Ready for a Challenge
In my introductory remarks to Westminster’s new 10-year strategic plan “Advantage: Westminster,” I mention the importance our College must ascribe to elevating “the call for academic rigor in response to a growing national market for quick degrees focused primarily on vocationalism.” At Westminster, we believe that a college degree should actually mean something. Our graduates should effectively demonstrate competencies, characteristics, and commitments that distinguish human beings at their best. Those words are found within our mission statement. It is not enough to complete a course of study and receive a diploma. We wish to ensure that our graduates are, in fact, educated. Turning the tassel on a mortarboard should symbolize not only the completion of degree requirements, but the attainment of a higher order of intellectual, cultural, social, and personal understanding not possible save for the collegiate experience concluding at the point of graduation.

But how do we achieve greater academic rigor? First, we establish higher expectations from all who share in the academic process. We admit only those students who have previously demonstrated an ability to succeed academically. Admitted students then follow the Westminster Plan, a four-year general education program with courses that focus on the acquisition of skills including critical thinking, effective communication, and collaborative learning skills. Coursework in their chosen major culminates in a capstone experience in the junior or senior year where each student must synthesize what they have learned in their field. Next, rigorous standards are set for our faculty both in the quality of instruction (our highest priority), and in their scholarly activity outside the classroom. We are in the knowledge business, and knowledge is not static. For faculty to remain current and interesting, they must model the behavior of intellectual curiosity to their students. Finally, we must assess our success in yielding the academic outcomes we seek. The faculty and administration work collaboratively in developing assessment protocols so we deliver what we promise—an outstanding undergraduate education.

The word “Challenge” is one of the seven core values found within our values statement called The Westminster Way. The campus community collectively agreed to include this term as a core value because we recognize that true success only comes through hard work and personal discipline. The national recognition we continue to attract is a testament to the efforts being expended to bring greater rigor and quality to the education we provide. Recently, Forbes.com named Westminster College as America’s #1 college or university for women seeking to go into the S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, and math) disciplines. Though we are excited by this, and other, external accolades, we know that much work is yet to be done to raise our academic bar even higher. As our campus community strives to do so in the years ahead, we seek the support and encouragement of our alumni and friends toward this goal. Challenging ourselves to improve our academic rigor will result in increasing the value of a Westminster degree. It is a worthy goal for all of us.

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A year of academic learning, researching, and creating can pass quickly, and then it’s on to commencement or preparations for the fall semester. At Westminster, though, a year of hard work and progress doesn’t just fade into the background. The year is celebrated in one **Moment**—the Undergraduate Research and Arts Celebration. Hosted by the Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning, the celebration is a day-long extravaganza of students’ research and creative efforts developed over the course of the academic year. Last spring, 221 students showcased their projects—posters, oral presentations, documentaries, art pieces, and musical performances. The day culminated with the annual Honors Convocation. This academic year’s celebration is scheduled for Wednesday, April 25.
Westminster is #3 in graduation rate performance

Westminster College ranked third among National Liberal Arts Colleges in graduation rate performance, according to the 2012 U.S. News Best Colleges rankings.

The Graduation Rate Performance category measures educational outcomes based on the difference between a school’s actual graduation rate and the one predicted by U.S. News based on the students’ test scores and institutional resources. Westminster’s 79 percent graduation rate was 13 percent higher than predicted and trailed only Kentucky’s Berea College (+16) and North Carolina’s Bennett College (+15) among the nation’s top 252 National Liberal Arts Colleges.

U.S. News states graduation rate performance is an indicator of added value and shows the effect of the college’s programs and policies on the graduation rate of students after controlling for spending and student characteristics such as test scores and the proportion receiving Pell grants. The college is enhancing achievement if the actual rate is higher than the predicted rate.

Westminster also was once again recognized as a top tier National Liberal Arts College by U.S. News and ranked tied for 121st overall.

A closer look at Westminster’s students

TOP FIVE MAJORS among graduating seniors

2011 graduating class

1. Elementary Education (53)
2. Business Administration (30)
3. English (17)
4. Biology (15); History (15)
5. Public Relations (14)

1991 graduating class

1. Elementary Education (42)
2. English (23)
3. Business Administration (Management) (20)
4. Accounting (15); Business Administration (Marketing) (15)
5. Public Relations (14)

TOP FIVE MAJORS among all students

Fall 2010

1. Biology (155)
2. Business Administration (134)
3. Pre K-4/Pre K-8/Special Education (106)
4. Psychology (94)
5. Elementary Education (91); English (91)

Fall 1990

1. Elementary Education (211)
2. Business Administration (Management) (119)
3. English (93)
4. Biology (84)
5. History (77)

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Westminster is one of the country’s best institutions for undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company features Westminster in the new 2012 edition of its annual college guide, “The Best 376 Colleges.” Westminster is also honored as one of “Best in the Northeast.” For the fourth straight year, Westminster earned special recognition (13th) for its relationship with the community in the “Town-Gown Relations are Great” category, and Westminster’s student radio station, WWNW 88.9FM, earned recognition (20th) as one of the “Best College Radio Stations.” Westminster was 17th for “Future Rotarians and Daughters of the American Revolution” based on political persuasion, popularity of student government, the prevalence of religion, and other social characteristics noted in student surveys.

Only about 15 percent of America’s 2,500 four-year colleges and two Canadian colleges are included in the book.

College welcomes Class of 2015

Westminster welcomed the Class of 2015 with the traditional Opening Convocation Friday, Aug. 26. This year’s 393 new students—366 freshmen and 27 transfers—were greeted by nearly 100 Fresh Start upperclassmen. The incoming students averaged a 3.5 grade point average and 1089 SAT, more than 70 points above the average Pennsylvania score. Dr. Helen M. Boylan ’95, associate professor of chemistry, presented the keynote address, “What is Your Dream?”

Students praised the “extremely accessible and helpful” professors, supportive classmates, great career services, safe campus, and opportunities for involvement. One student said, “Contrary to popular belief, Westminster College, not Disneyland, is the happiest place on earth.”

The guide’s editors noted: “Westminster College has remained intent on crafting a personalized learning process for students, with the aim of turning out well-rounded individuals who can live and affect the world in a positive way. The challenging liberal arts curriculum provides a broad foundation for academic study, and the school heavily stresses the application of what’s learned by pushing students to prepare themselves for the future using real-life simulations. At this very happy place, the administration always keeps the interests of the students in mind, the classes are small, and students get the attention they need.”
Each year, Westminster hosts a reception for incoming Legacy students—those students who have Westminster alumni family members. This year, 31 students joined the Legacy and Westminster families.
Winning plan

Two Silver Rings won Jennifer Louth a gold medal, so to speak, in the 2011 David W. Edward Entrepreneurship Scholarship competition.

The competition requires students to prepare and present a business plan depicting the creation of a new or substantially improved business, product, service, or some combination of the three.

Louth's plan outlined a well-researched business analysis for her wedding and event planning firm, Two Silver Rings, as well as a realistic location—suburban Cleveland—and a marketing plan capable of creating and supporting a successful business enterprise.

Louth, a senior business administration major, said her business caters to the upper-middle- and upper-class citizens of Mayfield Heights, Ohio, and other wealthy Cleveland suburbs.

"I chose this area because it supports a much higher standard of living," she said.

A set of comprehensive financial projections summarized the expectations from both a start-up and a future growth perspective, according to the judges.

"Two Silver Rings is a wedding and event planning business that also offers clients rental items such as furniture, centerpieces, tablecloths and flatware. Providing rental services helps keep the costs down for our clients," she said. "Whether they are on a tight budget or not, saving money allows everyone to do more on their special day."

Louth knows a thing or two about the business. Over the summer months, she worked for an event rental and decor company. She is also in the process of becoming a certified wedding planner.

Louth's first place award includes a $2,500 academic scholarship.

Jonathan Faltot, a junior Christian education and business administration major, earned second place with a plan for a bicycle sales and repair enterprise in Boulder, Colo., that would offer average to high-end bicycle sales, service, and accessories to college students and bicycle enthusiasts. Second place honors include a $1,500 academic scholarship.

The competition is conducted each year by Westminster's Department of Economics and Business and supported by funding from the Edward Trust in Youngstown, Ohio.

Bowen’s book published, gets Will mention

*The Roots of Modern Conservatism: Dewey, Taft, and the Battle for the Soul of the Republican Party*, a recently-published book by Dr. Michael Bowen, visiting assistant professor of history, received a mention in George Will's nationally-syndicated column.

Bowen’s book, published by the University of North Carolina Press and released Sept. 26, was referenced in the conservative columnist’s article published Sept. 30.

Between 1944 and 1953, a power struggle emerged between New York Gov. Thomas Dewey and Ohio U.S. Sen. Robert Taft that threatened to split the Republican Party. Bowen reveals how this two-man battle for control of the GOP—and the Republican presidential nomination—escalated into a divide of ideology that ultimately determined the party’s political identity.

In the book, Bowen reveals how this decade-long battle led to an outpouring of conservative sentiment that had been building since World War II, setting the stage for the ascendancy of Barry Goldwater and the modern conservative movement in the 1960s.

Bowen joined the Westminster faculty in August. He earned undergraduate and master’s degrees from East Tennessee State University and Ph.D. from the University of Florida.

**Henderson Award**

Dr. Phyllis Kitzerow, professor of sociology, earned the 2011-2012 Henderson Lectureship Award and presented her lecture on Oct. 12. She discussed her continuing research with women who graduated from law school by 1975. Her interviews follow a group of 65 women to examine their career paths, experiences, and the effect of gender on their legal careers.

The Henderson Lecture was founded by the late Dr. Joseph R. Henderson and his wife, Elizabeth, to encourage and recognize original and continuing research and scholarship among Westminster faculty, and to afford the opportunity for faculty to share their learning with the academic community. Dr. Henderson was a professor of education emeritus at Westminster.
Mission to Korea

Dr. Kang-Yup Na, associate professor of religion, and Westminster students Addison Domske, Katelynn Gray, and Christine Moudry were part of the New Wilmington Mission Conference’s Summer Service Team that visited Korea from June 6-July 19.

The group learned about Korean history, politics, and religious heritage, with a focus on the history and character of Korean Christianity. They visited many sites, including prayer retreat centers, churches, a Christian school for disadvantaged children, a Buddhist Temple, and the royal palace.

“One outstanding memory for me was the opportunity to talk with a few young men who were North Korean defectors,” said Moudry, a junior early childhood education/special education major.

“One of my most memorable experiences was visiting a small country village,” said Gray, a 2011 elementary education graduate. “We played with the kids and encouraged them to have hope. They were from broken homes and had lost trust, putting barriers between themselves and others out of fear of being hurt. We were able to gain their trust and put smiles back on their faces.”

The Westminster students agreed the biggest impact of the trip was opening their eyes to a culture and country about which they had known very little.

Domske is a senior English and religion major. Gray was named an Americorps Pennsylvania Campus Compact-Volunteer in Service to America (PACC-VISTA) representative and is working at in Westminster’s Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

Two students from other colleges completed the team. All were selected after an interview at the 2010 Mission Conference and a written application. The team was the 51st sent by the conference and the second to go to Korea.

Working together

American-Israeli academic collaboration topic for workshop

Westminster College hosted “Bridges,” the third annual workshop forging American-Israeli academic collaboration between faculties from Westminster and Western Galilee College in Akko, Israel, Sept. 19-23.

The workshop provided opportunities for the partnership institutions’ faculty members to engage in formal and informal discussions to enrich their teaching and research. More than 30 faculty and staff from Western Galilee and Westminster participated.

Each school pledged to raise a $250,000 endowment to support the program.

“It is our hope that this growing academic partnership between our two schools will result in new learning opportunities for our faculty and students,” said Dr. Richard Dorman, president of Westminster College. “A central theme of the liberal arts college mission is to expose students to new ideas, cultures, and ways of viewing the world. Western Galilee College provides a very rich learning laboratory for our faculty and students in a variety of academic disciplines and we are excited about our new working relationship.”

Dorman and Western Galilee College President Dr. Gideon Fishman kicked off the week of events by signing an academic partnership agreement between the two schools. More than a dozen Westminster students and faculty have conducted research in Israel in the past two years through the partnership.

“The Bridges Workshop is wonderful opportunity for Westminster College on many levels,” said Dr. Bryan Rennie, chair of the Westminster President Richard Dorman, left, and Western Galilee College President Gideon Fishman sign an academic partnership agreement.

Westminster steering committee. “Beyond simply increasing exposure to cultural diversity on our campus, our additional hope is that the workshop will promote collaborative research projects between their faculty and our own.”

Public plenary sessions and roundtable discussions to promote further collaboration among the institutions rounded out the week.

Financial support for the conference was provided by the Jewish Agency’s Partnership with Israel Program, the Youngstown Area Jewish Federation, the Thomases Family Endowment Fund, and the Vira I. Heinz Foundation.
Connie McGinnis was recently named director of Westminster’s Celebrity Series program following last year’s retirement of longtime director Eugene DeCaprio ’49. McGinnis joined Westminster in 1993 and was a receptionist in Admissions for four years before moving to the Celebrity Series office in 1997. Prior to coming to Westminster, she was assistant director of alumni relations at Carnegie Mellon University and previously held positions as production/circulation manager for Bostonia magazine at Boston University; coordinator of emergency medicine programs at the University of Massachusetts Medical School; and secretary to the provost at Youngstown (Ohio) State University.

McGinnis earned an undergraduate degree from Youngstown State University. She lives in New Wilmington with her husband Bob and daughters Grace and Anna.

Georgene Gib was named Celebrity Series box office manager.

Visit www.westminster.edu/celebrity for more information.

Board elects new members

The Westminster College Board of Trustees added seven members in its Class of 2015, including three first-time trustees.

W. Keith McCauley ’68, Richard L. Nygaard, and Mary L. Park ’85 are new members of the 40-member Board. George R. Berlin and Robert C. Jazwinski ’75 were elected to their second consecutive four-year terms, while Whitney F. Bohan ’74 and William W. Rankin ’60 rejoined the Board after a one-year absence.

McCauley earned a master of education degree from Edinboro University of Pennsylvania and retired after 37 years as a high school counselor in Ohio.

Nygaard, who earned an undergraduate degree in public administration from the University of Southern California, Los Angeles, and juris doctorate from the University of Michigan Law School, has been senior judge in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit in Erie since 1988.

Park, who earned an MBA from Baldwin Wallace College, joined PPG Industries as a senior chemist in 1985. She has held several positions in the company and is currently the global color director at the Strongsville, Ohio, location.

New faculty associate trustees Joseph M. Balczon, associate professor of biology, and Terri L. Lenox, associate professor of computer science and chair of Westminster’s Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, join Richard L. Sprow, professor of English, who was appointed to a second one-year term.

Newly elected student associate trustee William P. Armentrout joins senior classmates Richard G. Ligo and Katelyn M. Moga, who were appointed to their second one-year terms.

Three former trustees earned emeritus status: Dr. Robert S. Gardner ’57, retired physician; George C. Greer, retired senior vice president of H. J. Heinz, Inc.; and Richard L. White ’61, former executive vice president of Bayer Corporation.

THE SHAPE OF THINGS

Muddy shoes on a college campus usually mean growth and progress—and this is precisely the case at Westminster these days. Currently, there are several major improvement projects occurring, so if you’re coming to campus, it’s probably a good idea to bring a pair of boots.

Old Main Senior Terrace, the site of Spring Commencement, is being expanded to accommodate the growing number of graduates.

Duff and McGinness dining halls were completely gutted and transformed into two new student restaurants. The Titan Club features a New Orleans wingery called WOW (World of Wings). The new Duff Student Restaurant is an art deco motif with exhibition chef stations and an all-you-care-to-eat format. A brand new entry concourse between Galbreath and Browne Halls was created, making accessibility from the south quad easier. This project was paid for by longtime food service partner, Sodexo.
College promotes, adds faculty

Five Westminster College faculty recently received promotions.

Dr. Colleen Burke was tenured and promoted to associate professor of communication studies. She joined Westminster in 2002.

Dr. Kerri Duerr was promoted to assistant professor of biology. She joined the Westminster faculty in 2010.

Dr. SoYoung Kang was tenured and promoted to associate professor of education. She has been with Westminster since 2007.

Dr. Kristin Park, chair of the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice Studies, was promoted to professor of sociology. She joined Westminster in 1993.

Dr. Joel Postema, Heritage Chair of Humanities, was tenured and promoted to associate professor of Spanish. He has been with Westminster since 2005.

Nine new faculty members were also added this year.

Dr. Michael Bowen, visiting assistant professor of history.

Dr. Alison DuBois, assistant professor of education.

Terry Jachimiak, assistant professor of theatre.

Dr. Leslie Kealhofer, visiting assistant professor of French.

Jamie Kohler, assistant professor/assistant librarian.

Dr. Robin McGovern, assistant professor of psychology.

Dr. Melinda Crawford Perttu, assistant professor of music. She has served as adjunct music faculty and director of orchestra at Westminster since 2009.

Dr. Veronica Porterfield ‘02, visiting assistant professor of biology.

Dr. André Wehner, visiting assistant professor of physics.

To learn more about these faculty members, visit www.westminster.edu/news.

New staffers round out development efforts

Kelli McKee and Deborah Eppinger are the newest recruits to Westminster’s development team.

McKee, hired as director of the Westminster Fund at the end of last spring, is responsible for directing and expanding Westminster’s annual giving program to generate financial support.

A University of Pittsburgh graduate, McKee comes from Slippery Rock University, where she served more than four years as director of advancement services. Prior to Slippery Rock, she served Pitt’s advancement division for eight years in various capacities. She has experience in the areas of campaign reporting, alumni database management, and high-level prospect research and tracking.

Eppinger joined the development office this fall as the College’s major gift officer. She helps develop strategies, programs and proposals to secure gifts for the College’s upcoming comprehensive capital campaign.

Eppinger spent 22 years with JP Morgan Chase Bank, most recently as vice president/senior wealth manager handling private wealth management. She earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Pittsburgh and master’s from Youngstown State University.

Berlin Village, Phase II:

Started last winter, this two building, 10-unit/40-bed townhouse residence completes the Berlin Village concept and adds attractive housing capacity for upper level students.

Patterson Hall was gutted and is being refitted with new classrooms, faculty offices and seminar rooms, an expanded Drinko Center, new art gallery, new offices for Celebrity Series, and new elevator, student lounge, handicapped access to restrooms, and walkway through to Hoyt Science Center. The building will also be air conditioned for the first time.

To learn more about these faculty members, visit www.westminster.edu/news.
Members of the 2011 Westminster College graduating class had something that the past three classes did not: sunshine and the traditional outdoor commencement ceremony on Senior Terrace.

After three rainy years, the skies finally opened, allowing each graduate to walk across the stone terrace to receive his or her diploma and a handshake. More than 230 diplomas were awarded at Westminster’s 157th annual commencement exercises.

An honorary doctor of laws degree was awarded to Wendell Freeland, a respected Pittsburgh attorney, civil rights leader, and former member of Westminster’s Board of Trustees. He was introduced by Dr. Wayne Miller ’61, a member of the Board of Trustees.

A native of Baltimore, Freeland graduated from Howard University and the University of Maryland Law School. He was one of the original Tuskegee Airmen and flew as a bombardier for the Army Air Corps’ 477th Bombardment Group during World War II.

Freeland shared “Your Generation and Mine” with the audience.

“Nurtured by your parents and further developed by your days at Westminster, your character and your behavior are more than a match for the challenges ahead,” Freeland said. “It was the character and behavior of our people that made America great. It is the character and behavior you, Class of 2011, have. You and I leave this place at the same time enriched by our experiences here and ready for tomorrow.”

Senior class speaker Candace Okello, a communication studies major from Youngstown, Ohio, delivered her address “Bind Up the Testimony.”

“I initially came to Westminster with the intent to do my work, graduate, and get a job with a decent salary,” Okello said. “However, I’ve realized that I’ve gained more throughout my four years here than I ever will with a diploma, because I’ve received the reward of personal growth. I’ve received an income of strength and my pockets have been lined with purpose, truth, and faith because these are the intangible benefits that have gotten me through my years here at Westminster. They will forever sustain me as I make many transitions throughout my life.”
“Write down the algorithms that have given you answers to life’s most complex problems, type out the processes that have helped you through the toughest days, and staple together the pages of your laughter and achievements,” Okello concluded. “Today, we complete the final chapter of undergraduate memoir. So, pace yourself as you listen to the beat of your own drum and dwell in the possibilities of your dreams as we bind up our testimony.”

The College honored retiring faculty member Dr. Alan Gittis, psychology, and awarded him professor of psychology emeritus status. Gittis joined the faculty in 1976 and while at Westminster, served as chair of the Department of Psychology and chair of the faculty; supervised students in Honors research, independent study, and field experience/internship; was named Educator of the Year by the Faculty for Undergraduate Neuroscience; and was instrumental in securing a $125,000 grant for computer hardware and recording equipment from the National Science Foundation.

Dr. Phyllis Kitzerow, sociology, received the annual Distinguished Faculty Award, given to the faculty member who has, over a sustained period of time, demonstrated characteristics of the most outstanding faculty - intellectual vitality, effective communication skills, the ability to motivate or inspire compassion and concern for student success, collegiality, and leadership. (See story on page 12.)
You won’t hear Dr. Phyllis Kitzerow lecture in her classroom.

The 2011 Distinguished Faculty Award winner is very clear on that. Instead, she encourages a class setting filled with observations and conversations—a chance for students to be part of the discussion.

“I assign a reading and we go in and discuss it,” she said, adding that she has found that students seem to learn best when they put their own thoughts into the discussion. “I want them NOT to think about ‘what do I have to remember?’ but rather ‘how can I use this in my life?’”

Kitzerow, professor of sociology who will retire in December, has taken this approach to teaching since her first days at Westminster in 1978.

“I don’t lecture and I don’t use notes,” she said. “I’ll assign the reading to the students and then I’ll read it the night before. I’ll think about what we’ll discuss or I’ll look for or Google something related to the subject, but I like to start from scratch each year.”

“I kind of think of it as hosting a party,” she said. “I want to get them talking to each other, enjoy it, and then talk more about it.”

This methodology keeps her classes and her content current. She acknowledges that some of her colleagues may think her unstructured style is a bit unconventional, but points out her subject matter calls for a different approach.

“I think so much of the material we deal with is emotional,” she said. “We spend our time thinking about civil rights, gender issues and deviant behavior.”

And while not all her colleagues subscribe to her style of teaching, that’s not to say that she is not respected.

“Each time I have visited her class, I have departed with excitement and eagerness to mimic her,” said Dr. Barbara Faires, professor of mathematics emerita. “But it doesn’t work and I know it’s the Kitzerow way that is coming through in these great discussion classes.”
"Dr. Kitzerow has the ability to bring out the students in their discussions with her questions: ‘Why do you think that happened? What about the situation could have changed the outcome? What do you think would happen if…? Why do you call it a failure? Why do you think it failed?’ This litany of why, how, what and never a simple yes-no question keeps the class hopping, alert, and interested,” Faires said.

Michael O’Donovan ’01 took a Kitzerow class—a Juvenile Delinquency and Children’s Literature cluster course—his junior year and agrees that Kitzerow’s brand of pedagogy, in and out of the classroom, made all the difference to him.

“That course is among the most memorable to me at Westminster due to Dr. Kitzerow’s passion,” said O’Donovan. “She helped make connections with course material to ‘real life’ in a manner that spawned an understanding of important sociological principles and complemented, not just the literature component of the course, but for all disciplines represented in the class.”

O’Donovan said Kitzerow’s teaching didn’t end at the classroom doors, either.

“Her influence was maintained in walks down the hallway or from the TUB to Patterson,” he said, adding that she often took the time to meet individually or with small groups to discuss class-related issues. “Such discussions were often the most enlightening and the wisdom transposed during that time was just as great, if not greater, than that in the classroom.”

O’Donovan, now a school psychologist in the Slippery Rock School District, is currently an adjunct at Westminster. Since his return to campus, he and Kitzerow have had a chance to share professional conversations about concepts, research and experiences.

“I assumed that such a discussion would have been different now that I held a ‘similar’ status to Dr. Kitzerow, but it was clearly apparent that it was not,” he said. “The reason: Dr. Kitzerow had always interacted with me and all her students as a peer. Her expectation of ‘peership’ instilled a confidence in me and helped me realize my personal, professional, and academic potential.”

Kitzerow’s goal, she said, is to get students to understand and enjoy something they didn’t know before—and to hopefully get them excited about the subject matter.

Clearly, her passion doesn’t end with her syllabus. Kitzerow has been the advocate for diversity since her early days at Westminster.

“I was a strong feminist who was lucky enough to find others here who shared my beliefs and interests,” said Kitzerow. “I was teaching a gender course and I thought ‘everyone should know this.’”

What began as weekly lunch discussions between a handful or two of women eventually blossomed into the Symposium on Women, which Kitzerow calls one of her proudest accomplishments at Westminster. Speakers, films, and special exhibits were brought to Westminster—and the campus sat up at took notice.

“That first symposium changed the course for Westminster College,” said Faires. “There was no going back. The Kitzerow questions of why, how, and what were in the open and all of us were thinking about our biases, limitations, similarities, and the strengths and contributions of those who do not look like us, believe as we do, or live as we do.”

“It was clear that this would be a part of Westminster for a long time to come,” said Faires. Today the symposium, which began in 1981, has expanded and is now known as the Diversity Symposium, an annual series of events addressing diversity among people, human cultures, and the natural world.

The symposium isn’t Kitzerow’s only legacy. She developed the criminal justice concentration in sociology and with Dr. Jim Rhoads, professor of political science, developed the gender studies minor. But, it’s really her style of teaching and connection with her students and that is her lasting legacy at Westminster.

“Years ago when I was reading student evaluations for every faculty member here at Westminster, I saw in the stack a comment that still makes me smile,” said Faires. “When asked about advice that the student would give other students, the response was ‘Take Kitzerow,’ written in very large letters across the page.”

(Hildebrand is the editor of Westminster Magazine.)

5 questions

1. Name something people would be surprised to know about you.
   - I was a very shy and quiet child.
   - I have enjoyed rock climbing, parachuting, and white water rafting.
   - I started college at the University of Wisconsin as a home economics major.

2. When was the last time a student really surprised you?
   They always surprise me. I love watching them learn and discover what they can do.

3. What do you enjoy in your spare time?
   I read and knit. I also take water aerobics.

4. What books are you currently reading?
   Right now, I’m reading book club books, murder mysteries, and (naturally) books about women
   - “Knowing your Value: Women, Money and Getting What You’re Worth” by Mika Brzezinski
   - “Death in a Beach Chair” by Valerie Wolzien
   - “Arm the Spirit: A Story from Underground and Back” by Diana Block
   - “The Southern Vampire Mysteries” series of novels by Charlaine Harris

5. What is your definition of living “a good life”? 
   Family, friends, and a job you love. Westminster College has been very good to me.
HANNA AND HER

FOR DRIVEN STUDENT, CAPSTONE DOCUMENTARY IS ONLY THE BEGINNING

BY ELIZABETH FONTAINE HILDEBRAND '92
You won’t find Alyssa Hanna sitting around waiting for life to happen. This Westminster senior has every intention of jumping fully into life and taking advantage of everything it has to offer.

This past summer, Hanna spent five weeks on her own in Israel filming and conducting interviews with women from various religious and cultural backgrounds for a documentary that has become her senior capstone project.

The broadcast communication major—who is somewhat of a whirlwind telling her life’s tales at breakneck speed—admits that she easily could have prepared her documentary here in the U.S. But spend five minutes with her and it’s no secret: Hanna welcomes, or practically begs for, a good challenge. But don’t mistake her eagerness for foolishness. She clearly has a vision for her future.

Hanna wanted her documentary to reflect the skills she’s honed in her major, the passion she’s developed for her minor in Peace Studies, her growing interest in religious studies, and the need to satisfy her wanderlust (she will proudly tell you she’s been to 19 countries). Preparing a documentary in her hometown of Pittsburgh would have just felt a little flat.

“I really wanted to show that although there are many religious differences in Israel, the women are very much alike fundamentally,” she said. “And I wanted to also address the negative stereotypes that so many Americans have about the Israeli people.”

Hanna was stationed in the northern coastal city of Nahariya and with some assistance from Peled, arranged interviews with 11 women – four Jewish, two Christian, three Muslim, and two Druze.

“These women were fascinating,” Hanna said. “I was very surprised to learn how secular Israel is. What’s really interesting is that 76 percent of the population is Jewish, but 90 percent of those people are non-religious. Being Jewish, for most, is a matter of ethnicity.”

While Hanna hopes that her documentary, Woman to Woman, will shed light on the role women play in Israeli culture, she also wants her experiences to encourage other students to consider studying and traveling outside the U.S.

“I see a determined leader in Alyssa,” said Weaver. “She has the potential to channel her work ethic and vision into a quality, professional documentary producer and director.”

“I wouldn’t have been able to do this without Westminster,” said Hanna. Financially, her trip was made possible through funding from the communication studies and religion departments, the Drinko Center for Excellence in Learning and Teaching, and the Vira Heniz Scholarship Fund. Faculty members and peers provided moral support, but Westminster also provided her with the foundation to accept opportunities, face challenges, and excel in life.

It’s safe to say Hanna won’t be sitting still for long. This December she returns to Israel to present her film in a documentary film festival. And as spring graduation approaches, she is already planning what her next step will be—and it won’t be settling for just any job.

“I want to do something I really have a passion for and something that will have an impact,” she said.

(Hildebrand is the editor of Westminster Magazine.)
Leonard Harding and his wife, Patricia McClure Harding ’52, recently celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. The couple lives in Holbrook, Mass.

Fred Westphal recently moved into senior housing in San Mateo, Calif. He would like to hear from classmates in his area and can be reached at (650) 344-9288.

Marion “Mimi” McConnell is the co-founder of Maine Woods Forever, which since 2004 has spearheaded collaborative efforts toward large-scale land conservation in northern Maine. Mimi lives on Cape Cod and in Maine.

Kay Burkhart Browne retired from interpreting in the Montgomery County Public Schools in Rockville, Md. She and her husband, Hugh, reside in Thurmont, Md. (See also Weddings.)

Barbara Christy Filner retired in January 2011 after 26 years with the National Conflict Resolution Center.

Roger Boughton was recently elected to a four-year term to the Austin (Minn.) City Council.

Bob Schuyler and his wife, Brenda, recently returned to the United States from western Uganda where they volunteered for three years with a Christian vocational school and community development organization. Bob lives in Grand Rapids, Mich., and invites classmates to connect with him at bnbschuyler@gmail.com.

Paul Weadon retired from St. Mark’s School of Texas in Dallas, where he taught Russian, German, French, U.S. history, and world history for the past 39 years. He also served as the chair of the language department and assistant head of the Upper School.
Alpha Sigs Reunion

Alpha Sigma Phi brothers from the Class of 1958 and guests living or vacationing in Florida in March were invited to an afternoon barbecue and reunion at the home of Isie and Richard Randall ’58 in Lakeland, Fla. Pictured in front from left are Frank Marsico ’57, Peggy Marsico, Isie Randall, Lee Grip ’59, Dave Marsico ’58, Beverly Johnson Giles ’58, Eva Backstrom Marsico ’58, Janet Wilson Winterman ’60, Monika Gardner, and Nancy Wessel. In back from left are Randall, Ben Benson ’58, Leslie Giles ’58, Tom Parks ’58, Yvonne Parks, Robert Gardner ’57, Ken Wessel ’58, and Martin Winterman ’58.

Galbreath girls celebrate 70th

The Galbreath East Wing (GEWs) residents of the Class of 1962 met in Boone, N.C., in March 2010 to celebrate their 70th birthdays. Pictured in front from left are Sueanne Beveridge, Janice Foster Clark and Kay Wilson-Hayes. Back row from left are Debbie Boyer Steele, Rhudi Forrest Miller, and Claudia Sefton Phillips.

1965
Bonnie Ludi Scripps and her husband reside in Rancho Mirage, Calif., and invite classmates to reconnect by emailing her at lexusnv@aol.com.

1968
Calvin Steck retired from teaching languages at Cardinal O’Hara High School in Tonawanda, N.Y. He and his wife, Gail, relocated to Salem, Ore., where he works part-time as a translator and interpreter.

1970
Thomas Tomczyk was inducted into the Western Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame in May. Tomczyk has been officiating football for 43 seasons, including 25 in Division I college football. He has refereed more than 250 games, including the 2010 National Championship and the following bowl games: two Rose, Gator, Citrus, Alamo, Peach, Copper, and two New Orleans. He has also officiated two Army-Navy games, Pitt-Penn State, and Pitt-West Virginia. He has also officiated high school and college basketball for more than 25 years.

Notes from Wiley House

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It has been a busy and productive year for the Alumni Council. An ad hoc Alumni Council Strategic Planning Committee comprised of 52 current and past Council members, students, and members of the Board of Trustees worked to develop an Alumni Council Strategic Plan. Dr. Jacques King, associate professor of economics and business, provided guidance for the committee by sharing his strategic planning expertise. Five key strategic points were identified.

Enhance the Alumni Council
Established in 1884, the Alumni Council and Alumni Association continue to grow and change to meet the needs of alumni and Westminster. Reviewing the current Council structure, increasing the visibility of the Council and benchmarking with peer organizations will help the Alumni Council and Westminster Alumni Association meet current challenges.

Grow Alumni Engagement
In addition to growing Alumni Council’s current efforts supporting the Westminster Fund and alumni activities, the strategic plan encourages Council members to work strategically with the Admissions Office and Career Center to provide varied opportunities for alumni engagement and support.

Strengthen the Westminster Network
Since the first Alumni Day in June 1865, alumni have worked together to support one another and Westminster. Alumni Council members will grow their efforts building connections among alumni and between the College and alumni.

Show Westminster College Pride
In an age of growing communication technologies, alumni are able to demonstrate their Westminster pride visually, verbally, and electronically. Alumni Council members will encourage alumni to share their Westminster pride.

Raise Westminster Student Awareness
Current students are future alumni. Student members of the committee expressed a need to provide “training” for current students, preparing them to be engaged alumni. Alumni Council members will help students transition from their student role to building an alumni relationship with Westminster.

In the coming months, under the leadership of incoming Alumni Council President Jonathan Bigley ’84, the Alumni Council will develop a supporting operational plan that will guide Council efforts for the next five years.

My heartfelt gratitude is extended to Dr. King, the alumni office staff, and the 52 alumni who contributed more than 1,000 people-hours to the strategic planning process.

Sincerely,
Deborah Satterlee Corll ’77
President (2010-2011)
Westminster College Alumni Council
1971
Donald McKim has written several books over the past two years including Ever a Vision: A Short History of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, 1959-2009; Theology for Presbyterians; A Brief Statement of Faith; and More Presbyterian Questions, More Presbyterian Answers. He and his wife, LindaJo, live in Germantown, Tenn.

1972
David Seaburn has written a third novel, Charlie No Face, which was published in January by Savant Books and Publications. Seaburn authored two previous novels, Darkness is as Light and Pumpkin Hill. He lives in Rochester, N.Y.

1973
Richard Strattan left the position of director of music at Trinity Cathedral in Maryland but continues as head of the Choral-Organ Department at Dale Music Co. Inc., in Silver Spring, Md. His article, “An Episcopalian’s Guide to Moravians and Their Music,” was featured in the December 2010 issue of the Journal of the Association of Anglican Musicians.

1974
Don Redfoot and his wife, Kathy, relocated to Washington, D.C., after living in Billings, Mont., for 12 years. He is still a public policy researcher for AARP’s Public Policy Institute.

1976
Mark Koenig is the director of Presbyterian ministry at the United Nations. Based in New York, the ministry equips Presbyterians for global discipleship and advocates for peace and justice within the United Nations community, based on the policies of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

1977
Holly Shiderly Harvey is a licensed insurance agent and a partner in Compass Insurance and Financial Group, an independent insurance agency in Ashland, Ohio. She and her husband live in Lexington, Ohio, and have three children and four grandchildren.

1978
Mike Spory is the adult probation and parole chief to district 11 in northern Shenandoah Valley. He served as chaplain at the Boy Scout National Jamboree in July 2010. He also serves as president of the trustees for the Samuels Public Library and is a council commissioner for the Shenandoah Area Boy Scouts of America. He and his wife, Pat Caldwell Spory ’78, live in Front Royal, Va., and have two adult children.

Pat Caldwell Spory works for National Counseling Group Inc., and provides intensive in-home support to adults with mental health issues and in-home counseling to families with troubled children. She and her husband, Mike Spory ’77, live in Front Royal, Va., and have two adult children.

Concordia welcomes Craft as 11th president

Dr. William J. Craft ’73 was recently appointed the 11th president of Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn. Here, he and his wife, Anne McKee Craft ’73, address the Concordia family at a welcome reception in March. He served as vice president for academic affairs and dean of the college at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa, since 2000. He previously worked for 20 years at Mount St. Mary’s College in Maryland as an English professor, including several years as chair of the department. During his final four years at Mount St. Mary’s, he also served as dean of undergraduate studies. Craft is the son of Margaret Craft ’47.
Michael Glodowski is the career based intervention coordinator for the Mayfield City Schools in Mayfield Village, Ohio. He is also an adjunct mathematics instructor at Cuyahoga Community College. He and his wife reside in Eastlake, Ohio, and have two children and one grandchild.

1979
Thomas Tupitza was awarded the 2011 Pennsylvania Legal Aid Network (PLAN) Excellence Award for his efforts towards ensuring that all Pennsylvanians have access to quality legal representation. He was given the award in the Private Bar category, which recognizes members of the private bar who display an outstanding commitment to legal aid for low-income Pennsylvanians. Tupitza, who currently serves on the Westminster College Board of Trustees, resides in Erie.

1982
Chip Galusha is the director of education delivery for CA Technologies. He resides in Farmville, N.C.

1983
Zane Gizzí, director of planned giving at Alvernia University in Reading, is working with Partners in Mission, a consulting firm specializing in leadership and advancement services for Catholic education. He also serves as president of the Rotary Club of Reading.

1984
Robert Cain was named director of medical education for Grandview Medical Center in Dayton, Ohio, one of the largest osteopathic teaching hospitals in the United States. (See also Weddings.)

Susan Welty Baker earned a master’s degree in nonprofit management from Walden University in 2010. She recently opened a nonprofit organization, AME International, which raises funds to support Love & Hope Children’s Home in El Salvador, where one in 10 children are abused, neglected, or abandoned.

1985
Peter Bauerle is a business manager at Norwich Pharmaceuticals.

Laree Schoolmeesters was recognized as one of Queens University of Charlotte’s “Women of Influence” in 2010. The Queens University’s Gamma Gamma chapter of Phi Mu also named her Professor of the Month in 2009, the same year she passed the accreditation exam to be a clinical nurse leader. She is an assistant professor at the Andrew Blair College of Health, Presbyterian School of Nursing, of Queens University of Charlotte. She resides in Belmont, N.C.

1988
Rebecca James Hecking published her first book, The Sustainable Soul: Eco-Spiritual Reflections and Practices, in March. She is an adjunct professor at Thiel College and resides in Greenville.

1989
Ralph Martone was elected vice president of the Pennsylvania Game Commission’s Board of Commissioners for 2011. Martone’s districts include Butler, Clarion, Crawford, Erie, Forest, Lawrence, Mercer, Venango, and Warren counties. He is also a physics teacher in the Shenango Area School District. He resides in New Castle.

1990
John Ryan earned a doctorate of educational ministry from Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga., in May 2010.

1991
Katie Todd Thien earned a master of arts in education degree from Muskingum University in May 2010. She teaches students with

Gone Cruising
On March 20, a group of Westminster alumni and friends set out from Clearwater Beach Marina in Florida aboard the party boat StarLite Majesty and cruised along the Intercoastal Waterway. Fine dining and dancing rounded out the evening, which was planned and hosted by Keith McCauley ’68. Pictured here, front row from left are, Sondra Mohr Smith ’66, Carmen Travaglino, Jeanne Hague Travaglino ’66, Ginnie Hilbert Millem ’66, LeRoy Davis ’48, Reba Wade, Arthur Stewart ’72, Charmaine Kerr Neumeister ’50, Donna Pound Sheridan Burnett ’44, Ron Metzger ’75, Jean Byers, Gloria Cagigas, Denis Byers, and Walter Burnett. Back row from left are Harry Smith ’66, Bob Millem ’65, Thomas Parks ’58, Yvonne Parks, Jim Basted, Susan Hough Donovan ’78, Les Neumeister, Isabel Randall, Richard Randall ’58, Keith McCauley ’68, and Don Cagigas. Next year’s cruise has already been booked for April 15. If you live in Florida or will be vacationing in Florida next spring, you are invited to join this great alumni event. For more information, contact the Office of Alumni Relations at (724) 946-7364 or McCauley at (330) 465-0181.
disabilities at Maysville High School, where she also is an assistant coach for the varsity/reserve bowling teams. She lives in South Zanesville, Ohio, with her two sons and daughter.

1992
Kelly Craycraft recently earned a master’s degree in literacy from Lesley University in Cambridge, Mass. She is a fourth grade teacher in Sumter School District.

1995
Lori Sloane Pash earned a Ph.D. in instructional management and leadership from Robert Morris University in May 2010. She resides in Upper St. Clair with her husband and two children.

1997
Stacey Constantine Wenthur graduated from Vatterott College in August 2010 with an associate in applied science degree from the school’s veterinary technician program. After completing an externship in the comparative medicine department of The University of Nebraska Medical Center, she is now a glaucoma research associate for the ophthalmology and visual services department.

Sherris Moreira was named the director of marketing and tourism development with Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area and is also tour director of their receptive division, Rivers of Steel Heritage Tours. She lives in Pittsburgh with her daughter, Brytta.

1998
Bill Lucas is the chief development officer for Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania.

Shannyn Smith earned a master of public administration degree from College of Charleston in December 2009. She is a senior gift planning associate for The Nature Conservancy’s worldwide office in Arlington, Va., where she resides.

2001
Shane Jordan is a licensed private investigator and is employed by Litigation Solutions in Pittsburgh. He resides in Jeannette with his wife, Diana, and three children.

2002
Jennifer Cano Granit earned a Ph.D. in molecular genetics/virology from Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City. She is a research scientist at Roche Pharmaceuticals in Nutley, N.J. Aimee Carter is an account representative in the fiber glass unit of PPG Industries, where she has worked since 2007. She is currently pursuing her MBA at Duquesne University.

2003
Nevin Baker completed his residency in internal medicine at Geisinger Medical Center in 2010. He is currently completing a cardiology fellowship at Geisinger with plans to sub-specialize in interventional cardiology.

Diana Moore completed a Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University in Fresno, Calif., in July 2010. She is currently employed a Coalimga State Hospital in Coalimga, Calif.

Ericka Peterson earned a Ph.D. in medicine from Aarhus University in Denmark. Her thesis focused on the neurobiological correlates of Impulse Control Disorders including an in-depth look at dopaminergic neurotransmission and brain energy metabolism. She is a post-doctoral research coordinator for the International Alliance of Research Universities through the University of Copenhagen, Denmark.

Sarah Wolff Romero received the 2010 English as a Second Language (ESL) Texas Association for Bilingual Education award and was honored at a banquet in El Paso, Texas. She resides in Houston.

1996
Kennon Rice was granted tenure and promoted to associate professor at Albright College in 2009. He currently serves as the chair of the sociology and anthropology department. He and his family live in Robesonia. (See also New Additions.)

1998
Bill Breneman published his first nature photography book, Oregon Journeys: A Photographic Safari through the Beaver State, a 96-page book featuring images from around the state of Oregon. He is currently working on a nature photography book about Washington State. He resides in Gresham, Ore.

Robert Schweitzer, an attorney with Sykes Elder Law LLC in Pittsburgh, was one of four lawyers recently named a Pennsylvania Rising Star in the area of elder law. He is a member of the Pennsylvania Bar Association and its elder law section; the Allegheny County Bar Association and serves on its elder law committee; and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys. He is a member of Westminster’s Alumni Advisory Board for the Pennsylvania Lambda Chapter of Sigma Phi Epsilon and Westminster’s Pre-Law Advisory Board. He and his wife reside in Cranberry Township.

Jacqueline Chiesa is enrolled in the registered nursing program at Mohave Community College in Bullhead City, Ariz. She resides in Fort Mohave, Ariz.

Inga Laurent joined the faculty of Gonzaga University School of Law in Spokane, Wash., as an assistant professor of law and director of the school’s externship program.

Steven Postle was named program manager of the midwest region for the United States Office of Personnel Management in December 2010. He and his wife, Kate Sweeney ’04, have relocated to Chicago.

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2004
Becky Gonda earned a Ph.D. in molecular, cellular and developmental biology from the University of Pittsburgh in February 2011.

2005
Traci Campbell Swogger was promoted to branch manager of PNC Bank in March. She resides in Mercer.

Jaime Carter Dray earned a master’s degree in corporate communication from Duquesne University on Dec. 17, 2010. She and her husband, Steven, reside in Crafton.

Russell Mills is a policy analyst with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in Washington, D.C. Mills completed his doctorate degree in political science at Kent State University. He recently published a report on the FAA with the IBM Center for the Business of Government. He and his wife, Ashley Seidelson Mills ‘06, reside in Alexandria, Va.

Jaimee Davis was promoted to project manager for MultiVU, a branch of PR Newswire, in November 2010. She manages multimedia news releases.

Nawal Rajeh earned a master of science degree in conflict analysis and resolution from George Mason University in May 2010. She works for the Center for World Religions, Diplomacy and Conflict Resolution in Arlington, Va.

2007
Timothy Kelly received an MBA from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana on Dec. 18, 2010, and a master of science degree in agricultural economics from Purdue University in August 2010. He lives in New Wilmington with his wife, Sharon.

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2008
Christa Andamasaris is a cytologist at Monongalia General Hospital in Morgantown, W. Va.

Laura DellAntonio is a second year law student at the Claude W. Pettit College of Law at Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. She is serving as staff editor of the Ohio Northern Law Review, the clerk of the Willis Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity, and is a teaching assistant.

2009
Bridget Roth earned a master of science degree in tourism marketing from the University of Stirling in Stirling, Scotland.

2010
Kimberly Worst teaches chemistry and physical science at St. Michaels High School in St. Michaels, Md. She resides in Preston, Md.

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

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

1962
Kay Burkhart and Hugh Browne, October 2010, at Wallace Presbyterian Church in College Park, Md. The couple lives in Thurmont, Md. (See also Class Notes.)

1982
Donna DeEulio and Jeffrey Magada, Oct. 9, 2010, at Mastropietro Winery in Berlin Center, Ohio. Tracy Garrison Reeb served as matron of honor. Also in attendance were Roger Reeb ’84 and Ellen Wright. Donna is a technical writer at Notify Technology Corporation. The couple resides in Austintown, Ohio.

1984
Robert Cain and Gina Eversole, Oct. 28, 2010. (See also Class Notes.)
1996

2006
► Janis Butcher and Joel Montgomery ‘09, June 5, 2010. Dr. Beverly Cushman, associate professor of religion and Christian education, officiated. Jason Perry ’08, Josh Anderson ’08, and Brian Cosgrove ’11 served as groomsmen. Janis and Joel are attending Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and pursuing master of divinity degrees.

► Lindsay Painter and Jonathan Coulter, Dec. 31, 2010, at Apollo Presbyterian Church. The reception was held at The Four Points by Sheraton in Greensburg. Alison Altman ’05, Erin O’Donnell, and Jennifer Shaheen Saxman ’05 were bridesmaids. Alumni attending the wedding included Trina Shockey ’05 and Cassidy Neal ’07. The couple honeymooned in Negril, Jamaica. Lindsay is a senior sales coordinator with Longwood at Oakmont. The couple resides in Oakmont.

2007

► Emily Morningstar and Stu Leggo, July 17, 2010, in an outdoor ceremony in Blue Ridge Summit. Emily is a teacher. The couple resides in Camp Hill.

► Brittany Thomas and Patrick Smith, June 26, 2010, at Wallace Memorial Chapel at Westminster College. Participating in the wedding party were Doug Smith ’13, Ryan Trunk, Pat Colligan (M’12), Andrea Brink, and Lisa Revale. There were more than 60 Westminster alumni in attendance at the reception. Brittany works for the Grove City Area School District and Pat is an adjunct professor and assistant swim coach at Westminster. The couple resides in New Wilmington.

2008
► Hannah Colabrese and J.P. Scanga ’09, July 3, 2010, at Saint Joseph Parish in Sharon. The reception was held at the Avalon Golf and Country Club at Buhl Park in Sharon. Kelly Corbin ’08, Ashley Cesaratto ’09, Jon Nickel ’09, and Kevin Shields ’09 were members of the wedding party. Several alumni and Sigma Kappa sisters were also present. Hannah is a genetic counselor at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh and J.P. is director of bands at Beaver Area High School. The couple resides in Sewickley.

► Darcee Davidson and Nathan Lyons, Dec. 3, 2010, at Holy Sepulcher Parish in Butler. Kial Vidic served as a reader during the ceremony. Other alumni in attendance included Mallory Bugel, Alex Bugel ’11, Amanda Bearrow Jockel, Ben Knauff, Jessica Pappas, Rebecca Pappas ’10, and Amy Carroll Zolnier. The couple lives in Seven Fields.

► Ashley Santarsiero and Randy Sylvester, June 26, 2010, at Four Mile Presbyterian Church in Beaver. The reception was held at The Club at Shadow Lakes in Hopewell Township. Alumni bridesmaids and groomsmen were Alison Rodgers and her husband, Alex: a daughter, Rachel Jane, on Nov. 4, 2010. The family resides in Toronto, Ontario.

2009

NEW ADDITIONS

1982
Pam Barnhart Dean and her husband, Michael: an adopted daughter, Mei Li Cai Jiao, 7, from China. She joins siblings Michael and Mia. The family resides in Cary, N.C.

1991

1994
Jennifer Lease Doherty and her husband, Sean: a son, Michael James, on Feb. 3, 2011. He joins a sister, Emma, at home in Baltimore, Md.

► Amy Merrill Zaremba and her husband, Peter: an adopted daughter, Annagrace Suling, who was born March 23, 2009, in China. The adoption was finalized on Sept. 17, 2010. She joins siblings Emily and Noah at home in Apex, N.C.

1995
► Kelly Adams Yeager and her husband, J. Benjamin Yeager ’96: a son, Max Samuel, on Nov. 4, 2010. He joins his sister, Kaylyn, and brother, Frank.

1996
Kennon Rice and his wife, Tracy: a son, Sawyer, on June 25, 2010. He joins a brother, Holden, and a sister, Rowan. The family resides in Robesonia. (See also Class Notes.)

Emily Rodgers Bisset and her husband, Alex: a daughter, Rachel Jane, on Nov. 4, 2010. The family resides in Toronto, Ontario.
where Emily and her husband are both ministers in The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

1997

Kelly Augustine Nally and her husband, Michael: a son, Ryan Jacob, on April 25, 2010. The family resides in Hagerstown, Md.

Leigh Buckley and Scott Milk: a son, Ryan Buckley Milk, on April 30, 2010. He joins sisters Audrey and Ashley.

Anson Miedel and his wife, Hannah: a daughter, Mary Elaine, on Jan. 26, 2011. She joins siblings Sadie and Aaron at home in Wooster, Ohio.

1998

Michael Miller and his wife, Nancy: a son, Aiden Ryan, on June 5, 2010. The family resides in Hilliard, Ohio.

Rachel Berresford Adair and her husband, David: a son, James Michael, on July 15, 2010. He joins siblings Gabriella and Andrew at home in Wexford.

1999

Karin Urbaniak Galish and her husband, Jeremy: a daughter, Payton Grace, on Nov. 19, 2010. She joins sisters Abby and Makenna. The family resides in South Fayette.
2000
► Kelly Schrenker Irvine and her husband, Steve Irvine ‘01: a daughter, Taylor Joan, on Feb. 24, 2010. The family resides in Oakdale.

2002
► Craig Gottschalk and his wife, Melissa: a son, Connor; a daughter, Morgan Joy, on March 2, 2011. She teaches English at Princeton High School.

2003
► Heidi Langdon Short and her husband, Derek: a daughter, Mikaela Annabelle, on Jan. 27, 2011. She joins a brother, Dillon Morgan Joy, on March 2, 2011. She teaches English at Princeton High School.

2004
► Pamela Englelter Amos and her husband, Mike: a son, Ethan Leland, on July 9, 2010. He joins a sister, Corinne, at home in Canonsburg.

2005
► Leah Ehrhardt Boccardi and her husband, Matthew Boccardi ‘04: a daughter, Amelia Rose, on Oct. 6, 2010. The family resides in Cranberry Township.

2006
► Jean Cochran Kelosky and her husband, Christopher Kelosky ‘07: a son, Liam Brian. The family resides in Ellwood City.

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.

1938
The Rev. C. Kenneth Weber of New Hope, formerly of New Wilmington, Jan. 22, 2011. Weber served as pastor of Elkport Presbyterian Church and Calvin Presbyterian Church, both of Ellwood City; Meridian Presbyterian Church, Butler; Bethesda United Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth; and North Buffalo United Presbyterian Church, Washington. He was a member of New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. He was active with the New Wilmington Missionary Conference. Survivors include his daughter, Mary Rae Weber Thompson ‘70; two sons, C. Kenneth Weber Jr. ‘64 and Richard Weber ‘67; four grandchildren, including Linda Weber Dunbrack ‘87; and five great-grandchildren.

1939
The Rev. Dr. Floyd Ewalt (H.D. ’71) of Sarasota, Fla., formerly of Bay Village, Ohio, and Falls Church, Va., Dec. 3, 2010. In 1942, Ewalt graduated from Princeton Seminary. He was assistant minister at Old Stone Presbyterian in Cleveland before serving as head minister of Bay Village Presbyterian Church for 15 years. From 1961 to 1978, he was head minister at Falls Church Presbyterian Church. He later served as an associate minister at Church of the Palms in Sarasota. Westminster College awarded him an honorary degree in 1971. Survivors include his wife, Margaret; a daughter; a son; two grandsons; and two great-granddaughters.

1940
Mary Jane Challener McKee of Monroe Township, N.J., formerly of Princeton, N.J., Jan. 15, 2011. She taught music in elementary schools in the McKeesport area before moving to Princeton. She was active with the Nassau Presbyterian Church and the Presbyterian Women’s Association. Survivors include two sons; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

1942
Mabel Maxwell Montgomery of Warminster, formerly of the Washington, D.C., area, Jan. 5, 2011. She was a retired computer programmer who spent 25 years as an information desk volunteer at the National Museum of Natural History. She received a master’s degree in secondary education from George Washington University in 1960. She was a homemaker in the Washington, D.C., area from 1942 to 1963. She worked for Bell Laboratories in New Jersey from 1965 until her retirement in 1980. Survivors include two daughters. Ruth Parfitt Watson of Williamsburg, Va., April 22, 2010. At 16, she entered Westminster College where she was a member of the Kappa Delta sorority. Survivors include her husband and high school sweetheart, Herb; a daughter; a son; a sister, Betty Parfitt Snee ‘46; two grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Mary Ellen Smith Jacques of Cranberry Township, formerly of Gibsonia, Feb. 24, 2011. She taught English at Mars Area High School. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown. Survivors include a daughter; a son; a brother; and five grandchildren.

1944
Harriet Fairley Wylie of Kenosha, Wis., March 31, 2011. Following her graduation from Westminster College, she taught at Washington Academy in Salem, N.Y., before marrying her husband, Irvin Wylie ‘41, in 1945. The family lived in Missouri and Madison, Wis., before her husband became the founding chancellor of the University of Wisconsin-Parkside in Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Marietta College, and Marietta College. Survivors include her husband, Irvin Wylie ‘41; a daughter, Evans Parfitt ‘74; and a son, Robert Wylie ‘43.

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1942
Mabel Maxwell Montgomery of Warminster, formerly of the Washington, D.C., area, Jan. 5, 2011. She was a retired computer programmer who spent 25 years as an information desk volunteer at the National Museum of Natural History. She received a master’s degree in secondary education from George Washington University in 1960. She was a homemaker in the Washington, D.C., area from 1942 to 1963. She worked for Bell Laboratories in New Jersey from 1965 until her retirement in 1980. Survivors include two daughters. Ruth Parfitt Watson of Williamsburg, Va., April 22, 2010. At 16, she entered Westminster College where she was a member of the Kappa Delta sorority. Survivors include her husband and high school sweetheart, Herb; a daughter; a son; a sister, Betty Parfitt Snee ‘46; two grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Mary Ellen Smith Jacques of Cranberry Township, formerly of Gibsonia, Feb. 24, 2011. She taught English at Mars Area High School. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown. Survivors include a daughter; a son; a brother; and five grandchildren.
1968. She served as director of volunteers at Kenosha Memorial Hospital for eight years. Survivors include two daughters; a son; a sister; and two grandchildren.

Elizabeth “Ann” Schmid Kelley of San Diego, Calif., Jan. 2, 2011. Ann managed her husband’s medical office and worked with him every day until their retirement in 1985. Survivors include two daughters; one son; six grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

1945
Virginia Williams Johnson of Tucson, Ariz., Feb. 7, 2011. She earned a master’s in religious education from Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Conn. She was an elementary school teacher for 30 years. Survivors include her husband, Charles; one daughter; one son; and two grandchildren.

1948
Willard Acheson of Verona, April 1, 2011. His wife, Patricia Marshall Acheson ’49, passed away nearly three weeks later on April 20, 2011. Survivors include three daughters and three granddaughters.

1949
Chester “Chet” Claire of Youngstown, Ohio, March 31, 2011. Claire is only one of four men to receive the Letterman of Distinction Award, the highest honor the Westminster Department of Athletics confers for distinguished service. The other three Lettermen of Distinction at Westminster are David R. Fawcett ’23, Dr. Harold E. Burry ’35, and C.G. “Buzz” Ridel ’42. A member of the all-time Titan basketball team, Claire is a member of the Titan Sports Hall of Fame who became just the second player in team history to score 1,000 career points. He now ranks 32nd in school history with 1,047 points as one of 34 players to reach that milestone. Claire, who also served on alumni council, was a founding father of the Towering Titan Organization (TTO), an organization that since 1976 purposes itself to help maintain, improve and endow Westminster College’s athletic programs. Claire retired in 1988 from his career as agency manager for State Farm Insurance. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Hilda Stockhausen Claire ’49; a daughter, Melinda Claire Knight ’77; two sons, including Mark Claire ’79; a son-in-law, Chris Knight ’76; and five grandchildren, including Lee Knight ’07. Memorial contributions can be made to Westminster College, 319 S. Market St., New Wilmington, PA 16172.

1950
Emma Klein Sargent of Cabot, formerly of Lower Burrell, April 3, 2011. She worked as a secretary for ALCOA Research, New Kensington, and Koppers, Vernon. Survivors include her husband of 59 years, Dale; two daughters; two grandchildren; and two stepgrandchildren.

1951
Barbara Curtze Gebhardt of Erie, March 3, 2011. Survivors include her husband of 57 years, Gordon; one daughter; two sons, including Scott Gebhardt ’83 and his wife, Jamie Rynier Gebhardt ’82; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

1952
James King of Loudonville, N.Y., June 11, 2010. He was a graduate of Albany Law School of Union University and George Washington Law School. Over his career, he served as assistant attorney general; led a Tort Unit—Claims Bureau, where he defended many cases in the State Court of Claims and the federal courts; was elected, a member of the New York State Assembly; and was appointed both to the New York Court of Claims and as general counsel for the New York State Department of State. In 1995 he was appointed as a judge of the Court of Claims where he served until his retirement from the bench in 2000. He became an adjunct professor at Albany Law School in 1984, teaching Trial Tactics and Advocacy until 2009. Upon retirement, he became a judicial hearing officer and was appointed as a hearing officer for the New York State Retirement System. King was also appointed as the first government lawyer in residence at the Government Law Center of Albany Law School and as the distinguished jurist in residence at Siena College. He retired as a brigadier general from the United States Marine Corps after 22 years of active duty. In his last assignment,
Arthur Jensen, professor of history emeritus of Westminster College, of Waterville, N.Y., passed away on March 23, 2011. He earned his bachelor’s, master’s, and Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He joined the Westminster faculty in 1955 and retired in 1989. Prior to his education, he fought in Europe during World War II as a member of the U.S. Army and earned the Silver Star. His specialties and passions in history were for colonial America and Tudor-Stewart England. He is the author of *The Maritime Commerce of Colonial Philadelphia* as well as several scholarly articles and reviews. In mid-life, he became an avid runner and walker, and in retirement he often hiked 12 miles a day on the country roads of New Wilmington or throughout the looping halls of Westminster’s Hoyt Science Center. He was a member of the United Methodist Church of New Wilmington, where he served as the treasurer and was a member of the choir. Survivors include his wife, Anne; three sons, including David King ’88; two stepdaughters; two sisters, including Carolyn Charlton ’48; and nine grandchildren.

**1953**
Donald Keil (M) of New Castle, Jan. 31, 2010. He was a World War II veteran, having served with the U.S. Army. He was a teacher, guidance counselor, and school sports photographer at Union Area School District. He was a member of the Mount Jackson Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his wife, Lucille Semple Keil ’44; two daughters; one brother; and two grandchildren.

**1954**
Ralph Eicher of Catharpin, Va., Jan. 25, 2011. He earned a master’s from the University of Pittsburgh and was employed by the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab and U.S. Geological Survey in the computer center division in Reston, Va. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in Korea. Survivors include his wife, Shirley; a daughter; a son; eight brothers and sisters; and many nieces and nephews.

Jerry Hyder of Sanibel, Fla., June 3, 2010. He served with the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War. He later earned a master’s in education from the University of Pittsburgh. He worked for PPG Industries for 29 years, retiring as a sales and marketing manager. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Joann Martin Hyder ’52; a daughter; a son; a sister; and two grandchildren.

**1958**
Carol Roberts Armstrong of Monterey, Calif., March 29, 2011. She served as a docent at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and the Newport Harbor Art Museum. She was head of training at Robinson Jeffers’ Tor House, where she was also a member of its board of trustees, and was a board member for the Pacific Repertory Theatre. Survivors include her husband, Skip; and two sons.

**1959**
Donald Eicholtz (M) of Edinboro, Dec. 31, 2010. He served as McKean Elementary School principal for 23 years. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Mary Jane; four daughters; two sons; a brother; and six grandchildren.

**1961**
The Rev. Andrew Byers of Zionsville, Feb. 2, 2011. A graduate of Princeton Seminary, he served as pastor in Neshannock Presbyterian Church, New Castle; Union Hill Presbyterian Church, Denville, N.J.; First Presbyterian Church, Franklin, N.J.; Grace Presbyterian Church, Kittanning; and retired from First Presbyterian Church in Newton, N.J. Survivors include his wife, Lyda McCreary Byers ’61; three daughters; and three grandchildren.

**1963**
Lance Hemberger of Savannah, Ga., and Poland, Ohio, Feb. 27, 2011. Hemberger earned his master’s and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Georgia. He retired from Georgia Southern University, where he was assistant professor emeritus of educational psychology. Survivors include a sister and a brother.

**1971**
Edward Bucci of Liverpool, N.Y., Feb. 15, 2011. He retired from the Boy Scouts of America in 2008 following 11 years of service in councils in Connecticut and Pennsylvania and most recently as district director of the Hiawatha Seaway Council and a brotherhood and member of the Order of the Arrow. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Linda; a son; a brother, Michael Bucci ’72; and two grandchildren.

**1979**
The Rev. Karolee Wirt of Columbus Junction, Iowa, Dec. 26, 2010. A graduate of Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary, she became the minister at Cotter and Salem Presbyterian churches in rural Columbus Junction in 1985. She retired in 2006. Survivors include her husband, Richard; two sisters; five nieces; two nephews; and nine great-nieces and great-nephews.

**1982**
James Sciullo of Dublin, Ohio, formerly of Pittsburgh, Nov. 20, 2010. He worked for Cisco Systems. Survivors include his wife, Tammy; one daughter; one son; and four brothers, including Brian Sciullo ’88, Kevin Sciullo ’84 and Tim Sciullo ’85.

**1984**
Carl Ragozino of New Castle, June 29, 2010. He was a financial consultant for National City Investments and a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Survivors include his wife, Nancy; his stepmother; a daughter; and two stepsons.
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~ Dorothy Pollock ’46

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