American higher education is under attack.

The media have increasingly focused on the rising cost of higher education, the diminishing national graduation rates, and the questionable value that a higher education renders at a time when the economy is weak, jobs are scarce, and fewer students are coming to college prepared for college-level work. State and federal governments are slowly reducing funding to higher education, yet imposing more restrictions and legislative burdens upon it. Consequently, many colleges, Westminster among them, are working to become more creative in how they react to the many external forces that are reshaping higher education today.

Conventional wisdom perpetuates the belief that the path to the American Dream must pass through some level of higher education attainment. Census data confirms this belief, as individual indicators of economic success, such as earning potential and socioeconomic advancement, directly correlate to the amount of one’s higher education. Recent government data reported that in 2008 the median income of full-time workers 25 and older with a high school diploma alone was $33,800 while it was $55,700 for those with a bachelor’s degree. A 20% poverty rate exists for those with only high school diploma while less than 5% with those with at least a bachelor’s degree. Apart from the improved economic benefits resulting from higher education, those with college degrees enjoy personal and social benefits that vastly improve the quality of life, health, and the well-being of their families.

These facts are well documented, confirming that a college diploma remains the key to this gateway called the American Dream, despite what the popular media and pundits may tell you. Yet, this dream is becoming increasingly unattainable for many, and powerful social and economic forces are building that will compel many to forego a college education altogether when such a decision would have been unthinkable for them just five years ago. This is confirmed by the Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) which place the United States as being first in the world among industrialized nations in the number of adults ages 55-64 with a college degree, but only 10th for those ages 25-34.

Two years ago Westminster completed a zero-based budgeting process to insure we were spending our annual budget efficiently. I can assure our alumni and friends that we steward well the tuition and gift dollars we receive. A student-focused, low student-teacher ratio is not cost-effective and it is expensive. But as I said to the Class of 2012 at their graduation, it is not nearly as expensive as being without a college degree. Our outstanding and nationally-ranked graduation rates and placement figures suggest we are getting it right.

How Westminster responds to the attack higher education is under will be the subject of intense discussion in the coming days. We are sustained and fortified with the knowledge that your advocacy of Westminster is behind us.
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Will Armentrout, a physics major in the All-College Honors Program, graduated magna cum laude during Westminster’s 158th Commencement.
Each spring, Westminster seniors participate in several end-of-the-year activities marking the conclusion of their college careers. The Moment arrived again this May when students gathered as a class one final time before Commencement at the senior class luncheon. Members of the Class of 2012 presented the College with the class gift of $1,005.64, which will benefit the Drinko Center for Experiential Learning. And beginning a new tradition, all seniors were inducted into the Westminster Alumni Association at the luncheon. Rich McKenna ’84, incoming president of Alumni Council, conducted the ceremony.
Civic mindedness recognized

Tate Slaven, a rising junior communication studies major, was among 162 students from 32 states honored as Newman Civic Fellows by Campus Compact.

The award recognizes college student leaders who demonstrate an investment in finding solutions for challenges facing communities throughout the country. Slaven mobilized her peers to support food, gift, and clothing drives; community clean-up projects; and programs at retirement communities. She also mentored a weekly reading program for children.

Campus Compact is a national coalition of almost 1,200 college and university presidents who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education to improve community life and educate students for civic and social responsibility.

College hosts Model UN Conference

Westminster College hosted more than 250 students from 20 area high schools, the largest delegation ever at Westminster, for the fourth annual Model United Nations Conference in April.

Students participated in simulations of four United Nations committees: General Assembly First Committee, General Assembly Third Committee, Economic and Social Council, and the Security Council. They discussed a variety of issues that included nuclear proliferation, labor rights, the delivery of humanitarian assistance in post-conflict zones, and the on-going crisis in Syria.

This year’s conference included a simulation of the historic 1945 San Francisco Conference, where the original 50 members of the United Nations agreed to the final draft of the UN charter.

Nearly 30 members of Westminster’s Model UN team hosted the conference and staffed the committees.

PR Networking

Kathy Cupper Obert ’80, chairman and founder of Woodwalk Reputation Group, returned to her alma mater April 19 and shared “Career Tips from the Marketing & PR Masters” with Westminster College students. Here Obert is pictured with Maggie Backstrom ’13, president of Westminster’s chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America.
New SID hire

Nathan LaRiccia was named Westminster College’s sports information director in January. Responsible for publicizing Westminster’s 20 NCAA Division III varsity sports, LaRiccia comes to Westminster from Adrian College in Michigan, where he served as assistant sports information director with primary responsibility for 11 varsity sports. Before joining Adrian, he served as a sports information graduate assistant at Heidelberg University and also worked in the sports information office at the University of Mount Union. He has additional media relations experience with the United States Olympic Committee, Pro Football Hall of Fame, Cincinnati Reds, and United States Golf Association. LaRiccia earned his bachelor’s degree in communication studies from Kent State University and his master’s from Heidelberg University.

Bringing the world to our community

This year’s Language in Motion team of nine Westminster students gave a total of 72 presentations at area schools this spring and hosted 113 high school language students for Intercultural Day.

Led by Milagros Swerdlow, program coordinator and Spanish lecturer, the outreach program—which reached nearly 1,500 area students this year—aims to give study-abroad returnees, international students, and upper-level language students the opportunity to create language and cultural activities for presentation in K-12 language, social studies, and other classes where culture can be studied.

“High school, middle school, and elementary teachers were excited to have their students exposed to innovative lessons on international subjects,” Swerdlow said. “Topics included German fairytales, a comparison of the Spanish and American systems of government, Greek food and dance, Korean Culture, April Fool’s Day in France, and a look into London and Scotland.”

Westminster’s Language in Motion program, now in its sixth year, is sponsored by Westminster’s Department of Modern Languages, Drinko Center for Experiential Learning, and the Heritage Chair of Humanities.

Leadership development

Glenn Thompson ’68, Westminster alumnus and trustee, center, was the featured speaker at this year’s Student Organization Leadership Dinner on Feb. 7. Pictured here with Tawni Darbi ’13, president of the Student Alumni Association (SAA), and Dan Matt ’13, SAA vice president, Thompson discussed “Building Blocks of Leadership.” Hosted by the SAA, the event was attended by campus student organization presidents and rising leaders. President Dorman and members of his cabinet also presented leadership advice.
Biology major examines prayer, earns Presbyterian award

Senior biology major Chelsea **Loub** is one of 12 students nationwide who received a 2012 Samuel Robinson Award from the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). To earn the award, created to promote the memorization of the Westminster Shorter Catechism from *The Book of Confessions*, students were asked to memorize and recite the 123 questions and answers of the catechism, as well as submit a 2,000-word essay on an assigned topic. This year, applicants were asked to select a question-answer pair in the Westminster Catechism that speaks most directly to the PC (USA) today and explain why. Loub chose question 98 that asks what prayer is and is answered: “Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgement of his mercies.”

Loub examined the views of the Torah, which considers prayer as a process and a cleansing practice with specific instructions, and the New Testament, that regards prayer as a positive command focused on bonding with God. “Currently, prayer is based on individual preference with consideration of how the Torah and New Testament view it. Some people were taught to bow their heads, fold their hands and kneel when they pray. Others, like myself, open their hands, palms facing heaven, close their eyes and just focus on their words and just being in the presence of God,” said Loub. Chaplains at each Presbyterian-related college and university provide invaluable assistance both to the PC (USA) and the student by consulting on essay topics, serving as readers of the essays, and providing opportunities for students to perform the recitation.

The Rev. Jim **Mohr**, Westminster chaplain, mentored Loub. “I would share with you how difficult it is just to complete the process,” Mohr said. “Either memorizing the catechism or writing the essay would be a big project, but these students have to do both. Over the years, we’ve had a few students participate and Chelsea is only the third from Westminster to win it.” Each essay was evaluated by a team of experienced readers who were asked to consider how the student incorporated the catechism and Scripture in the discussion of the topic.

Puppy time

We all know that cuddling up to a four-legged friend is a great way to relieve stress. In fact, studies show that spending time with pets helps lower blood pressure and stress hormones and elevates hormones linked with happiness and relaxation. In May, Westminster’s Counseling Center partnered with the Lawrence County Humane Society for a “Pause for Paws” event, which allowed students to spend some time with some furry friends just prior to a traditionally stressful period—finals week.

Annual Edward scholarship presented

Zachary **Cramer**, a senior accounting and business administration major, won the 2012 David W. Edward Entrepreneurship Scholarship competition. The award includes a $3,500 academic scholarship.

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. Cramer’s winning plan detailed the start-up of TL - The Lounge, a restaurant/lounge in downtown New Wilmington. The facility would fill a niche market not currently provided in town: a restaurant with a variety of foods priced to attract the college-student budget as well as many local residents with evening entertainment and late-night service.

The plan outlined a well-researched business analysis, as well as a realistic location and marketing plan capable of creating and supporting a local business enterprise. A set of comprehensive financial projections summarized the expectations from both a start-up and a future growth perspective, according to the judges.

The competition was conducted by Westminster’s Department of Economics and Business and supported by funding from the Edward Trust in Youngstown, Ohio.
Greek Week more than just fun and games

Westminster’s fraternities and sororities raised more than $17,000 and Student Government Association (SGA) collected more than 51,000 food, clothing, toys, and other items during Greek Week 2012.

Penny Wars resulted in a $16,433 donation to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in honor of Claire Hartner, daughter of Eric and Kelly Hartner ’05, Westminster enterprise network manager.

Throughout the week, Westminster’s SGA Service Committee collected over 51,000 food, clothing, and hygiene items and toys for the Lawrence County Community Action Partnership in New Castle. The drive was organized by SGA Service Chair Leah Hunter.

The sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority collected donations during Sing ‘n Swing. According to Camille Hawthorne, associate dean of student affairs, the crowd was generous in their giving, with a gift of $500 going to the Richard J. Sentner ’91 Family Trust and $600 to Royal Family Kids’ Camp to cover the cost of two campers.

“Sing ‘n Swing” also included awards to fraternities, sororities, and individuals:

- **Scott Renninger Service Award for outstanding service to Greeks:** Molly Spinney, associate professor and head librarian
- **Greek Adviser of the Year:** Jonathan Smith, web services coordinator and adviser to Phi Kappa Tau fraternity
- **Scholarship award:** Sigma Kappa sorority with a 3.483 grade point average and Theta Chi fraternity with 3.213 grade point average
- **Spirit award:** Sigma Kappa sorority and Phi Kappa Tau fraternity
- **Sportsmanship award:** Kappa Delta sorority and Sigma Nu fraternity
- **Most Valuable Player award:** Kazimiera Zippert and Nate Horgan

- **Chairs Choice award:** Kelly Gould and Milt Constantine
- **Greek God and Goddess:** Jared Palonis and Tyler Dever
- **Sing ‘n Swing winners:** Kappa Delta sorority and Theta Chi fraternity
- **Greek Week winners:** Alpha Gamma Delta sorority and Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity

Hawthorne, who plans to retire in December, was honored by the Greeks with flowers and a bracelet that held a charm from each fraternity and sorority in appreciation of her years of dedicated service to the organizations.

Beehive State bound

Thirty-four Westminster students presented their research at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) this spring at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. The conference, which hosted more than 3,000 students from across the country, promotes undergraduate research, scholarship, and creative activity in all fields of study. Funding to send the students, which has grown from 10 participants in 2008 to 34 this year, was provided by Westminster’s Drinko Center for Experiential Learning, academic departments, and the Student Government Association. The SGA recently passed a resolution that will enable the organization to donate 50% of the prior year’s unspent programming fund to support travel related to undergraduate research.
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Westminster celebrated its 158th annual commencement exercises on the recently-expanded Senior Terrace on May 19, conferring undergraduate degrees on 282 students, while an additional 12 received master’s degrees.

An honorary doctor of laws degree was awarded to Dr. Kim Dunbar ’80, Davidson Professor of Science at Texas A&M University and one of America’s premiere chemists. She was introduced by Dr. Peter Smith, associate professor of chemistry.

Dunbar, who earned a Ph.D. in inorganic chemistry from Purdue University, did post-doctoral research at Texas A&M, then joined the Michigan State University faculty, where she rose to the rank of University Distinguished Professor. Since her return to Texas A&M in 1999, she has become world-renowned for her research in several areas of physical and inorganic chemistry, including breakthroughs in organic/inorganic composite materials, molecular magnetism, and metal-based chemotherapy.

Dunbar shared “Blue Skies: The Value of a Liberal Arts Education” with the audience.

“I sincerely believe that my education at Westminster College provided me with the tools that I desperately needed to decide first, what I wanted to think about and second, what I wanted to do with this information,” she told graduates. “My liberal arts education facilitated a desire to experiment: to explore entirely unknown territories without fear and with the confidence that questioning my own knowledge is not only a good idea but is absolutely necessary in order to be a good scientist and mentor.”

Senior class speaker Miltiadis Constantine, a public relations and political science major from Poland, Ohio, delivered his address “The Armor of the Westminster Titan.” (See page 10.)
Dr. Phyllis Kitzerow and Molly Spinney ’75 were honored with designation as professor of sociology emerita and associate professor/associate librarian emerita, respectively.

Kitzerow, who joined the faculty in 1978 and retired in December, earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Wisconsin and master’s degree and Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. During her tenure at Westminster, Kitzerow founded the Diversity Symposium, created and served as coordinator for the Gender Studies interdisciplinary minor, developed the Criminal Justice program, and chaired the Department of Sociology. She was awarded the 2011 Henderson Lectureship for her ongoing research on the career paths of women lawyers and was recognized with the 2011 Distinguished Faculty Award.

Spinney earned a master’s degree in library science from the University of Pittsburgh. While at Westminster, Spinney served a three-year term as assistant dean, supervising the January term; selecting and booking events for the original Celebrity Series; supporting the development and teaching sections of the Freshman Seminar course; and chairing the steering committee that examined programs, salaries and benefits, and schedule. She served as faculty adviser to the Argo yearbook and Panhellenic Council. As library chair she led the transition from a print-based collection to the implementation of online resources and led McGill Library’s four-year renovation project.

Dr. Sandra Webster, professor of psychology, received the Distinguished Faculty Award. Webster, who has been with Westminster since 1983, earned undergraduate and master’s degrees and Ph.D. from Southern Illinois University, Carbondale. Nominations came from students, faculty, and alumni, citing Webster’s enthusiasm for undergraduate research and promoting student success.

The Distinguished Faculty Award is 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.

For more photos from Commencement, please visit our Facebook page!
Dr. Sandra Webster often has her hands working on something, whether it’s her pottery, stitching her own clothes, or tinkering with the latest technological gadget to use in her classroom. But one thing is clear: her tactile approach to many of life’s undertakings is also always cerebral.

“I take a scholarly approach to most things, including my hobbies,” said Webster, professor of psychology and the 2012 winner of the Distinguished Faculty Award. “It’s fun to try new things and if I have a tool, I always ask the question ‘what else can it do?’”

“What else can it do?” This question, in many respects, is how Webster, an experimental psychologist, approaches her teaching and encourages students in her classes such as Research Methods and Statistics, Personality, and Psychology of Women.

“Not only was she interesting and brilliant,” said Dr. John Petrocelli ’97, former student and assistant professor of psychology at Wake Forest University, “but her ability to make students think beyond the material was impressive.”

Webster didn’t start out with plans to teach. Growing up in a rural area of southern Illinois where she attended school in one-room schoolhouses, Webster had dreams of becoming a scientist. However, those outside of her family tried to steer her in other directions. After all, science wasn’t a proper profession for girls—and “girls weren’t supposed to have my aspirations in the ’60s.” Instead, she settled on the idea of becoming a science teacher.

Once she began her studies at Southern Illinois University, an introductory psychology course was all that it took to put Webster on her path.
"I recognized a match between my interest in science and knowing about the people and human organizations around me," she said. "Psychology at the college level used logic, data and the scientific method to explain normal and abnormal behavior. I loved it."

To listen to the two-time Fulbright lecturer speak about her discipline and to hear others expound upon her brand of teaching, it is clear that her love for the subject of psychology hasn’t diminished. The subject is ever-changing and developing, which is what keeps Webster engaged.

"Though Dr. Webster has been teaching for many years, she is very aware of the emerging education technologies and carefully examines them and their potential use in her courses," said Rachael Hoffman ’11 another former student who is a research developer and a doctoral student at Duquesne University.

Petrocelli agrees. "Dr. Webster is always learning new technologies to share with students and make them competitive," he said, crediting Webster with improving the educational experience for undergraduate psychology majors at Westminster. "The truth is, I left Westminster in 1997, but I’m still learning from this remarkable woman. I believe that Dr. Webster’s own passion for learning spills over onto her students."

And while the passion and devotion to her subject is evident, no one can ignore the passion and commitment she has for her students and for her pedagogy. Engaging students can be a daunting task for an educator, but Webster believes that it can be done methodically.

“First you must respect the student as a learner," Webster said. “I truly believe that every student can master the content of my course and it is essential that I communicate this expectancy to them.”

Through motivation, which Webster believes is "job one" for an educator, explanation of purpose through proper structure and organization, application, and hands-on activities, students will have a greater chance at success in the classroom.

Through Webster’s method, Hoffman said, "we understood why we were learning the material and how we might use it in our future courses and research."

But, Webster warns, while engaging students is important, it is not solely sufficient.

“The bottom line is that students must learn," she said. “Some learning is difficult and it requires concentration and dedicated practice.”

While Westminster has been a place where Webster has been able help to help students grow and develop, it has also allowed her the opportunity to continue her learning as well.

“I interviewed at many places and at each I asked the faculty members about what they were really doing," Webster recalls. “Only at Westminster did I hear from the faculty that they were actively involved in collaborative research programs with students. Everyone (at other colleges) said they valued collaborative research, but at Westminster they were doing it.”

“Many schools have some faculty/student research, but we’ve developed a culture of collaborative research that has made it the norm, not just for a few select students, but for all of them,” said Webster. “It sets us apart.”

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At Westminster, she adds, she also has been afforded the opportunity to learn more about integrating technology in science education and travel abroad on two occasions as a Fulbright lecturer.

“Westminster has been a great platform for my two Fulbrights because I could fully enjoy the third world of Jos, Nigeria and the cosmopolitan megalopolis of Seoul, South Korea knowing that after a year I’d be back at Westminster,” she said.

At Westminster, she also discovered a new passion: ceramic art. Initially drawn to art professor Kathy Koop’s pottery class to relieve stress, what she also found in the pottery wheel was a non-verbal way to express her thoughts and ideas.

“I discovered as I developed the craft of throwing pots that my class topics would filter into the pottery,” Webster said. While she has thrown countless pieces, 20 of them—all inspired by the Theories of Personality class she was teaching—were featured in a student show. She developed a website—which earned a mention by the Chronicle of Higher Education as one of the weirdest academic websites—to show the psychological theory or concept that was represented in each pot.

Her list of contributions to Westminster is long; she has been chair of the psychology department, served as faculty development officer, worked on program development for Senior Studies and the Honors program in psychology, helped build the undergraduate research program, and is often a key player in securing grant funding for various projects.

Colleagues, students and former students describe her as a leader, a scholar, an innovator and an icon who is committed, dedicated, thorough and brilliant. While she brushes off the notion of being thought of as either “brilliant” or an “icon,” she believes that commitment, dedication and thoroughness are easy when you enjoy what you’re doing, and yet necessary in every profession.

“My mother taught me that anything worth doing is worth doing well,” she said. “As a deeply devoted Christian I also believe that the way I do my job is part of how I honor God. Teachers are accountable for what we teach and what we don’t teach, so I’m mindful of each student, in each course.”

“Students do not reach a final form when they are complete, whole and static like a pot after firing,” she added. “We should all continue to learn as long as we live, there is so much to strive to understand, we’ll never be done. That, for me, is a great comfort. Boredom is not an option as long as there are new things to learn and new ways to learn them.”

Sandra and her husband, Ronald Webster, Westminster’s network technologies specialist, are the parents of two children, Diana and Phillip.

(Hildebrand is editor of Westminster Magazine.)
We have completed the requirements to graduate and we are turning a new page in our lives. One thing is certain. We will carry seven values that each of us has embodied by walking down the Westminster Way for the past few years.

We are now fully fitted in the garb of a Titan. We carry the sword of CHALLENGE so that we may overcome the adversities of life. We take so much for granted. Yet when life’s complexities threaten to overwhelm us, we are prepared to fight through them.

We gird ourselves with the belt of COMPASSION; may it never leave our bodies and always surround us. Compassion is contagious here. Even amidst tragedy, we join together to help those in need.

As written in Ephesians chapter six, we carry the shield of FAITH, which we will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one (Ephesians 6:16). Many lures and traps confronted us throughout our college careers. By raising our shield of faith, we remain steadfast in our beliefs and values.

We place upon our heads the helmet of LEARNING so that we keep safe the intellectual knowledge we’ve gathered. Education is invaluable. If we protect our minds with the helmet of learning, our education will last us a lifetime.

We put on our chests the breastplate of SERVICE so that we may always help those in need. We have been recognized as one of the most service-oriented colleges in the nation as young-adult volunteers. Imagine what we can accomplish together as professionals.

We ride upon the stallion of SUCCESS so that we can become leaders in our communities. This class has never been short of leaders on and off campus. Nearly 100 of us have already served as organization presidents. Now is our time to excel in the world and show our instructors and administrators what successes we are capable of.

And finally, we place upon our feet the sandals of TRADITION so that we may stay steadfast in our direction. This value is the key to completing the Westminster Way. Without the sandals of tradition, we Titans would lose meaning of the history and culture of Westminster College.

We all enrolled at this school in pursuit of a diploma. In the end, it is nothing more than a piece of paper. What we have truly earned on this day is so much more powerful. We have each been dressed in the armor of a Westminster Titan.

We have been equipped with tools to respond to our future challenges. We have been trained to think critically with an open mind. We have been taught how to be successful. We have experienced the meaning of altruism. We have been taught to communicate effectively.

Ultimately, we are now part of a tradition that started in 1852. It’s called the Westminster Story: Glorious, Grand, and True. And from this story, we have emerged wearing the Armor of the Westminster Titan.

~ From “The Armor of a Titan” by Miltiadis Constantine ’12
Recent graduate **Katelyn Moga** did not glide through her years at Westminster unnoticed. The political science major was more active and visible than most—winning academic awards and grants, serving on a number of campus organizations, acting as a student associate trustee. She embodied the term Big Woman on Campus. But perhaps her greatest accomplishment is not what she did while she was on campus, but what she did for others off campus.
Moga, who spent the fall 2011 semester teaching an introductory sociology course to women in prison with classmate Katrina Falconer and their professor Dr. Kristenne Robison, has made strides towards establishing a sustainable partnership between Westminster and the State Correctional Institute (SCI) at Cambridge Springs, a correctional facility for women.

“Going into the prison and teaching and interacting with these women was life-changing,” said Moga, who—along with Falconer and Robison—spent two hours each week educating 25 inmates-turned-students in a program loosely based on the national Inside-Out Prison Exchange program.

SCI Cambridge Springs seemed to be a natural fit for this experiment, Robison said. Its school principal, Michael Gent, earned his master’s from Westminster, so there was an initial connection. And because there are fewer education programs for incarcerated women, SCI Cambridge Springs fit the bill.

While the traditional Inside-Out program, which originated at Temple University, features college students learning alongside inmates, Westminster’s variation on the program features college students teaching introductory courses to the incarcerated women, said Robison, associate professor of sociology and criminal justice.

“The first time I visited a prison I realized that everyone there was a person first,” said Robison. “That was a powerful lesson to me. I want my students to have that same lesson.”

The women Moga, Falconer and Robison encountered at Cambridge Springs were enthusiastic participants. All were required to possess a positive conduct record, as well as a seventh-grade reading level and at least a high school diploma or GED.

“The biggest surprise for me was how responsive they were and how much they wanted to discuss the coursework and their observations,” said Moga. “There was never an issue trying to get them to participate. They were very interested in learning.”

Moga said that although there was never a sense of uneasiness with the women, she and her colleagues “definitely had to build trust with them.”

“And we accomplished that just by coming back week after week and building relationships” and not treating them as if they were research subjects, Moga said.

But the experience was two-fold. While there, Moga, Falconer and Robison developed focus groups and collected data for a research project, “Uncovering the Educational Experiences of Incarcerated Women,” which was presented at the national meeting of the American Society of Criminology in Washington, D.C.

What the trio discovered was that the women, whose ages ranged from late teens to 50s, came from various educational backgrounds—some had only high school diplomas, some were college-educated, another had been a nurse. They learned about their lives prior to incarceration and what their daily routines were like inside the facility.

“We were there to teach them, but I was amazed at how much I learned from them,” Moga said.

“It was an incredibly positive experience for me,” said Moga. “I was having conversations with women with such diverse backgrounds and hearing completely different viewpoints. I think that this really strengthened my learning experience.”

And while it was a learning experience all-around, for Moga it proved to be a catalyst for something even greater and long-lasting.

In early 2012, she received a grant to attend the annual Clinton Global Initiative University at George Washington University, which challenges students to address global issues with practical, innovative solutions. There, Moga presented her plan for Westminster to establish a partnership with SCI Cambridge Springs that would continue to provide educational opportunities to incarcerated females. The college is currently seeking grant funding to make this a reality.

“The goal is to provide, through education, a greater chance for success once released while learning the importance of civic engagement,” said Moga, adding that she would like to see other disciplines—education, history, psychology, business—take part in the program.

One in 100 American adults is currently in prison and U.S. Department of Justice statistics show that 67 percent of those inmates will recidivate—or reoffend—and return to prison. The key to combating these statistics, Moga believes, is education.

While the goal of educating the women is to help reintegrate them into society and prevent recidivism, there is also the hope of cultivating a sense of empowerment within each woman through knowledge.

“A lot of the women didn’t have a good educational experience to begin with, so if they can take this class and realize ‘I can do this,’ then hopefully when they do get out they might consider entering a community college or some kind of vocational program,” said Moga. “I think this can give them the jump-start they need to be active and positive citizens.”

“After all, this is the Westminster Way,” Moga said. “This program embodies a lot of what Westminster College wants for its students.”

Dr. Kristenne Robison returns to SCI Cambridge Springs this summer with two students to teach a second course. In May, Robison completed a one-week Inside-Out training program in Dearborn, Mich. Inside-Out brings college students together with incarcerated men and women to study as peers in a seminar behind prison walls. She hopes to teach her first official Inside-Out class in spring 2013.

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 BLOCKS OF TITAN TRADITION
400m record-holders unite for memorable performance

By NATHAN LaRICCIA

The Westminster College
440-yard/400-meter
record had resided
in Joe Stewart’s family for
a century. Stewart, a 1963
Westminster graduate, held
the record for 50 years and
his grandfather Linus, 1905
graduate, held it for nearly
another half century.

When Stewart, a retired pastor living in
Cody, Wyo., heard that Adam Carswell ’13
had broken his record in April, he wanted
to shake the young man’s hand. He had
shaken the hand of only other two people
to hold the record (his grandfather held the
record from 1905-52 and Marlowe Tolbert
’56 from 1953-61). After talking with former
teammate and current part-time track &
field coach Paul Sanders ’61, Stewart made
the 1,729-mile drive to New Wilmington this
spring and ended up playing a bigger role
than anticipated in Westminster’s fastest
ever 400-meter dash.

At the 2012 Presidents’ Athletic Conference
(PAC) Track & Field Championships in May,
Carswell asked Stewart to “hold his blocks”
for the race. Teammates and coaches are
typically asked to hold the blocks for a
participant in a race using starting blocks.
Stewart had tears in his eyes as Carswell
crossed the finish line with a school-record
time of 48.87.

“That really meant something to him,” said
head coach Tim McNeil, a 1996 Westminster
graduate who led the men’s and women’s
teams to conference championships. “I
started getting emotional. That’s amazing
that Adam thought to ask Joe to hold the
blocks. What 21-year-old kid thinks to do
that?”

“I remember waking up that day and
something telling me, it had to be God, ‘Have
Joe hold your blocks today,” Carswell said.
“When I saw him at the meet, I had to ask him. He said ‘I’d be honored’. For me, I was honored. And then to break the record, it was even more awesome.”

“He came up and asked me to hold his blocks,” Joe said. “That was probably the biggest honor of my life.”

Carswell originally broke Stewart’s record of 49.3
in late April. At the PAC Championships, Carswell
became the first Titan ever to run the 400 in
under 49 seconds.

“I figured if he won that event last year in the PAC
Championships, he would sure want to win it
again and I was hoping that he’d blast it so there
would be no question,” Joe said. “There wasn’t.”

“That’s not just a causal fan,” McNeil said of
Stewart. “That’s a true track and field Titan.
Joe had to feel even more a part of the record
because he held the blocks that pushed Adam all
around to break it. When Adam really broke the
record at the PAC Championships, Joe was still
a part of it. The record was a part of the Stewart
family for 100 years and, in a way, it still is.”

“What I experienced when I was back there was
the Westminster spirit,” Stewart said. “And back
there, in some ways, it was like reliving my track
days. I just felt part of things with everybody.”

Carswell, a broadcast communication major from Painesville, Ohio, and
standout on the Titan basketball team, is working on a video highlighting
the Titan 2012 track season. The video is expected to debut in December.

(LaRiccia is the sports information director at Westminster.)
Alpha Sigs reunite

Alpha Sigs from the classes of 1957 and 1958 and their spouses reunited for their annual reunion on March 24 at Rick ’58 and Isie Randall’s home in Lakeland, Fla. Pictured from left to right are Harriet Wright Rickard ’58, Jack Rickard ’57, Peggy Marsico, Frank Marsico ’57, Beverly Johnson Giles ’58, Les Giles ’58, Yvonne Parks, Tom Parks ’58, Monika Becker Gardner (professor of biology emerita), Bob Gardner ’57 (trustee emeritus), Eva Backstrom Marsico ’58, David Marsico ’58, Richard Randall ’58 and Isie Randall.

1959

► Paul Boyce recently published his first novel, The Hook Files, the first in what will become a series about a retired civil engineer and two 11-year-old cousins who use their wits and 1936 technology to solve mysteries in a small, rural western Pennsylvania town. The Hook Files, which can be read by juveniles or adults, is available in book stores or online. A second book in the series is near completion.
Dear Fellow Alumni,

It has been a pleasure for me to serve as president of Alumni Council. As you are aware, during the past 18 months Alumni Council has been working on a plan to grow alumni engagement supporting President Dorman’s strategic plan for the College, *Advantage: Westminster*. Under the leadership of former president of the council, Debbie Satterlee Corll ’77, a committee of more than 50 alumni and students providing diverse alumni representation prepared a strategic plan that was adopted by council in April 2011. This year, council’s officers and representation from each committee developed a five-year operational plan supporting the five key goals identified in the strategic plan.

- Enhance Alumni Council
- Grow Alumni Engagement
- Strengthen the Westminster Network
- Show Westminster College Pride
- Raise Westminster Student Awareness

In the coming year, you will learn about new opportunities to be engaged with Westminster, current students and fellow alumni. They will be designed to engage alumni in meaningful ways ranging from events for alumni affinity groups and growing alumni support of the Westminster Fund to educating students about the benefits of a lifelong connection with alma mater. Highlights include creating professional networking opportunities among alumni as well as undergraduates, encouraging alumni and students to visibly share their Westminster Pride, and facilitating alumni interaction with students and faculty. More information about the Alumni Council 2012 -2017 strategic plan, *Building Upon Tradition, Sharing Our Stories*, may be found on the Office of Alumni Relations Office page of the Westminster College website www.westminster.edu.

As a part of the council’s new strategic plan, the Class of 2012 was inducted to the Westminster Alumni Association during Senior Week and encouraged to return to campus for Homecoming and Reunion Weekend in September. Plus the Class of 2012 Senior Class Gift Committee presented the class gift to President Dorman and Chair of the Board, John Weisel ’79 during lunch with the Board of Trustees.

I extend my appreciation to all alumni who served on the strategic and operational planning committees. For more than 140 years, alumni have supported Westminster, her students and one another. I invite all alumni to join the Alumni Council in building upon this long tradition.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Bigley ’84
Call for Nominations

Recognizing Accomplished Alumni
Think of the Westminster alumni you know. What contributions are they making to their profession, in their community or to their alma mater? Some may be very visible, others behind the scenes. There are many alumni worthy of recognition, and the Alumni Council is counting on fellow alumni to help identify accomplished alumni.

Service to Westminster
Each year alumni are identified by the Alumni Council for service on the Board of Trustees and as representatives to Alumni Council. If you know alumni with energy, enthusiasm and resources to share with Westminster, please nominate them.

To submit nominations please include your statement of nomination and your nominee’s biographical information. Additional support materials including articles, videos or other documents to support your nomination are encouraged. Nominations are kept confidential.

Send information to:
Mail: Office of Alumni Relations Westminster College 319 S. Market St. New Wilmington, PA, 16172
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Email: alumni@westminster.edu
On the web: An online nomination form is available on the Alumni Relations web page at www.westminster.edu.
For more information, call the Office of Alumni Relations at (724) 946-7364.

SAA hosts spring events
The Student Alumni Association, working to build connections between students and alumni and increase awareness of alumni support of Westminster, held three events this spring.

Give Me a Break (Before Spring Break): Held Feb. 28, this junior event gave students the opportunity to network with alumni, learn about successful paths traveled after graduation, and practice informational interviewing. Several members of Alumni Council participated, including Amy Dietrich Bonnar ‘94, Chris Borsani ‘04, Karen Campman Emmett ’75, Tom Gysgem ’81, Jordan Hinds ’06, Janice Jelectic ’80, Jesse Ligo ’82, Sharon Ellwood McCullough ’79, Rich McKenna ’84, Bill Meyer ’59, Rich Mills ’76, Matthew Newman ’01, Lee Scott ’07, and Dan Vogler ’81.

Networking 101: Held in April, the SAA hosted an alumni panel discussion focusing on proper networking techniques. Junior public relations major Tawni Darby ’13 moderated the panel which included Becky Rickard ’98, group sales representative to Alumni Council; Dan Vogler ’81, chairman of the Lawrence County Board of Commissioners and a member of Westminster’s Alumni Council; and Colleen Wilson ’97, marketing manager for Dick’s Sporting Goods. More than 60 students attended the networking panel.

Way to Go Wednesday: SAA and the Office of Institutional Advancement hosted “Way to Go Wednesday” in May for members of the Class of 2015, celebrating the completion of their first year on campus. Students picked up class T-shirts, signed their class banner, and enjoyed an ice cream sundae bar.

Alumni network with students
Westminster alumni Ben Nelson ’06, Christie Grewe Nelson ’06 and Mark Drabick ’10 coordinated two events with Dr. Daniel Fischmar, professor of economics and business, for students in the Department of Business and Economics this spring.

In March alumni shared work experiences, advice for planning a successful job search, and encouraged students to consider a variety of options as they begin their careers. Alumni also took time to network with students following panel presentations.

Alumni serving on panels included Andrew Anthony ’11 (UPMC); Tony Carrabba ’96 (Giant Eagle); Ben Cochran ’11, (ParenteBeard); Anthony Colwell ’08 (Transtar Industries/Innovvelop LLC); Micah Delo ’06 (AXA Advisors); Mark Drabick ’10 (Bank of New York Mellon); Kelly Fee ’10 (Liberty Mutual); Michelle Latta-Maloney ’10 (Bayer AG); Ben Nelson ’06 (Moody’s Corporation, member of Alumni Council); Christie Grewe Nelson ’06 (Rutgers University/DIMACS); Ken Romig ’85 (Westminster College); Meredith Sabol ’10 (Bank of New York Mellon); Lee Scott ’07 (Coalition for Christian Outreach, member of Alumni Council).

In April, alumni returned to campus to conduct mock interviews, designed to help students improve their interviewing skills by learning how to highlight their skills and identify skills in need of improvement.

Alumni conducting interviews included Ben Nelson, Delo, Fee and Crystal Arbore ’08 (ThermoFisher Scientific); Jackie Faber ’08 (Alcoa); Jordan Hinds ’06 (UPMC, member of Alumni Council); Joanna McClelland ’05 (State Farm); and Richard McKenna ’84, (Schneider Downs, President of Alumni Council).
Year Award in April. Coleman is manager of Northwest Savings Bank and a longtime community volunteer.

1993
Brian Friday has been selected as a Five Star Wealth Manager in the Pittsburgh area for the third year in a row. The program recognizes wealth managers who provide exceptional service, quality recommendations, and overall satisfaction. He is currently a Certified Financial Planner and second vice president at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. He and his wife, Michele Pattison Friday, have three sons, including current Westminster student Christian Friday ’15. The family resides in Bethel Park.

1999
Stacey Weber-Fève published LIAISONS, a first edition beginning-level French textbook program. She is an assistant professor of French at Iowa State University. She resides in Ankeny, Iowa.

1980
Stephen Coleman received Titusville’s 2011 Citizen of the Year Award in April. Coleman is manager of Northwest Savings Bank and a longtime community volunteer.

1975
Jeffrey Wiley was reelected as managing director and chief operating officer of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, PC, Pittsburgh’s sixth largest law firm. He was first elected to the position in 1997.

Did you marry your Westminster sweetheart?
Attention alumni couples:
How did you meet your Westminster sweetheart?
At a football game? In your sociology class? In the stacks at the library? We would love to hear your “how we met” story. Stories may be featured on the Alumni Relations web page and possibly in a future issue of Westminster Magazine. If you would like to share your story, please email the following information to the Alumni Relations Office at alumni@westminster.edu:
• Names (including maiden name)
• Class years at Westminster
• A photograph together
  (from your Westminster days or recent)
• Brief story of how you met while attending Westminster
• Wedding date
• Names and ages of children
Please indicate “Westminster Sweetheart” in your email’s subject line. Deadline for submission is Oct. 5.

Annual alumni meeting
Andrew Winner ’04, Chris Borsani ’04, Brian Kocian ’03, Jordan Hinds ’06, Zach Beresh ’02 and Janice Jeletic ’80, pictured from left, enjoy lunch following the annual meeting of the Westminster Alumni Association (WAA). The spring gathering of Alumni Council also serves as the WAA’s annual meeting to which all alumni are welcome to attend. This year, alumni heard campus news from President Dorman and Gloria Cagigas, vice president for institutional advancement; learned of the 2012 – 2017 Alumni Council strategic plan Building Upon Tradition, Sharing Our Stories; and were offered a tour of Westminster’s online resources and social networking sites.

Phis forever
Phi Kappa Tau brothers from the class of 1968 held a mini reunion in December 2011. After dining in New York City, the brothers toured the U.S.S. Intrepid aircraft carrier in the New York harbor. Pictured from left are David Leith, Preston Koster, Barry Duerk, Dave Ferry and Willett Seltenheim.

2003
Sarah Proper Cevetto is a business analyst with Huntington National Bank in Youngstown, Ohio. She and her husband, Ralph, and three daughters reside in Howland, Ohio.

2004
Melody Hetzler Dascanio earned a master of science degree in professional counseling from Carlow University in August 2011. She resides in Donora.
On April 5, Tampa Bay, Fla., alumni and their guests enjoyed an evening dinner cruise aboard the StarLite Majesty ship out of Clearwater Beach, Fla. Pictured in the front row from left are Scott Kirschler ’63, Susan Price Kirschler ’63, Betty Coughenour, Joy Tobin M’67, and Verlee Jones Clinefelter ’53. Standing from left are Keith McCauley ’68, Joyce Alexander Hunt ’63, Charmaine Kerr Neumeister ’50, Les Newmeister, Carol Ruhl ’63, Dr. Robert Coughenour (former Westminster professor of religion), Danny Scott, Nancy Herman Gordon ’68, Maggie Schlag Scott ’62, Louanne Crecelius Lapham ’63, Susan Hough Donovan ’78, Patti Chapman Snyder ’71, Diane Beran, Dr. Edwin Tobin M’69 (past Westminster admissions director), Adel Abdul-Malek ’62, Arthur Stewart ’72, Crystal Schumacher Scrivner ’05, Earl Hunt, Ryan Scrivner, Jim Clinefelter ’52, Molly Householder Phennicie ’03, and Elizabeth Adams Addorio ’03. This was the second annual cruise for Florida alumni hosted by alumnus and trustee Keith McCauley ’68. A 2013 cruise has already been booked for Sunday, April 7. All Westminster alumni, faculty and friends of the College are welcome to join this group for an evening of dancing under the stars, a beautiful sunset and fine dining. For more information, contact the Alumni Office or McCauley at (330) 465-0181.

Pennsylvania alumni—show your Titan Pride when you are on the road! To order a Westminster College license plate contact the alumni office for an application.

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September 28, 29 & 30, 2012

Call, text, post or email your friends now and make plans to meet on campus. Looking for Westminster friends? Contact the alumni office for help finding them at alumni@westminster.edu or (724) 946-7364.

**Weekend Highlights**

**Friday, September 28, 2012**
- Golden Tower Hospitality Suite
- Rededication of Patterson Hall
- Distinguished Alumni Dinner

**Saturday, September 29, 2012**
- Annual Homecoming Parade
- Decade Tents on the Quad
- Reconnect with alumni from your years on campus. Look for your Decade Tent after the parade and find your friends. This will be a great place to plan to meet friends before going on to lunch or the Titan game.
- Titans vs. Grove City Wolverines. Kick-off at 1 p.m. at Memorial Field

**Sunday, September 30, 2012**
- Reunion Celebrations

**Campus Lunch Locations**
- TUB Food Court, McKelvey Campus Center
- Titan Club, Browne Hall
- Duff Student Restaurant, Galbreath Hall
- Concession Stand on Fusco Plaza

**Reunion Photo Schedule**
All photos will be taken on Saturday, Sept. 29

  - 11:15 a.m., McGill Library

- **25th Reunion** (Class of 1987):
  - 11:30 a.m., McGill Library

  - 11:45 a.m., McGill Library

  - 12:15 p.m., Berlin Student Lounge

- **50th Reunion** (Class of 1962):
  - 12:30 p.m., Carlson Atrium, McKelvey Campus Center

- **55th Reunion** (Class of 1957):
  - 12:45 p.m., Carlson Atrium, McKelvey Campus Center

- **60th Reunion** (Class of 1952):
  - 1 p.m., Carlson Atrium, McKelvey Campus Center

**Reunion Celebrations**

  - Berlin Student Lounge, McKelvey Campus Center

  - Oak Tree Country Club, West Middlesex

- **25th Reunion Dinner** (Class of 1987)
  - Oak Tree Country Club, West Middlesex

- **40th Cluster Reunion Dinner** (Classes of 1971, 1972 & 1973)
  - Park Inn by Radisson, West Middlesex

- **50th Reunion Dinner** (Class of 1962)
  - New Castle Country Club, New Castle

- **55th Reunion Dinner** (Class of 1957)
  - Lakeview Room, McKelvey Campus Center

- **60th Reunion Open House** (Class of 1952)
  - Hosted by John Peterson ’52
WEDDINGS

1967
▶ Carolyn Wood and the Rev. Frank Churchill, June 4, 2011. Karen Hogue Latta '67 was the soloist. Lois Hopkins, retired adjust music instructor, accompanied her. Bob Latta '63 served as an usher. The couple is residing at Shenango on the Green in New Wilmington.

1999
▶ Matt Miller and Susan Snow, April 15, 2011, at Ventanas Rooftop Venue in Atlanta, Ga. Alumni in attendance included Eric Hilliard. The couple honeymooned in Europe where they visited Paris, Rome and southern Italy. Matt is a medical device sales representative for Covidien. The couple resides in Alpharetta, Ga., with Susan’s two children, Jake and Siara.

2001
▶ Natalie Bell and Bryan Williams, June 25, 2011, at Buhl Park Casino in Hermitage. Natalie is the owner of Sweet Art Photography Studio. The couple lives in Pulaski.

▶ Angie Locke and Russell Hendrickson, Oct. 8, 2011, at Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, New Brighton. A reception was held at The Fez in Hopewell. Bridesmaids included Kelly Corcoran Flaherty and Kristy Bronder. Angie is a second-grade teacher at Big Beaver Elementary School. The couple resides in Economy.

2002
▶ Ashley Pyle and Andrew Raymond, June 10, 2011, in Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands. Bridesmaids included Alyssa Pyle Aurand ’04, Heidi Dylewski and Brenda Rowland Davis. Ashley is a reading specialist and soccer and track coach at Quaker Valley School District in Sewickley, where the couple resides.

2004
▶ Tiffany Gardiner and Ryan Phelps, Oct. 1, 2011, in Syracuse, N.Y. Erica May Miller was matron of honor and Julie McKnight was a bridesmaid. Also in attendance were Robert Miller ’05 and Kristy Stockdoll Dodd. Tiffany is a teacher in the North Syracuse School District. The couple resides in Liverpool, N.Y.

2005
▶ Lauren Anderson and Matthew Stark, May 14, 2011, at Cheeseeman Farm in Portersville. Megan Sigler Monaghan was a bridesmaid. Other alumni in attendance included Stephanie Wagner Bauer ’06, Brian Bauer ’06, Tara Timpano, Molly Dyke Anderson ’04, Courtney Divito ’04, Sara Miller Bates and Kim McClean Greleski ’04. Lauren is a supervisor in the prevention department of Mercy Behavioral Health in Pittsburgh, where the couple resides.

2008
▶ Ashley Ray and Tim Sharek, July 16, 2011, in an outdoor ceremony at The Atrium in Prospect. Ashley is the daughter of Herbert Roy Jr. ’84 and Sandy Morrell Ray ’84. Carsen Nesbitt, Rhiannon Mondale and Audra Adams ’10 were bridesmaids. Heidi Ray Monteleone ’87 and Jeremy Lawler gave readings. Several alumni were in attendance. The couple honeymooned in Negril, Jamaica. Ashley is concluding her final year of law school at Duquesne University. The couple resides in Cranberry Township.

2010
▶ Sarah Simon and John Nagy ’09, Sept. 25, 2011, at St. James Meeting House in Boardman, Ohio. Colin Dean ’07 was best man and David Dean ’09, Barry Unis ’08, Jeff Skubick ’09, Michael Disotell ’11 were groomsmen. Bridesmaids included Tricia Homonia, Amanda Radloff, Shannon Richter, and Stephanie Chaffee. Andrew Borts was the DJ at the reception and James Bonetti ’12 was photographer. Sarah is an offline captioner for VITAC and John works in enrollment services for Education Management Corporation. The couple lives in Pittsburgh.

2011

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WEDDING ALBUM

Carolyn Wood ’67 and the Rev. Frank Churchill

Matt Miller ’99 and Susan Snow

Natalie Bell ’01 and Bryan Williams

Angie Locke ’01 and Russell Hendrickson

Ashley Pyle ’02 and Andrew Raymond

Tiffany Gardiner ’04 and Ryan Phelps

Lauren Anderson ’05 and Matthew Stark

Bethany Grubbs ’05 and Bradley Wentz

Kaylan Lehotsky ’06 and Paul Schreffler

Ashley Ray ’08 and Tim Sharek

Sarah Simon ’10 and John Nagy ’09

Kayla Castille ’11 and Robert Jones

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!

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1998
Elizabeth Mann Haynie and her husband, Brendan: a daughter, Rebekah Joy, on Dec. 27, 2011. Rebekah joins siblings Elliana, Kaelyn, Jonathan, Matthew and Charlotte at home in Grayson, Ky.

2002
Laura Julian Grace and her husband, Justin: a son, Jonah Jared, on July 12, 2011. Laura is a senior training facilitator for FedEx. The family resides in Collierville, Tenn.

Danielle Perfetti Schwessinger and her husband, Andrew: a daughter, Piper Lily, on March 6, 2012. Danielle is a media specialist for Carroll County Public Schools in Westminster, Md.

2003
Abby Wessel Messner and her husband, Aaron: a daughter, Anora Kay, on Sept. 9, 2011. Abby is an assistant director for the North Canton YMCA Preschool and Child Care Center. The family resides in Canton, Ohio.


2004
Corry Yeroukis Hanson and her husband, Jarod: a son, Maxwell, on Oct. 16, 2011. Corry is a small animal veterinarian. The family resides in Colorado Springs, Colo.

2005
Lauren Gacesa Klacic and her husband, David: a son, Cameron Noah, on Feb. 12, 2012. Lauren is the director of Bright Beginnings Preschool in Baden. The family resides in Conway.


Bethany Palka Hunkele and her husband, David: a son, Ethan David, on July 16, 2011. He joins big sister Lilly at home in Fox Chapel.

Lauren Perkins Snider and her husband, Scott: a daughter, Chloe, on Oct. 29, 2011. She joins a big brother at home. Grandparents include William Snider ’63. The family resides in Pittsburgh.

2006
Nikki Potocnak Medjesky and her husband, Chris Medjesky ’05: a son, Connor James, on May 18, 2010. Nikki is a math teacher in the Springfield School District and Chris is an assistant professor at Defiance College. The family resides in Perrysburg, Ohio.

Katie Strosko Gault and her husband, Jack: a son, Jacob “Jake” Cassidy, on Dec. 5, 2011. The family lives in Moon Township.

INFORMATION UPDATE

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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Deadlines: Because Westminster Magazine is published only three times a year, significant lead time is required. Items appearing in this issue were submitted to the publications office prior to April 30. Class Notes received on or before Aug. 17, 2012, should appear in the next issue.
IN MEMORIAM

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.

ALUMNI

Mary Wright Hammond ’35 of Youngstown, Ohio, April 21, 2010.
Ann Hittner Collins ’38 of Pittsburgh, April 12, 2012.
Dorothy Sloan Ahl ’40 of Gibsonia, formerly of Fox Chapel, Dec. 30, 2011.
Margaret Brown McKee ’49 of Kingfield, Maine, Nov. 12, 2011.
Elizabeth Holmes ’49 of Whitinsville, Mass., Nov. 29, 2011.
Edward Millward ’50 Beaver Creek, Ohio, March 18, 2012.
Margaret “Peggy” Ferrier Hillebrecht ’61 of Finleyville, Sept. 14, 2011.
Linda Pringle Holm ’63 of Greenville, Nov. 19, 2011.
Kathleen Bumbaugh Carr M’74 of New Castle, July 19, 2011.
Amy Harrington Law ’74 of Hamburg, N.Y., April 28, 2011.
Angelo Sebastiano M’75 of Youngstown, Ohio, and Davenport, Fla., March 19, 2012.
Alberta Grove M’77 of Tionesta, May 8, 2011.
FRIENDS

John H. Binder of New Wilmington, May 27, 2011.


Pearl G. McNall ’43
March 26, 2012

Pearl McNall completed her bachelor of science degree in chemistry from Westminster College in 1943. After working as a research assistant at the former Mellon Institute of Industrial Research in Oakland, she went on to earn a medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She became a board-certified anesthesiologist in 1952. She joined Mercy Hospital as the first woman on its senior medical staff. There she developed an interest in treating the neuromuscular disease myasthenia gravis and spent her career researching and finding treatments for the disease. She became a physician at the Myasthenia Gravis Clinic of Western Pennsylvania in 1957, and in 1962 was appointed director. She served as chair of the medical advisory board for the Myasthenia Gravis Association of Western Pennsylvania and served on the board of the national association. Many diagnosed with the chronic disorder credit their current good health to McNall’s devotion and dedication to treating myasthenia gravis. McNall was a loyal contributor to Westminster College, funding six charitable gift annuities. Residual funds will be used to establish the Pearl G. McNall Memorial Scholarship Fund. In 1977 Westminster College conferred an honorary doctor of science degree upon McNall for her many accomplishments in the research and medical field and for her devotion to the College.
The first Westminster library and most of its 13,000 volume collection was lost when Old Main, which housed the library, burned in 1927. Temporarily housed in the Science Hall, the library began rebuilding its collection and by the mid-1930s, 7,000 volumes had been amassed. As funds were being raised for the construction of a new library building, J.S. Mack—a McKeesport businessman and former Westminster trustee—offered a large gift for the its construction and suggested naming the new building in memory of one of his childhood friends, Ralph Gibson McGill ’02, a missionary to Egypt who perished in the Mediterranean while trying to rescue children. The groundbreaking took place Feb. 27, 1937, and in 1938, Westminster’s newest building, the Ralph G. McGill Memorial Library, was dedicated and opened on the campus’ new quadrangle.

Over the years, the library continued to grow, and by 1955, the collection had grown to 50,000 volumes. By the 1960s, it was evident that McGill was beginning to outgrow itself, and the role of the library was beginning to take on a different shape. By 1964 the book and periodical shelves were filled to capacity, and it was apparent that the library would need to grow again. The three-story north wing was completed in the fall of 1966 at a cost of $400,000, increasing seating capacity by 50 percent and book capacity by nearly 100 percent. In 2007-2008, the library underwent a facelift again, bringing it fully into the 21st century. Compact shelving was added, infrastructure improvements were made, and new study areas accommodating the needs of today’s students were developed—a $6.2 million renovation which marked the final capital improvement project in Westminster’s Shared Vision...Uncommon Results fund-raising initiative. Today, Westminster provides access to almost 173,000 books and more than 6,300 journals, magazines, and newspapers. The library also maintains videotape collections housed in the Department of AudioVisual Services, as well as collections of scores, CDs and records in the Music Library, located in Patterson Hall.

~ Compiled by Dorothy Pollock ’46
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