend and Denny Wolfe ’97 can’t help but rewind. He talks about how he went from calling play-by-play of Westminster football games as a student broadcaster to working as a feature producer for ESPN. And, based on his lingering interest in the production room, he’s still very much a fan of Westminster sports.

“When you’ve been here you are a part of that community for life,” said Wolfe, during a recent return to campus. “I realized through the years and meeting other alumni that we all share that same common thread.”

Wolfe, who majored in broadcast communications was on campus during Homecoming weekend to receive the Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

Wolfe is a three-time National Sports Emmy Award winner, two with “SportsCenter” and one with “Sunday NFL Countdown,” while he also earned 10 Emmy nominations for his work with “College GameDay,” “Outside the Lines,” and “NHL2Night.”

What it took to obtain such an exciting and successful career in the sports broadcasting industry, according to Wolfe, is the stuff you hear all the time: involvement, hard work, dedication, experience, and, you know, getting a hand-me-down reference from a guy named Beano and mailing a jock strap to Connecticut.

That, Wolfe can explain.

ESPN came to Westminster in 1996 to do a feature on former football coach Harold Burr, who was being inducted in the College Football Hall of Fame. Reporting for ESPN was none other than Beano Cook, a national sports personality who hails from Pittsburgh.
One current Titan player who Cook interviewed was Chris Snyder ’97, a classmate and dorm room neighbor of Wolfe’s who would go on to work for NBC and the MTV networks.

“Beano loved Chris so much that he told Chris, ‘I tell you what,’ Wolfe began by pointing a index finger and garbling his voice to imitate Cook, ‘send me 10 of your resumes and I’ll send them wherever you want in the U.S.’”

One of those places was ESPN for a production assistant position, but it wasn’t what Snyder was looking for and he instead gave the application to Wolfe.

During that time Wolfe was very active in Westminster student broadcasting. He announced Titan football games on the radio and hosted “Coach’s Corner,” a Westminster Cable 9 (now the Westminster Cable Network) television show that he co-produced.

After graduation, Wolfe was looking for work but he hung on to the letter that Snyder gave him. He returned to his hometown of Leechburg, Pa., and began writing sports for the Valley New Dispatch newspaper in nearby Tarentum.

Wolfe later applied for the ESPN job so he sent his resume, a cover letter and, of course, a jock strap to apply for the production assistant job.

“It was a brand new one,” Wolfe said. “It wasn’t used or anything. I told them I was serious about ‘supporting’ ESPN and they should call Denny Wolfe. Back then, those were the kind of things you had to do.”

Wolfe credits Westminster graduate Brian Dinley ’94 for his inspiration. Dinley used to send cans of Spam with his resume, hoping the strange prop would give him name-recognition to potential employers who would have to sift through stacks of resumes.

“Whether it was because of the jock strap or not remains to be seen,” Wolfe admitted. “Hopefully it caught their attention. I ended up getting my interview in October ’97.”

Wolfe’s hiring at ESPN wasn’t because of a gimmick.

“The thing that put me over the top was my writing background and I had a little bit of TV experience here at the college,” Wolfe said. “They took a chance on a kid from a small town in Western PA from an even smaller college and the rest is history.”

When Wolfe connects with Westminster students he preaches involvement with activities and resources offered by the College and also the lost art of writing.

“Writing is something people need to focus on more and more because that’s something we’ve got away from,” Wolfe said. “If you are a producer and you can write, you are more valuable.”

Wolfe cites words of wisdom from another Westminster graduate working in sports, Dallas Cowboys Director of Public Relations Rich Dalrymple ’82.

“He was taught that if you can write and speak effectively you can do any job in the world,” Wolfe said. “Rich hit the nail on the head and here’s a guy who’s doing it. This is the guy who is at the very top of his business, based on that principle he’s an example on what you can achieve from Westminster when you take advantage of opportunities.”

That’s Wolfe best advice for students: get involved. Many Westminster students have reached out to Wolfe for career advice, including Ben Webber ’00, an ESPN associate producer who now has even more Emmy Awards than Wolfe, including an individual award for a short feature.

“Ben was one of the first guys to reach out to me,” Wolfe said. “He said ‘I really want to work in this business. Tell me what I need to do. Tell me how to get here.’”

Wolfe’s involvement at Westminster went beyond his position as sports director for radio and television. He was president of Theta Chi, vice president of the ice hockey club, member of mortar bard, and public relations chair of the Student Government Association (SGA).

“Those things gave me a chance to get experience in leadership roles and the communication department gave me a chance to work on my technical skills,” Wolfe said. “Once you immerse yourself in being a part of the Westminster community, it’s about not just being a student who goes to class; that’s sort of a passive participation. I got involved and the more people I met the richer my experience was here.”

Having the Westminster football stats streaming on his laptop when he could be planning an NFL show is not something that serves as a distraction as it serves as a reminder for Wolfe. That’s a reminder that Wolfe often tells Westminster students.

“It’s a small school and it’s hard to think sometimes that you can get there from here,” Wolfe added. “It is possible. You can do it. Sometimes you don’t know how and sometimes you just need that push. That’s what I try to do.”
1952
Roy Morrow received the City of Tallmadge (Ohio) Lifetime Achievement Award on Oct. 14, 2010 for his dedication to community service. He is active in his community and with his local Lions Club. Each fall he picks up and delivers 60 gallons of cider for the annual Tallmadge Halloween street dance and also prepares food for the bi-monthly Lions Club spaghetti dinner fundraisers. Roy and his wife, Marjorie, reside in Tallmadge.

1961
Sandra Tauberg Bartley Hess earned the Colby Award from Sigma Kappa sorority for her achievements in the field of business. A retired specialist in international affairs, she served as the deputy director of the international trade division within the Ohio Department of Development. She and her husband, Jim, reside in Naples, Fla., and Columbus, Ohio.

1966
Deborah Myers Holmes retired from teaching Spanish and English as a Second Language at Phoenix Christian High School. She serves as assistant chaplain for Silver Bay Christian Conference Center (YMCA) on Lake George, N.Y., each June through September. She resides in Phoenix.

High tea
Class of 1955 members, from left, Helen Lemmon, Glenna Weister Emanuel, Judy Barrett Fischer, and Betty Oursler Thompson enjoyed a mini-reunion in November by celebrating high tea together.
50-year friendship

Sigma Kappa sisters Carole Foti Miller, Kay McClure Kish, Cathy Dalae Markovitz, and Merry Jo Gilmore McGee, pictured from left, all pledged the same sorority in the spring of 1961 and have been meeting regularly over the years since graduating in 1964. They met recently at Shakespeare’s Restaurant in Ellwood City.

1968

Elmer Meider Jr. recently took an early retirement from Highlights for Children Inc., where he had served as president for more than 20 years. He was a member of the Westminster College Board of Trustees for eight years and served on many corporate and foundation boards. He has relocated from the Columbus Ohio area to Chicago.

1969

John Mangieri (M), author of the book Power Thinking: How the Way You Think Can Change the Way You Lead, has reached a publishing milestone: More than 250,000 purchases of his books, authored or co-authored, have been made. He and his wife, Debbie, live in Charlotte, N.C.

1974

Daniel Ridge is a cartoonist and freelance artist and illustrator living in Newburyport, Mass.

Notes from Wiley House

If you’ve ever attended Westminster, then you are a member of the Westminster College Alumni Association! The Association is governed by the Alumni Council, a group of 30-40 alumni representatives dedicated to supporting Westminster, current students, and fellow alumni. The Council meets on campus three times a year to assist in planning and hosting student and alumni networking events including homecoming and reunion activities, make appeals to alumni in support of the Westminster Fund, hear about what’s new on campus, and facilitate communication between the College, students, and alumni.

The Council takes on other responsibilities from time to time. For example, the Council has been working through a strategic planning process for the past several months. The College went through the process a couple of years ago and is now implementing Advantage: Westminster—A Strategic Plan 2010-2020. Council is looking at ways to ensure that we are effectively and strategically supporting the College and our fellow alumni.

A recurring topic is developing in our strategic planning discussions – communication. How can Alumni Council best reach out to you? How can we increase alumni awareness of Council support? How can we encourage you to be an active member of the Westminster Alumni Association and stay involved with alma mater? This spring we will be rolling up our sleeves and working to answer these questions. This letter is our first step in increasing communication between the Council and all alumni. Be sure to watch for more updates in future editions of the Westminster Magazine.

If you would like more information about the Alumni Council or are interested in serving on the Council, please contact the Alumni Office. Also, all alumni are invited to attend the annual meeting of the Westminster Alumni Association held in conjunction with the spring Alumni Council meeting at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 7, in McKelvey Campus Center. Contact Mary, Cindy, or Linda at the Wiley Alumni House at alumni@westminster.edu or (724) 946-7364.

Sincerely,

Debbie Saterlee Corll ’77
President
Westminster College Alumni Council
**1975**
Sylvia Schneider Maston earned her M.D. in May 2010 from Drexel University College of Medicine and also received a departmental award in neurology. She has begun her residency in psychiatry at the Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia. She and her husband, Bill Maston ’74, reside in Merion.

**1976**
Barbara Barley Stransky is the chief financial officer at the Department of Family Medicine at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine. She and her husband, Joe, reside in Stoughton, Wis.

**1977**
Thomas Macdonald is the author of *Next Stop! Tips and Tales from a Train Commuter*, which was recently published by lulu.com and shares Tom’s experiences of riding the train to and from New York City for two years. Tom resides in Milford, Conn.

Sharon Paquette contributed a chapter to the book *Performing New Lives: Prison Theatre*, which was published in October. Her chapter, “From the Meanest Creature: Theatre as a Vehicle for Change,” chronicles a portion of the time she spent running a theatre program at the New Hampshire State Prison for Men. Paquette resides in Concord, N.H.

**1978**
Scott McLuckey was the featured speaker for the third annual Ken and Nancy Long Chemistry Lecture at Westminster College on Nov. 2. McLuckey’s presentation was “Learning to Look ‘Both Ways’: A Liberal Arts Scientist’s Musings on Competing Viewpoints in Science and Science Policy.” Scott is the John A. Leighty distinguished professor of chemistry at Purdue University.

Kristin Hayes VanSlyke earned a Tonawanda Women of Distinction Award in September for her work with Operation Paperback, a program which supplies used books to soldiers overseas. Kristin, who has served with the North Tonawanda Friends of the Library, made selections from books donated for the library’s book sale. She has been sending roughly 60 books a month since 2008. Kristin and her husband, Bill VanSlyke, reside in North Tonawanda.

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**Do you own an Oestreich?**

Dr. James A. Perkins, distinguished professor of English emeritus, and local artist Nelson Oestreich are seeking any Oestreich wood block prints featuring birds. The two are collaborating on a book which will feature Perkins’ poetry and Oestreich’s prints.

Over his long career, Oestreich created and sold at least 37 different wood block prints containing a bird or birds, beginning in 1959 with “Winter Birds” and ending in 1982 with “Hummingbird.” Most of these works were limited to print runs of 10 to 20. Seventeen of the 37 prints have been located, but Perkins and Oestreich are still seeking prints of the remaining 20.

If you have an Oestreich wood block print containing a bird or birds, please contact Perkins at jperkins@westminster.edu or by calling (724) 946-7347. If your print is one that is still sought, arrangements will be made to have a digital copy made for possible inclusion in the book. Owners of the prints will be acknowledged.

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**70th Reunion Class of 1940**

Joe Hopkins and Russ Dahlburg

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**Gettysburg gathering**

Four Theta Chi brothers and their wives spent a weekend touring Gettysburg and reminiscing about Westminster days. From left are Peter Herchenroether ’76 and his wife, Susan Suomi Herchenroether ’77; Hank Buechli ’77 and his wife, Ann Bauer Buechli ’76; Jim ’76 and Beverly Cosentino; and Bert Molnar ’76 and his wife, Sissy Como Molnar ’77.
Free falling

Jennifer Smith Galbraith ’96 and her husband, Chad, recently completed their 1,000th skydive. The jump was made at the Keystone Skydiving Center in Collegeville, where Jennifer has been a dive instructor for the past four years. She also works full-time as an optometrist in the Harrisburg area.

Regional Connections

September 11
Williamsport, PA
Sixty alumni and guests and parents of Titan football players enjoyed a tailgate barbecue at Lycoming College before the Westminster Titans vs. Lycoming Warriors football game. Host for the tailgate was College Trustee Bob Buehner ’75 and his wife, Alice. Also in attendance were Westminster president, Dr. Rick Dorman and his wife, Beverly. Attendees enjoyed a beautiful fall afternoon together. Thank you, Bob and Alice, for hosting this fun event!

September 25
Wexford
The Westminster College Women’s Club held its fall meeting at Atria’s Restaurant. Camille Hawthorne, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, gave an excellent presentation to the group on student organizations and activities at the College. The next meeting of the group will be Saturday, December 4, at the Sheraton Station Square. For additional information, please contact Diane Meriam Vance ’62 at (724) 327-6064 or e-mail: advance327@comcast.net.

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1979
Rob Sheehan has authored a new book, Mission Impact: Breakthrough Strategies for Nonprofits. Rob is the academic director for the executive MBA program at the Robert H. Smith School of Business at the University of Maryland. He is also principal of Sheehan Nonprofit Consulting.

1980
Alan Boynton has been elected as the first president of the New Birth of Freedom Boy Scout Council. Alan is an attorney with McNeese Wallace & Nurick LLC. He resides in Mechanicsburg.
The ‘70s revisited
Philadelphia-area classmates from 1974 and 1975 got together to catch up and rekindle friendships at the home of Karen Sloan Bausman ’75, who said “The years dropped away and we shared stories that immediately bridged any passage of time. It was the ‘70s again.” Pictured are, first step, John Still ’74; second step, Linda Stilwell Teets ’74 and Carl Teets ’73; seated, Bob Bausman; fourth step from left, Duane Weaver; Debbie Joho Weaver ’75, Sylvia Schneider Maston ’75, Betsey Cella Bergen ’74; and fifth step from left, hostess Karen Bausman, Bill Maston ’74, and Sandy James ’74.

1988
Greg Pollock was recently promoted to the position of director of business affairs and transportation with the Aurora (Ohio) City Schools. He previously had served nine years as the school’s elementary principal.

1990
Nate Frederick has been named vice president of special assets for Tennessee Commerce Bank.

1994
Todd Hervey recently was awarded Westminster College’s 2010 Outstanding and Dedicated AV Media Support Services Award. Hervey is a special projects director and editor for Fuel Creative Inc. He and his wife, Pam, reside in Glen Allen, Va., with their two children.

1998
Rebecca Zeitler Farrell is a vice president at DeVries Public Relations in New York, N.Y., where she leads the Vicks North America account for Procter & Gamble. She and her husband, Christian, reside in Hoboken, N.J.

1999
Jennifer Passarelli DeVanna earned a master of public health degree from the University of Alaska Anchorage in June 2010. Her husband, Justin DeVanna ’98, was selected for the U.S. Army Long Term Health Education and Training Program and is currently a resident in the internal medicine program at North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Medicine. They reside in Durham, N.C.
2000
Lora Adams-King (M ’07) has been serving as principal of Farrell High School since 2008.

2001
Nathan Carlin has co-authored the book Living in Limbo: Life in the Midst of Uncertainty, which was recently published by Cascade Books. Nathan is an assistant professor in the Mc Govern Center for Humanities and Ethics at The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston.

2003
Melissa Batulis Fullerton, a reporter for WFMZ-TV in Allentown, earned a Mid-Atlantic Regional News Emmy Award in September. She won in the “Feature News Report” category for reports profiling local inventors.

2006
Stephen Franklin recently graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and is serving as pastor of Meridian United Presbyterian Church in Butler.

Jordan Hinds was recently selected to participate in Team Marathon Bar, an athlete sponsorship program. Recruited from hundreds of athletes nationwide, Hinds was chosen to participate in endurance races, community service events and other public activities while wearing Marathon branded apparel. Hinds has competed in nine marathons including races in New York City, Boston, and Chicago. He completed the Marine Corps Marathon in Washington, D.C., in October.

2008
Joshua Anderson is touring with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus as an electrician working with lighting and pyrotechnics.

2009
Stefan Hadricky is the senior account manager for SB Internet Marketing Inc.

ATTENTION: Class of 2009

Haven’t filled out the Graduate Survey yet?

Are you waiting for that perfect job before responding? Are you too busy with life in the real world? Think we don’t care or that your information doesn’t matter? Concerned that we will start asking you for money?

Each year Westminster College collects invaluable information pertaining to internships, continuing education, the job search, and employment status from recent graduates to measure the success of a Westminster education. A higher response rate results in a more accurate report. This year we are seeking a 100% response rate from members of the Class of 2009. Are you up to the challenge?

Why should every 2009 graduate complete the Westminster Graduate Survey? Completing the survey is a great way to give back to the College by providing a resource for current students and alumni to use in making educational and career decisions. The Westminster Graduate Survey is a powerful tool that prospective students can utilize to assist in their college-decision making process. Above all, it is great to have the statistics to back up what we already know: that our graduates rank among the best in the nation!

If you are a 2009 graduate and haven’t completed the survey, please go to www.westminster.edu/resources/career/graduate_survey.cfm and complete it now. In order for your information to be included in the 2009 Graduate Survey, we need your response no later than April 15. Your response will remain anonymous if requested.

55th Reunion Classes of 1955

WEDDINGS

2001
► April McCarthy and Nate Marutz, Sept. 25, 2010, at St. Patrick Church in Canonsburg. Jennifer Body Wittmann served as matron of honor. Several other Westminster alumni were in attendance. The couple honeymooned in Maui. April is a closed captioner for VITAC in Canonsburg. The couple resides in Muse.

2002
► Kadie Strosko and Jack Gault IV, Sept. 4, 2010, on Paradise Beach, Melbourne, Fla. Kadie is an assistant team leader for Community Human Services. The couple lives in Moon Township.

2005
► Jaime Carter and Steven Dray, April 30, 2010, at the Good Shepherd Church of the South Hills in Upper Saint Clair. Alumnae bridesmaids were Leslie Underwood Dallas, Elizabeth Bacheson ’06, Ashley Seidelson Mills ’06, and Laura Zorch ’06. Alumni in attendance were Christy Atkins Pickell ’04, Beth Grubbs, Mary Huebert Lang, Jollene Weister Pratte, Lori Howard McCall ’06, Matt McCall, Megan Johnson Jones, Amanda Stano, Megan Sigler Monaghan, Mellisa Schroder Dorosh, Amy Schroder Winner ’06, and Andy Winner ’04. Jaime is the director of development/public relations for the Lighthouse Foundation. The couple resides in Crafton.

► Julia Fair and Jason Karns, March 27, 2010, in Pittsburgh. Westminster alumni in the wedding party were bridesmaids Nichole Danner Babka and Ashley Young Morris ’06. Best man was Bryan Lee. Julia is a high school German teacher in the South Butler County School District. The couple resides in Pittsburgh.

50th Reunion Class of 1960

Kristy Humphries and Brent Combs, May 8, 2010, at the Marriott Grande Dunes Resort and Spa in Myrtle Beach, S.C. Kristy is the daughter of Dan ’76 and Anne Treleaven Humphries ’76. Karey Humphries ’11 served as maid of honor for her sister. Alumni in attendance were Dave ’76 and Cindy Ostrowski Dobish ’76, Bob Utz ’76, Josh Paine, and Christopher Morgenstern.


35th Cluster Reunion Classes of 1974 • 1975 • 1976

First row from left: Bill Foster, Debbie Swatsworth Foster, Doris Barron Stanley, Leah Morrow Serwon, Laura Ceraolo Kubyako, Mary Lou Pendlyshok Bytof, Elizabeth Morse, Patti Moon Massey, Sherri Graham Dimon, Beth Brown Merry, Barb Freund Roser. Second row from left: Bill Murphy, Jim Giel, Don Stanley, Mark Presnar, Alex Stupakis, Karen Campman Emmett, Amy Sutcamp Schuster, Susan Sullivan Nielsen, Jan Twaddle, Ann Bauer Buechli, Roberta Laird. Third row from left: Peter Herchenroether, Richard Mills, Alan Dines, Fred Kriess, Rob Farr, Drew Nagle, Debbie Klink Hazi, Patricia Stoltz Clawson, Diane Morrell Beck. Fourth row from left: Robin Stephenson Altman, Gary Altman, Don Tylinski, David Selchan, Joanna Bell MacDonald, unidentified classmate, Barry Spaeth, Tracey Hitchen Stagaard, Nancy Kable Van Schaack, Kay Kloss Balderose, George Barr, Kevin Palladino. Fifth row from left: Paul Lasky, Bob Buehner, Mike Cotter, Mike Kovach. Sixth row from left: James Harris, unidentified classmate, Jon Seltenheim, Leslie McGill Goldstein, Dan Mumaw, Robin Willoughby Gooch, Dave Gooch.
2007
Rebecca Logar and Michael Mackin ’05, Sept. 4, 2010, in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Niles, Ohio. Patrick O’Connor ’05, Matthew Facenda ’05, John Matune ’05, and Erin Hinks ’06 were members of the wedding party. The couple honeymooned in Aruba and is currently living in Pittsburgh.

2008

Molly Kudelko and Brian Campbell ’06, April 17, 2010, at Notre Dame Church in Hermitage. The reception was held at the Hickory VFW, Hermitage. Michael Kudelko ’11 was a groomsmen, while Jessie Postell ’07 and Leslie Danos ’09 were bridesmaids. Aaron Bruck ’06, Christine Line, Kevin Facchini, Leah Herskovitz, Michael Spicuzza ’07, Carley Mihlo, Derek Ferrier ’07, Vanessa Kriley, Kevin Oshnock, Kate Altman ’12 and Chris Zinkham ’06 attended. Molly is a lab technician at Sharon Sanitary Authority and Brian is a clinical manager at George Junior Republic. The couple resides in Sharpsville.

2009
Diana Peet and Cory Mathias, June 26, 2010, at the First Presbyterian Church in Pittsford, N.Y. Erin Thompson ’10 and Jennifer Pallone were bridesmaids, and Ryan Kirk, Gary Hanssen ’10, and Erik Chesney ’10 were groomsmen. Many alumni were also in attendance. Diana is a substitute teacher in the Greenbrier County School District and Cory is a student at West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine. The couple resides in Lewisburg, W. Va.

25th Reunion Class of 1985
NEW ADDITIONS

1987

1991
Jennifer Morlock-Barber and her husband, Mike: a son, Adam Wilbur, on Sept. 10, 2010. The family resides in Helena, Ala.

1993
Lori Merchant Kushner and her husband, Aaron: a daughter, Vanessa Paige, on July 26, 2010. She joins a brother, Domenick. Lori is a software engineer at PNC Bank in Pittsburgh. The family resides in Bridgeville.

1996
Gwendolyn Myron Brunner and her husband, James: a daughter, Madelyn, on Oct. 26, 2009. She joins a brother, Dillon. Gwendolyn is a medical physicist. The family resides in Pittsburgh.

Jennifer Smith Galbraith and her husband, Chad: a 16-year-old son, Tyson, was adopted on Dec. 29, 2009.

1997

1998

2001
Seth Rice and his wife, Kristen: a daughter, Jillian Grace, on Nov. 25, 2010. Seth serves as regulatory legal counsel to The Lubrizol Corporation, a Fortune 500 international specialty chemical company. The family resides in the Cleveland area.


First row from left: Nichole Catarcio Columbus, Jennifer Sauro DiLucia, Dina Crimone, Renee Hall Regna, Amy Phillips Bornais, Jennifer Sombronsky Tuck. Second row from left: Avery Piper Craig, Dani Balla Gumto, Amy Wild Wilson, Susan Revak Morse, unidentified classmate, Kasey Kustron Gabrielli, Meghan Boyle Coulehan, Kathy Weisenstein Cummins, Jennifer Schwab Paterra. Third row from left: Kristen Albee Dunbar, Jennifer Solanik Gates, Kristina Mitchell Little, Dayna Bokenkamp, Yura Han Yang, Erin Anderson Schuetz, Kim Hoffman Brant, Anne Kummer Sterba, Kurt Baker, Kara Sheets Albrecht. Fourth row from left: Mike Marsh, Brian Silvis, Kate Tipton Silvis, unidentified classmate, Sheri Ganssle Sousa, LeeAnne Tomanio Wikert, Betsy Mehling, Melissa Travis Dunham, unidentified classmate, T.J. Greggs. Fifth row from left: Matthew Hillebrand, unidentified classmate, Amy Dietrich Bonnar, Jessica Ireland Lapinski, Gwen Myron Brunner, unidentified classmate, unidentified classmate, Nadine MacLeod Valco, Julie Bramer Cantrell, Nikki Sparrow, Elizabeth Richardson Trupp. Sixth row from left: Jill Hounsell, Tom Uveges, Stanton Fleming, Tony Carrabba, Don DaRe, Melissa Blake Ensign, Chad Brant, Rich Sterba, Justin Harrison
2002

Kristen Greenwood Peak and her husband, Larry: a son, Zachary Everett, on Sept. 29, 2010. He joins a sister, Hannah. Kristen is director of targeted case management at NHS Human Services of Bucks County. The family resides in Horsham.


Erin Lyon Farbaugh and her husband, Philip: a son, Dominic Gerard, on July 24, 2010. Grandparents include William Lyon ’71 and Eugenia Frengel Lyon ’71. Erin is an attorney with Sain Law, LLC in Wexford.

2003

Jennifer Hooks Litzinger and her husband, Jim: a son, Cameron James, on May 11, 2010. He joins a brother, Garrett, at home in Chippewa.


Bryan Mackrell and his wife, Christina: a son, Connor James, on May 14, 2010. The family lives in Cranberry Township.

2004

Megan Chovan Mathieu and her husband, Ryan Mathieu ’01: a daughter, Brooke Renee, on March 6, 2010. Ryan is a business analyst for UPMC health plan in Pittsburgh and Megan is a fifth grade teacher for the Penn Hills School District. The family resides in Pittsburgh.

Hillary Gustafson
DeWeese and her husband, Kevin: a son, Jack Robert, on April 28, 2010. Hillary is the assistant director of The Goddard School in Westerville, Ohio. The family resides in New Albany, Ohio.

Betsy Schoessler
Stein and her husband, Bob: a son, Braydon John, on May 31, 2010. The family lives in Allison Park.

Leslie Underwood
Dallas and her husband, Mike: a son, Zane Michael, on Jan. 6, 2010. The family lives in Troy, Mo.

2006
Ashley Steines and her fiancé, Chris Pagley: a son, Christopher Pagley, on Feb. 22, 2010. The family resides in New Castle.

Find WC on the Web

With Westminster alumni living across the world and the Internet connecting them, it is easier than ever to stay in touch, network with fellow alumni, and get the latest Westminster news. Westminster can be found on the following social networking sites, so log on and stay connected!

- www.westminster.edu/facebook
- www.westminster.edu/linkedin
- www.twitter.com/westminsterpa
- www.myspace.com/westminsterpa
- www.vimeo.com/westminster

A call for volunteers!
The Alumni Office is looking to add regional alumni volunteers to committees for the following cities: Pittsburgh areas, Lawrence and Mercer counties, Cleveland, and Akron-Canton area in Ohio. Please contact Cindy Dafler ’03 at (724) 946-7373 or daflercs@westminster.edu for more information and if you are interested in serving.
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.

1932
Harry Madducks of Blairsville, formerly of Hermitage, Nov. 21, 2010. After 30 years of service, he retired in 1971 from Westinghouse Electric Corp. in Sharon as an industrial engineer. During World War II he served with the Second Army for four years and retired from the Army Reserves after 28 years with the rank of Major. Survivors include a daughter; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1933
J. Gordon Nevin Jr. of Monongahela, formerly of Elizabeth and Scottsdale, July 15, 2010. He worked in the education field for 39 years, retiring in 1974. He was a teacher and administrator in the Elizabeth-Forward School District, supervising principal of East Huntingdon School District, and superintendent of Southmoreland School District. Survivors include two sons; a sister; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

1936
Edith Carson Zahnis of New Wilmington, July 12, 2010. She worked as a music teacher in West Middlesex, the American Red Cross in Pittsburgh, and later retired from the Adoption Services of Allegheny County Orphans Court. Survivors include five nieces, including Christine Carson Filipovich ’72 and her husband, Dennis Filipovich ’65; one nephew, William Carson ’68; and one great-niece.

1937
Mary Jane Stevenson of Lewisburg, Aug. 12, 2010. She had served as the dean of women at Westminster College and Albright College, where she also was associate professor of English. She was assistant dean of women at Penn State. From 1971 to 1976 she was the assistant to the dean of students at Bucknell and the national executive secretary of Alpha Lambda Delta, the freshman scholastic honorary society. She retired as Alpha Lambda Delta’s executive director in 1981. Her partner of more than 60 years, Peg, passed away just two months later. Survivors include a niece and several cousins.

1940
Wallace Jamison of Jacksonville, Ill., Oct. 9, 2010. Professor of history and dean emeritus of Illinois College, he retired in 1985. He previously served as a professor of history at Westminster College and as academic dean, professor of church history, and president of New Brunswick Theological Seminary. He was also a World War II veteran, having served in the Mediterranean theater as a Navy chaplain in North Africa, and during the invasions of Sicily and Italy. Survivors include two daughters; two sons; six grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; a stepgrandson; and a step-great-grandson.

1942

1944
Arthur Kelley of Morgantown, W. Va., June 1, 2010. He was a family practice physician at the Mileground Medical Center in Morgantown from 1955 until his retirement in 1989. He was a U.S. Navy veteran, having served as an officer aboard the U.S.S. Alabama in World War II. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Lois; a daughter; and three sons.

1945
Lois Kost Forquer of Rockville, Md., July 29, 2010. Survivors include her husband, Ralph; two daughters; a son; two granddaughters; a brother; and several nieces and nephews.

1947
Rebecca Matz Thomas of Pittsburgh, July 27, 2010. Survivors include a daughter; two sons; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

1949
Gilbert Cox Jr. of New Castle, June 7, 2010. Survivors include his wife, June; a son; a sister; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1950
Wilbur Dumbaugh of Renfrew, July 22, 2010, following a lengthy battle against cancer. He operated the family business, Dumbaugh Electric Inc., until his retirement. Music, however, was his first love. A baritone, he
became a sought-after soloist, performing with numerous symphony orchestras, choirs, and churches. He was active with musical theatre, as well, and was the first president of the Musical Theatre Guild of Butler. He later auditioned for the Civic Light Opera (CLO) and for two seasons appeared in CLO’s productions of Fiorello, Seven Brides for Seven Brothers, and Mame. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Margaret “Peg” Morris Dumbaugh ’49; a daughter; a sister; two granddaughters; and five nieces and nephews.

Edith Glaser Miller of Coraopolis, Oct. 14, 2010. She had been an elementary school teacher in the Pittsburgh Public School System and the Moon Township School District. Survivors include her husband, John; a daughter, Claire Miller ’89; a son, David Miller ’89; and a sister, Lois Glaser ’54.

Col. Robert McChesney of Celebration, Fla., Oct. 16, 2010. McChesney served 32 years in the U.S. Air Force. He was awarded the Legion of Merit twice, the Bronze Star, and the Air Medal four times. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Jan; four children; and seven grandchildren.

1952
Peter Andersen Jr., Estero, Fla., March 13, 2007. Survivors include his wife of 54 years, Betsy Lewis Anderson ’53; two daughters; four grandsons; and a great-granddaughter.

1953
Robert Dugan of Lexington, Mass., Oct. 23, 2010. Bob was a tax attorney, employed by the U.S. Treasury for 29 years, ending those as the District Council. He taught at the Boston University School of Law prior to and following his retirement from the U.S. Treasury. Survivors include his wife, Constance Beaman Dugan; three daughters; and two grandchildren.

Marjory Meyer Scheller of Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla., May 22, 2010. Survivors include her husband of 60 years, Sanford Scheller; a daughter; four sons; 13 grandchildren, including Lauren Scheller ’06; a sister; and a brother.

1954
Joseph Daniel of Erie, Feb. 8, 2010. Joe retired as sales manager of Ericson’s Memorials in Erie. He was active with the Church of the Cross Presbyterian Church in Fairview. Survivors include his wife, Anne; two sons; five stepchildren; and 10 grandchildren.

1956
Ann Shoop Mall of Fremont, Calif., Oct. 19, 2010. She attended Westminster College for two years and was a member of Theta Epsilon sorority. Survivors include her husband, Wayne; a daughter; a son; two stepdaughters; two brothers; and six grandchildren.

1957

Albert E. Canon Jr., of Hermitage, Oct. 1, 2010. He spent his working career in the fields of advertising and marketing. He served as editor of The Holcad when he was a student at Westminster. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Mary Ellen Snyder Canon ’60.

Carolyn Van Gundy of Canton, Ohio, June 17, 2010. She owned a real estate business in Ligonier prior to moving to Canton in 1993. Survivors include her husband, Donald Grimes; two daughters, including Wendy Grimes Kears ’78; a son; a brother; and six grandchildren.

1959
Augusta Hinde (M) of Houston, Jan. 2, 2010. She was an elementary classroom teacher in Mercer from 1956-1963. She later taught and was chair of the biology department at William Woods College in Fulton, Mo. She retired in 1986. Her husband, Howard, passed away seven days after Augusta’s death. Survivors include a daughter; a granddaughter; and two great-granddaughters.

1968
Harold Martsolf Jr. of Clearwater, Fla., Oct. 5, 2010. Harry worked in the healthcare administration. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn; and a daughter.

Kenneth S. Murphy (M) of Jamestown, April 29, 2010. He worked for Maplewood School District in Trumbull County, Ohio, for more than 30 years. Survivors include his wife, Kristin; a daughter; a son; a sister; a brother; a granddaughter; a grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

1976
Dawn Wiltshire Miller of Essex Junction, Vt., Sept. 18, 2010. Survivors include her husband, Peter; her mother; nine children; a grandchild; and three brothers.

1979
Margaret Hanek Evenson of Fort Myers, Fla., Sept. 5, 2010. She taught in various Florida schools over the past 26 years. Survivors include her husband, Scott; a daughter; a son; a sister; a brother; and several nieces and nephews.

1982
Ann Saul Dudurich of Greensburg, July 11, 2010, after a battle with lung cancer. Ann was a long-time health and medicine reporter for the Greensburg Tribune-Review. Survivors include her husband, Michael; a daughter; and two brothers, including Wilson Saul ’67.

1996
Christin Hable of Grafton, Mass., Nov. 17, 2010, following a lengthy illness. She was an elementary teacher in New Orleans for many years before relocating to Grafton. Survivors include her parents; three sisters; and several nieces and nephews.
Robert Aiken of New Wilmington passed away Sept. 17, 2010. For many years, Bob had been the equipment manager for the athletic department at Westminster College, earning him the campus distinction “Honorary Titan.” Most recently he had been the Field House building attendant. Prior to his positions at Westminster, Bob had been a truck owner and operator for 25 years. Survivors include his wife, Betty; three daughters, Maureen Aiken Cory ’92, Aimee Aiken Woofter ’88, and Allysen Aiken Byers ’93; a son, Master Sgt. Mark Aiken ’91; four sisters; three brothers; and several grandchildren.

Dr. Joseph Henderson, professor of education emeritus, formerly of New Wilmington, passed away Dec. 18, 2010. Henderson, who earned his undergraduate degree from Indiana University of Pennsylvania and his master’s degree and doctor of education degree from New York University, joined the Westminster education faculty in 1956. He was chair of the education department and director of the Graduate Program. He retired in 1980. He had been a visiting professor at Oxford University in England, he participated in several UNESCO world tours studying comparative education, and he was a delegate to many International Education Congresses. He served as a consultant to the Schutz American School in Alexandria, Egypt for 25 years. Henderson wrote many articles for both educational and religious publications and he authored four books on his family’s history. In 1985 he and his wife, Betty, endowed a research program for faculty at Westminster College named “The Henderson Lecture Program.” Survivors include two daughters, Kathryn Henderson Anderson ’68 and Nancy Henderson Pihlblad ’75; two sons, Paul Henderson ’72 and John Henderson ’73; one sister; two brothers; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to the Henderson Lecture Fund at Westminster College, 319 S. Market St., New Wilmington, PA 16172.

James Winner Jr., former Westminster College Trustee and longtime Mercer County businessman, entrepreneur and philanthropist, was killed in a car crash Sept. 14, 2010. Winner served on Westminster’s Board from 1994 to 2002. A lifelong entrepreneur, his business interests included The Club, a vehicle anti-theft device; The Radisson Hotel, Shenango Township; Tara – A Country Inn, Clark; Tiffany’s Banquet Center, Brookfield; and the former Winner Steel, The Winner, a women’s clothing store, and Buhl Mansion Guesthouse and Spa, all in Sharon. He was a generous philanthropist who founded the Winner Foundation, today a part of the Community Foundation of Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. The foundation has contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to a number of local endeavors, ranging from college scholarships to charitable needs of area schools, churches and many other agencies. Winner is survived by his wife, Donna; two daughters; two sons; a sister; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Cardinal Wuerl, 69, will serve as an adviser to the Pope and will be eligible to vote in a Papal election until his 80th birthday.

Cardinal Wuerl became the leader of the Archdiocese of Washington on June 22, 2006, after 18 years as the Bishop of Pittsburgh. The Pittsburgh native was ordained to the priesthood on Jan. 6, 1966 and ordained a bishop by Pope John Paul II on Jan. 6, 1986 in Saint Peter’s Basilica, Rome.
TITAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Have you moved, changed phone numbers, or do you have some news about yourself or your family that you want to share with other Westminster alumni? Fill out the form below and return it to the Wiley Alumni House – Updates, Westminster College, New Wilmington, PA 16172-0001.

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INFORMATION UPDATE

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.
Old 77

A sharp drop in Westminster College enrollment in 1919—at least partly due to World War I and the global influenza epidemic of 1918—caused a reordering of building priorities. A new gym, the Board agreed, was most likely to attract new students and so a building project for a new campus gymnasium—later to be known as Old 77—was moved to the top of the list.

By 1920, property south of Old Main on the quadrangle-to-be was purchased. Funds of $827,000 were raised by the United Presbyterian denomination to be used by Westminster to build a new gymnasium as well as other campus buildings. Ground for the gym was broken Commencement weekend in 1920. On June 7, 1921, the red brick building—measuring 103 x 60 feet—was dedicated. The cost to build and equip: $150,000.

Included in the new gymnasium were a basketball floor with an elevated track on the balcony level, offices, locker rooms, an indoor running track, a dance studio and stage, an exercise room, and a place for a swimming pool which was added in 1926 at a cost of $15,000.

Prior to the 1951-52 season, the gym was the site of all varsity basketball games. The Titan team won the last 77 games they played there (1945-1951) and it was christened “Old 77.” In 1951, the men’s basketball team abandoned Old 77 to move to the newly-constructed Memorial Field House. Women’s sports moved into Old 77 under the helm of Marjorie Walker and Carolyn Bessy.

Today, Old 77 serves as an intramural and varsity practice gymnasium. In 1976, the pool relocated to the Westminster Natatorium in Memorial Field House. In 2003, the Marjorie A. Walker Fitness Center opened in the lower level of the gym, named in honor of the pioneering women’s coach and administrator who retired from the College in 1993.

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Sporting their Titan gear and happy smiles, these undergrads line up outside McGill Library to watch the annual homecoming parade.