Dear Westminster Friends:

Many of you know that Westminster operates under a strategic plan that projects the way we would like the College to be five years hence. The plan outlines a number of specific goals that are tracked year after year. When goals are achieved, new plans are made using a shared visioning model through a representative campus council (the Planning, Budgeting and Institutional Research Council). Strategic plans are approved and monitored by the Board of Trustees.

As we progress through the plan, focusing and working on each aggressive goal, it is occasionally important to step back and ask where we are in the grand scheme of things. Strategically speaking, where are we heading and “are we there yet?” In our long-term and short-term actions we are heading toward the fulfillment of our mission: “…to help men and women develop competencies, commitments and characteristics which have distinguished human beings at their best.” A tall order – but one that can be achieved one step and one student at a time.

Recent steps have included many campus physical and curricular changes that have improved our ability to “deliver” on the mission statement. Westminster is being recognized nationally as an institution that is on a sustainable upward trajectory with world-class teaching and mentoring, curricular innovations such as Inquiry, capstone and cluster courses, and intellectual perspectives. Opportunities for worship, leadership, and service learning abound. Undergraduate research through the Drinko Center can provide an advantage in graduate school selection. Internships grow in number each year and often lead to job opportunities for students. There are more internationally known guest speakers, more student performances, more faculty development opportunities, more student athletic opportunities, more intramural programs and on campus extracurricular events, more student clubs, and related leadership opportunities, all of which create a rich and vibrant educational tapestry woven by many with remarkable skill and dedication.

The world moves at a faster pace and educational velocity and engagement of students must accelerate to keep up with advances in all fields. In the long term – with an understanding of the global competitive environment – Westminster will continue to advance, but we shall advance with a sense of purpose guided by our special mission. It is mission-driven academic excellence that will continue to set Westminster apart in the years ahead. Our institutional memory and history will help to guide the innovations we make. The College strives to be ever-better, ever-changing, yet recognizably consistent in its liberal arts tradition and church-relatedness. A tall order indeed, yet one that is at the heart of Westminster’s distinctive educational experience.

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Westminster College will recognize the sacrifices made by U.S. military service personnel in Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom by creating the Westminster College Patriots Scholarship Program.

The Westminster Patriots Scholarship Program will provide full tuition for a four-year undergraduate degree at Westminster College for the dependent children of U.S. military personnel who were killed in action in Afghanistan or Iraq. The current value of the scholarship is $92,880 per recipient ($23,220 per year).

"State senator Bob Robbins deserves credit for making us aware of a similar scholarship program at Widener University. Widener was encouraging other colleges to help military families. Westminster wanted to reach out to the children whose parents have made the ultimate sacrifice to keep our country free," said Westminster President R. Thomas Williamson. The Board of Trustees approved the Westminster College Patriots Scholarship Program at its October meeting.

"Earlier this year, the Pennsylvania Senate adopted a resolution I introduced recognizing Widener University for its efforts," said Sen. Robbins. "Today, I commend Westminster College for stepping up and adopting the Patriots Scholarship Program to benefit children of soldiers killed in combat. This scholarship underscores Westminster’s commitment to our troops and their families."

Westminster will offer up to two Patriots Scholarships concurrently. Recipients must meet Westminster’s admission requirements and maintain good academic standing.

The College intends to establish an endowment fund for the Patriots Scholarship Program. "Donors have come forward to express interest at this early stage and contributions are needed and welcomed," Williamson said.

Children’s Author Visits Westminster

J. Patrick Lewis, a children’s author and poet, spoke and signed copies of his books at Westminster’s McKelvey Campus Center Nov. 1.

Lewis, who earned a Ph.D. in economics and taught at Otterbein College, began to write children’s books and poetry while in his forties. He has since published 15 children’s picture books, while 12 others have been accepted for publication and are now in production. Several of the books include children’s poetry and nonsense verse.

Books by Lewis include: The Tsar and the Amazing Cow; A Hippopotamusn't; Two-Legged, Four-Legged, No-Legged Rhymes; The Frog Princess; Black Swan/White Crow; Riddle-icious; and The La-Di-Da Hare. Some of his children’s works have appeared in Ranger Rick, Cricket, Highlights for Children, and Chickadee. He was also commissioned to write the 1992 National Childrens Book Week poem, which was printed on one million bookmarks and distributed nationally. In 1991, he was awarded the Ohio Arts Council Individual Artist Grant for his adult poetry.

Specter Sighting

Westminster College political science professor Ed Cohen and executives from the Westminster College Republicans greeted U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter prior to the senator’s speaking engagement in the McKelvey Campus Center this fall. Presenting Specter with a token of their appreciation were (left to right): Cohen; sophomore Emily Herzing, president of the College Republicans; junior Johanna Hutchinson; (back row, l-r): junior Carsen Nesbitt and senior Kevin Oshnock.
Senior Broadcasting Major Presented National Kappa Delta Leadership Award

Elizabeth Farry, a Westminster College senior broadcast communications major, was awarded the Kappa Delta Sorority’s Corre Anding Stegall Leadership Award.

The award, named after a former national sorority president, is presented each year to the top echelon of Kappa Delta student leaders who have demonstrated high academic performance and outstanding leadership within their chapters and on their college campuses. The award is the highest individual honor that Kappa Delta gives to undergraduate members and was awarded this year to 15 young women from across the nation.

Farry, a native of Matawan, N.J., is the current president of Kappa Delta’s Alpha Phi chapter. She previously served the sorority as Panhellenic delegate and secretary. Farry’s campus involvement includes: news director of Titan Radio and the Westminster Cable Network; executive producer/anchor/reporter for “The County Line,” a live, 30-minute weekly news show broadcast to more than 75,000 homes; reporter/anchor/producer for Titan Radio News; Titan radio disc jockey; Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society; and orientation leader.

Kappa Delta Sorority, founded in 1897, has a membership of nearly 190,000 women, 128 active collegiate chapters, and 492 chartered alumnae associations nationwide. The sorority’s national philanthropies include: Prevent Child Abuse; Kappa Delta Orthopedic Awards; and the Children’s Hospital of Richmond, Va. Kappa Delta also provides support through national partnerships with Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., and the Dove Campaign for Real Beauty.

Dressed for Battle

Arno receives Showcase Award

The Argo, Westminster College’s yearbook, has received the 2006 Showcase Award by Herff Jones Publishers.

“I’m proud of the work of Ray Walling [editor-in-chief] and Courtney Turek [assistant editor-in-chief] and their Argo staff,” said Connie McGinnis, Westminster College assistant director of the Celebrity Series and adviser to the Argo. “Herff Jones publishing representatives will take our book into high schools and universities as an excellent sample of their yearbook publishing.”

The Argo was judged on specific criteria including: unity in design; consistency of layout; dynamic use of color; effective coverage and content; artistic use of type; and progressive improvement from previous years.

“I believe that this award speaks to the progress that the Argo staff has made over the past few years,” Walling ’06 said.

“This yearbook contained completely different styles and themes that the campus community had never seen before,” Turek said. “I think it is the foundation on which future Argo’s will expand and grow.”

Public Service Announcement ‘Best in Nation’

A public service announcement created by Justin Egley, a 2006 Westminster graduate, took home the top honors at the New College Broadcasters Inc. Awards in St. Louis. Egley’s PSA, “Your New Best Friend,” was made for the Lawrence County Humane Society and features a young girl setting up a tea party for her new “friend,” a cat. The ad, created by Egley during his senior year at Westminster, won “Best in the Nation” honors at the Oct. 27 awards ceremony.

“As soon as I saw Justin’s PSA I knew it had potential to get national recognition,” said Bradley Weaver, instructor of broadcast communications at Westminster. “The PSA included all the elements for good TV: sight, sound, motion, and emotion. In addition to creative and technical skills, the PSA required working with animals and children – a tough task for any producer.”

“I was very surprised when my video productions professor sent me an e-mail saying that my commercial was a finalist for the best PSA,” said Egley. “I felt honored to have made the top three, and thankful that Westminster was able to teach me how to put a commercial together from start to finish.”

Egley, who resides in Zelienople, was recently employed as a videographer by WKBN-TV in Youngstown, Ohio. He created an individual interdisciplinary major at Westminster, focusing on arts technology.

“I was making the graphics for ‘The County Line,’ and then volunteered to help the sports reporter. I picked up a minor in broadcast communications and eventually became the anchor of the show and had to drop the graphics,” Egley said. “After I shot and edited my first sports package, it became clear to me that this is what I want to do. I wouldn’t be the videographer that I am without the help of Mr. Weaver. He’s the one who taught me about the TV side of the news, and then encouraged me to take this step in my career. I love being behind the camera and having the ability to tell a story with the video that I shoot.”
Bryan Rennie, Westminster College associate professor of religion and the Vira I. Heinz Chair in Religion, recently received the Mircea Eliade Centennial Jubilee Medal from Romanian President Traian Basescu while attending the sixth annual international European Congress of the History of Religions. Rennie was one of nine to receive recognition at the meeting in Bucharest.

“I feel honored to be among those who received this medal,” Rennie said. “They include some of the greatest living scholars of religion from some of the most prestigious universities of Europe and America. Their participation made this conference a very significant meeting of the minds.”

At the conference, Rennie presented “The Influence of Eastern Orthodox Christian Theology on Mircea Eliade’s Understanding of Religion” at a special session on Eliade.

“The highlight for me was a series of lecture sessions devoted to Mircea Eliade and his legacy. Eliade, a native of Bucharest, became one of the most famous and influential historians of religion in the United States, teaching for 30 years at the University of Chicago, and writing over 20 major books,” Rennie said. “He is currently a topic of some controversy and is the main focus of my own research. I’ve had two books published on Eliade, a third appeared for the first time at this conference, and a fourth is currently in press.

“To hear scholars from America, Norway, Romania, Germany, and Italy give their analysis of Eliade, largely confirming my own position, was particularly exciting. It was the high point of almost 20 years of work and gives me great confidence to carry forward my own analyses of religion.”

James Rhoads, associate professor of political science, has had two manuscripts accepted for publication. He contributed an essay, “Commentaries on The Future of Q Methodology,” to be published in the professional journal, Operant Subjectivity. He also authored “Q Methodology,” which was published by Sage Publications in the Oct. 2006 edition of Encyclopedia of Measurement and Statistics. Rhoads conducted a workshop on “Q Methodology” at the annual meeting of the International Society for the Scientific Study of Subjectivity (SSSS), held at the Norwegian University of Science and Technology in Trondheim, Norway.

Professor of psychology Sandra Webster recently attended the biennial conference on “Learning through Research” at DePauw University in Greencastle, Ind. Webster attended the Council of Undergraduate Research business meeting and was elected a councilor of the psychology division.

The research of Westminster sociology professors Phyllis Kitzerow and Virginia Tomlinson, “The Legal Profession: A Study of the ACBA Membership 2005,” has prompted the formation of the Gender Equality Task Force by the Allegheny County Bar Association. “This is a study of 1,250 attorneys, looking at their careers from the preparatory stage through the current employment,” Kitzerow said. “This collaborative effort looks at earnings, hours worked, perceptions of discrimination, plans for the future, and whether or not they would choose law again.” An in-depth story on the research was published in the Lawyer’s Journal, an ACBA publication, and the study made the front pages of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Pittsburgh Tribune Review.

Pamela Richardson, an assistant professor of mathematics, recently presented a paper at the International Congress of Mathematics (ICM) satellite conference on “Associative and Nonassociative Algebraic Structures” held in Oviedo, Spain. She presented a paper titled, “Centroids of Quadratic Jordan Superalgebras” in the special session on Jordan theory.

Elizabeth Harrison, assistant professor of music at Westminster, performed six solo organ concerts in Europe and was a keynote speaker at an international conference in Victoria, British Columbia. Harrison toured Germany, the Netherlands, and Denmark, including a concert on the historical 16th century organ in Uttum and a dedication concert for the 2006 restoration of the anonymous 17th century organ in the Court Chapel in Holthausen. She was also one of four keynote speakers at the J.S. Bach and Central/South European Influences: A Conference Honoring Harald Vogel. Her lecture was related to her research “Harald Vogel: The Teacher,” which was published in Orpheu Organi Anquiqui: Essays in Honors of Harald Vogel.

Timothy Cuff, assistant professor of history, recently presented his research at the 14th International Economic History Congress in Helsinki, Finland. Cuff’s paper, “Geographic Pieces in the Antebellum Puzzle: Early Nineteenth-Century Pennsylvania as a Case Study,” contains data on the geographic variation in mean human stature across Pennsylvania in the early decades of the nineteenth century.

Jody Guinn, adjunct professor of music, recently returned from a three-week European tour with the Cleveland Orchestra, which played concerts in Switzerland, Germany, Austria, and Italy. “It was especially meaningful for me to be with the orchestra,” Guinn said. “We were part of the Lucerne Festival, which was directed by world-renowned conductor and composer Pierre Boulez.”

Amy Camardese, Westminster assistant professor of education, visited China for five weeks last summer as a Fulbright Scholar. “One of our goals was to compare Chinese higher education with ours,” Camardese said. “Higher education in the United States has an excellent reputation. A degree from the United States is a status symbol in China, but few who have one go back to China. So China has implemented a new program called the two plus two program where the Chinese student attends college one year in China, two years in the United States and then the last year in China.”

Edward Cohen, Westminster associate professor of political science, recently presented his research at the Meeting of the Standing Group on Regulatory Governance of the European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) held at the University of Bath, England. His paper was titled “From Sources to Impact: Contracts, Dispute Resolution Systems and Governance in a World of Legal and Regulatory Pluralism.”
Physics Students Present Research at Western PA Teachers Meeting

Three Westminster College students presented their research at the meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Section of the American Association of Physics Teachers.

The event, which was hosted by Westminster Sept. 30, featured Carl Landis, a 1976 Westminster graduate from Comprehensive Physics and Regulatory Services, Ltd. Landis introduced the audience to the various aspects of the medical physics profession, including education, responsibilities, qualifications, the market shortage, and salary.

“Medical physics is a profession that is not well known,” said Landis. “However, physicists have been involved in the medical application of radiation since the 1920s. Today, there are at least 4,000 practicing medical physicists in the United States. The need for more qualified medical physicists is great.”

Students presenting their research at the meeting included Jacob Flickinger, Lisa Gayetsky, and Michele Fenske. Flickinger, a senior, presented “Bullet Propulsion in Contemporary Films”; Gayetsky, a junior, presented “What Do You Mean Every Magnetic Force Isn’t Inverse-Square?”; and Fenske, a senior, presented “Programming a Flexible Needle Steering System for Percutaneous Access to Deep Zones of the Brain.”

Bernard Durkin, director of the Science in Motion Program at Westminster, introduced his program to attendees. “Science in Motion is an outreach program which seeks to improve science education at the elementary, middle school, and high school by providing a more realistic laboratory experience for students.” Durkin provided a brief history of the program and demonstrated how Westminster does this, both in terms of professional development for teachers and by working with students in schools.

College Radio, TV Stations Expand Their Audiences

Westminster College’s radio and television stations expanded their reach in the fall.

The Federal Communication Commission approved the boosting of Titan Radio WWNW88.9 FM from 200 watts to 4,000 watts. Meanwhile, Westminster students were chosen to produce a local high school football broadcast for statewide television.

Titan Radio broadcasts adult contemporary music commercial-free and also airs Wilmington Area High School and Westminster sporting events, in addition to local newscasts. With the approved increase in power, the station can now broadcast to all of Lawrence County.

“The power increase will help our students think beyond the campus when writing news and sports stories,” said David Barner, chair of Westminster’s Department of Communication Studies, Theatre, and Art.

“By boosting the power it allows us to feel what it’s really like to work at a commercial station,” said Aidan Mewha, a senior broadcast communications major and assistant program director for WWNW radio. “When I was a freshman, we only reached the campus, and now I can listen to the station all the way down I-79. We have to think about how many listeners there are and cater to them with local news, events, and entertainment. It’s a much bigger responsibility.”

Streaming broadcasts of Titan Radio are also available online at www.titanradio.net.

Westminster Cable Network (WCN), the College’s on-campus television network, was chosen for the fourth time to air the “Game of the Week” on the Pennsylvania Cable Network (PCN). The broadcast reaches 3 million homes across the state.

A crew of 13 broadcast communications students produced the Wilmington-Sharon football game, which aired Oct. 21. Barner and chief engineer Chuck Chirozzi provided support for the broadcast, the only such game produced by a college this season. All other PCN games were produced by local cable providers or television stations.

“I am very pleased that Westminster has been chosen to produce the game of the week on PCN,” said Barner. “Westminster is one of the few colleges in Pennsylvania to produce games on a weekly basis.”

Registration Drive Yields 40 New Voters

The Westminster College Democrats and Republicans sponsored a voter registration drive that yielded about 40 new student voters. The political parties also handed out 30 absentee ballots for the 2006 midterm election.

“I think that it’s really important that students realize that they matter politically,” said Emily Herzing, a sophomore political science major from St. Marys and president of the College Republicans. “I’m glad to have the opportunity to show students that I am registered and vote; and that it’s not something that is un-cool, but rather it is a right to be exercised.”

“The reason we sponsored the voter drive was to increase voter awareness on campus,” said Steve Ruperto, a junior political science and economics major from Moon Township who is president of the College Democrats. “It was really encouraging to see students get involved in the political process.”
Nine Greats Inducted into Hall of Fame

The nine newest members of the Titan Sports Hall of Fame were inducted at a banquet in the McKelvey Campus Center Oct. 7. The Class of 2006 enshrined the athletic achievements of: Felton Brown ’60, track & field; Janie Cebula ’97, volleyball; Jim Delsandro ’97, basketball; Jason Kunkle ’95, swimming; Craig Mills ’96, football; Ron Minnie ’60, track & field/basketball; Bill Moss ’57, football/track & field; Lou Perrotta ’94, football; and Tony Pizon ’97, track & field/cross country.

Brown is arguably the fastest man to ever graduate from Westminster. A four-year letterman and captain of the 1960 Titan team, his records in the sprints still stand. Brown established himself in Titan track annals by winning the 100-yard and 220-yard dashes at the Tri-State Championships in both his freshman and sophomore years. He went on to set school and district records of 9.5 seconds in the 100 and 20.9 in the 220 as a sophomore. Brown resides in Plano, Texas, where he is a teacher. He and his wife, Frances, have four children.

Cebula is one of only six Titan volleyball players to register 1,000 or more kills in her career, and she did it in just three years as a starter after playing her initial collegiate season at Youngstown State. She helped the Lady Titans post a stellar 92-27 record during the next three years, including a KECC championship in 1994. The team captain and team MVP of the 1995 Titan squad, she was named KECC Player of the Year in 1995, and was an honorable mention NAIA All-American. Cebula currently resides in Leetsdale where she is an elementary school guidance counselor.

Delsandro was a four-year letterman at point guard for the Titan men’s basketball team in the mid-1990s, helping lead the Titans to four straight regular-season KECC titles. During that four-year period, Delsandro and the Titans captured two KECC tournament titles and made two trips to the NAIA national tournament. The team MVP during his junior and senior years, Delsandro was a two-time NAIA Second-Team All-American. Delsandro is a math teacher at General McPage High School. He lives in Erie with his wife, Megan.

Kunkle was an All-America swimmer for the Titans all four years he competed. A two-year co-captain and the team’s most valuable swimmer during his senior season, Kunkle earned All-America honors in six different events during his outstanding career. Primarily a freestyle sprinter, he broke school records in individual and relay events each swim season and was a key performer on the Westminster Penn-Ohio Championship teams in 1992-93 and 1993-94. Jason is a teacher at his alma mater, Gateway High School, and resides in Pittsburgh with his wife, Sandra.

Mills was one of the most outstanding defensive players in the history of the Titan football program. The school’s all-time leader in solo tackles with 411, Mills played linebacker and was a key player on the Titans’ 1994 NAIA national championship team. A two-time team captain and team MVP during his junior and senior seasons, Mills was a first-team All-American in 1995 and 1996 after earning second-team honors in 1994. Mills is a sixth-grade teacher at North Side School in the Ellwood City School District.

Minnie was an outstanding two-sport athlete during his career at Westminster. He set school and district records for the Titan track and field team and was a key player on the 1959 and 1960 NAIA national tournament basketball teams that compiled a 43-11 overall record and placed second in the nation in 1960. An outstanding hurdler, Minnie helped lead the Titans to a 22-4 record in dual meets and conference and district titles during his career. On the court, he had a reputation as one of the program’s toughest defensive players of all-time. Minnie is a retention counselor in the WTW program. He resides in Pittsburgh with his wife Janet. They have six children and 14 grandchildren.

Moss was a two-way starter at end on the football team for four years, and was also a standout for the Titan track and field team in the spring. He was an all-district performer on the gridiron, helping the Titans post a four-year record of 28-1-1. On the track, he ran the 400, mile and half-mile relays, helping those teams post a 25-3 dual meet mark and three Tri-State championships. Moss resides in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where he is president of Moss Enterprises, Inc. He and his wife of 42 years, Barbara, have two children and three grandchildren.

Perrotta was a standout offensive lineman for Titan football teams that regularly contended for the national title. The 1990 and 1993 teams were runners-up for the NAIA national title, while the 1992 squad posted an undefeated regular season. He was co-captain of the 1995 team and earned NAIA All-American honorable mention. Perrotta resides in New Castle where he is an attorney. He is married to the former Kristi Marie Joseph.

Pizon was an outstanding cross country and track and field athlete for the Titans. He was voted most valuable performer on the cross country team all four years and qualified for the NAIA cross country nationals for three straight seasons (1993-1995). He earned all-conference status all four years including three years on the first team. Pizon also set school records in indoor track in the 3,000 and 5,000 meters. He was a third-team Academic All-American in track (1997), as well as an NAIA cross country Academic All-American (1995). A native of Cleveland, Ohio, Pizon is a physician who currently resides in Pittsburgh with his wife, the former Caryn Mehalkik, and their son Benjamin.
Still Standing
Before his run to glory with Westminster football, Carl Kokor experienced tragedy of Marshall plane crash

Carl Kokor knew he was in for a challenge when he arrived as defensive line coach at Marshall University in 1970. A recruiting scandal had rocked the school, but this team had the talent to turn things around.

“The NFL had a few of those kids on their watch list,” Kokor recalls. “I thought this was going to be the foundation of an excellent program.”

That all changed the night of Nov. 14, 1970. Kokor was scouting Ohio University at Penn State. Most of the team was flying home to Huntington, W.Va., from a game against East Carolina University in North Carolina.

Kokor’s car radio blasted an urgent news report: A plane from Huntington had crashed. As the reports grew more ominous, he called his wife Rose Mary.

“All dead,” was all she could say over the phone. “All dead.”

Seventy-five passengers died in the crash. Among them were 35 players, four assistant coaches, and Rick Tolley, who had recently arrived as head coach. No team had ever suffered such a tragedy.

“It was a sudden shock,” Kokor said. “When I got to talk to parents, the hard part was that parents don’t send their sons to college to die. If it were the army, you’d react differently.”

Kokor left Marshall in 1972 and came to Westminster, where he served under legends of Titans football, Harold Burry, Joe Fusco and Gene Nicholson. He retired in 1999 after 27 years and five national championships and was inducted into the Towering Titans Sports Hall of Fame in 2000. But more than 30 years later, the crash never strays far from his mind.

He still remembers the parents waiting in an airport hangar to see their son’s body, the innumerable funerals, students weeping in the street and the white carnation his wife left on the desk of the departed team captain.

Fortunately, the crash seems close to many others.

On Dec. 22, Warner Brothers releases the film “We are Marshall,” which depicts the team in the aftermath of the crash. Kokor appears as a reporter, and stars in the documentary to accompany the DVD next year.

“In the movie, they’re probably going to embellish it,” Kokor said. “Even if my part ends up on the cutting room floor, it won’t bother me because I know I was there.”

Kokor can, however, brag of talking football with star Matthew McConaughey on the set.

The Hollywood treatment has given Kokor some attention, but the veteran coach doesn’t hesitate to tell the story. He appeared at the 30th anniversary of the crash, where some had spent the past three decades believing that all coaches – including Kokor – had died.

“They want to pick your brain for everything you remember about their son,” Kokor said. “I’m their link to their son. I saw them for the last time before they died.

“To them, people know Marshall through me,” Kokor said. “It’s a nice group of people to represent.”

—Jason Peck

TITAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME NOMINATION FORM

Nominee ___________________________ Nominated by ___________________________

Address ___________________________ Address ___________________________

City ___________________________ State ___________________________ City ___________________________ State ___________________________

Zip ___________________________ Phone ___________________________ Zip ___________________________ Phone ___________________________

Class year ___________________________ Your class year ___________________________

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

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

Justification (attach supporting data if necessary):

Sport(s) – ___________________________

Letters earned – ___________________________

Awards, honors, accomplishments, etc. – ___________________________

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

Five Alumni Honored at Citation Dinner

Westminster College awarded its prestigious Alumni Citations to Judge George “Tookie” James ’59, Dr. Paul Musser and Mrs. Margaret Newcomb Musser ’45 ’45, and Dr. Timothy W. Schenz ’68 at the annual Citation Dinner during Homecoming & Reunion weekend. Robert C. Jackson ’91 was the recipient of the College’s Outstanding Young Alumni Award.

James, the first black judge in the court of Common Pleas of Beaver County, has maintained his seat on the bench since 1998. He graduated cum laude with a degree in political science and minors in history and German, but also excelled at athletics while at Westminster. He earned four varsity letters as catcher on the baseball team, three varsity letters as a running back on the football team, and co-captained the football team his junior and senior years. He later continued his studies at Dickinson School of Law where he was a member of the Law Review, and went on to begin his own law practice in 1963, which he continued for 35 years before being appointed to the bench by former Pennsylvania Governor Tom Ridge.

The Mussers were college sweethearts who have been involved in the New Wilmington Missionary Conference for 67 years and recently co-chaired the “Friends of the Carillon” campaign to raise funds earmarked for an endowed scholarship for a student carillonneur. Paul, a psychology, philosophy and Bible major, went on to earn two master’s degrees at the Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary and the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He received a doctor of ministry degree from Ashland Theological Seminary and has done post-doctoral studies at the Fuller Theological Seminary. Margaret, who graduated cum laude with a degree in piano and a minor in English and speech, continued her graduate studies at the Columbia University Teacher’s College and went on to teach music in public schools and privately.

Schenz graduated with a degree in chemistry, and continued his studies at Kent State University where he received a Ph.D. in physical chemistry. He rose to senior scientist at General Foods Corp., where he did research on various physical chemistry and analytical projects. From 1987-2002, he was a research fellow in the Medical Nutritional Business Unit of Ross Products Division of Abbott Laboratories. In 1996, Schenz was awarded the Outstanding Research Award at Abbott Laboratories for helping develop the first re-closeable plastic infant formula bottle. He found a way, and still holds the patent, to check the sterility of the bottles by passing them through a MRI to inspect for spoilage.

Jackson is one of the youngest hospital CEOs in the United States. He earned a degree in business administration from Westminster and received an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh’s Joseph Katz Graduate School of Business. After a month-long internship at Canterbury Place, a long-term care facility, Jackson shifted his focus to health-care administration. In 1995, he joined Gateway Health Plan in Pittsburgh as a provider representative, and in 1997 he moved to the University of Pittsburgh Physicians as a financial analyst and manager of payer relations. In 1998 he joined United Community Hospital in Grove City where he was promoted to chief executive officer in 2004.

Distinguished Alumni Lecturers

Four Westminster alumni invited to share their expertise and experience with students where honored during the Distinguished Alumni Lecturers Luncheon, as a part of the Homecoming and Reunion weekend festivities. The 2006 lecturers (pictured with President R. Thomas Williamson and Virginia Tomlinson, director of the Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning) were: the Rev. David Dawson ’69, executive Presbyter for the Presbytery of Shenango Synod of the Trinity; Leslie Lawhead Imse ’80, music educator and choral director; Dr. Garth Patterson ’96, founder of Griffin Analytical Technologies, LLC; and Dr. Amy Herschell ’95, post-doctoral research associate in child and adolescent psychiatry at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic at the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Medicine.
Alumni Welcome Class of 2010

Peter and Susan Suomi Herchenroether ’76 ’77 hosted a welcome reception for incoming members of the Class of 2010. It was an opportunity for students and their parents to meet each other, while Westminster alumni shared their College experiences and tips for students preparing to move to campus. In addition to the Herchenrothers, Debbie Swatsworth Foster ’74, chair of the Board of Trustees and a Westminster parent, Chris Hall ’01, Seth Rice ’01, Ryan Kirk ’09 and Kim Hasara ’09 joined in welcoming new students.

Chapel Program Reunion

Alumni who participated in the Chapel program while Judd McConnell ’55 served as the College chaplain from 1959-1981 gathered on campus for a reunion luncheon and Agape Feast during Homecoming. The reunion committee included: Kwame O. Akosah ’81, Theresa Kalsbeek Bradley ’75, Harold V. Hartley ’79, McConnell, Laurel A. Phythyon ’74, Dorothy J. Pollock ’46, Susan Toth Shafer ’74, Kathryn Orr Venema ’73 and Mabel Wimer ’64.

As a surprise and special gift for McConnell, the committee announced that a scholarship has been formed in his honor. Contributions to the scholarship are invited from anyone who wish to join this honor for Judd and will be accepted through June 30, 2007.

Regional Connections

August 25 – Pittsburgh, PA. One hundred Pittsburgh-area alumni enjoyed a fun August evening as they gathered pre-game at Hi-Tops before a Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game at PNC Park. After the game, our group enjoyed Skyblast 2006, a fireworks and laser show extravaganza! Thanks to the Pittsburgh Regional Alumni Committee for planning this great alumni outing! Committee members: Jim Giel ’74, Melissa Rea Goda ’99, Barbara Braden Guffey ’70, Rich McKenna ’84, Leanne Onorato ’98, Phil Petraglia ’83, Seth Rice ’01, Becky Rickard ’98, Melissa Ruefle ’98, and Melissa Wiley ’00.

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

Upcoming alumni events:

December 6 – Pittsburgh Christmas Reception with Tom and Jean Williamson at The Duquesne Club.

December 14 – Pittsburgh – Young alumni Christmas gathering with reception and performance of The Second City Dysfunctional Holiday Revue at O’Reilly Theater (Classes of 1990-2006).
The $6 million renovation of McGill Library is quickly moving forward. Fund raising recently surged past the halfway mark, and project construction will begin in May 2007.

“I am delighted to report that we have raised $3 million from approximately 200 project donors as of September 30,” said Westminster President R. Thomas Williamson, “and the list grows every day. We have received a very generous response from alumni, trustees and College employees, members of the Friends of the Library, area residents and businesses, and regional foundations.”

The goal of the renovation, added Williamson, is to bring the nearly 70-year-old facility (the original building was completed in 1938, and the north side addition in 1966) up to current standards in all areas while retaining its historic features and character. The major improvements that are planned are as follows:

- **Collection Capacity:** A new ground floor **compact shelving system** (track-mounted electronic shelving units slide together in blocks and open where needed) will increase total library shelf capacity by approximately one-third. The basement floor will be reinforced or replaced to accommodate the heavier “floor loads.”

- **Access Improvements:** A **new elevator** that will accommodate today’s larger wheelchairs and motorized scooters will be installed. **Restroom facilities will be upgraded** to meet ADA standards. The library’s original **1938 entrance will be reopened and ramped** for accessibility.

- **Community and Outreach Services:** The ground floor children’s room will be relocated into a **larger, more attractive, and newly renovated main floor Children’s and Community Room**. New display cases will also showcase the College’s unique collection of historic artifacts and antiquities.

- **Infrastructure Improvements:** Air conditioning will be installed for collection preservation and to enhance summer use, **heating-ventilation and electrical systems** upgraded for energy efficiency and user comfort, and a **library sprinkler system** installed for fire safety. **Roof-drain repairs** and **window refurbishment** will also be done.
• **Teaching and Study Areas**: New group study areas, and new and renovated group study and seminar rooms, will be developed to facilitate growing collaborative library use (such as students working on group projects). A new multi-media classroom will also be developed on the main floor.

• **Aesthetics**: A new circulation desk will be located in the refurbished main-floor lobby area, the architecturally striking domed Ferguson Room will be renovated and refurbished, lighting will be improved, and new furnishings provided.

While the renovation addresses academic and community needs, code compliance, and infrastructure and collection issues, the “beauty of the project is that what benefits one, benefits all,” commented head librarian Molly P. Spinney.

“Air conditioning, for example, is critical to the proper preservation of our collection but will also enhance summer library use for the Wilmington area’s growing number of senior citizens, and for teachers and students participating in the summer programs of the Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning,” she said. “Similarly, the areas we’re developing for student group study and collaboration are equally amenable to community and public school use.”

The general contractor for the design-build project is Bridges Pbt of Pittsburgh, the firm that conducted the award-winning renovation of historic Thompson-Clark Hall and Old Main. While the exact construction schedule is still in flux, according to the College’s vice president of finance and management services, Kenneth J. Romig ’85, the tentative general plan is as follows:

**Winter Break 2006-07 (December-January)**: Engineering and asbestos testing/removal, preparation for and preliminary renovation and construction work, etc.

**Summer (May-August) 2007**: Infrastructure work (electrical/HVAC/sprinkler systems), accessibility improvements (new elevator), roof/drain repairs, installation of basement compact shelving system (including floor reinforcement)

**Winter Break 2007-2008**: Infrastructure and renovation work as time period allows (such as new Ferguson Room ceiling and restroom work)

**Summer 2008**: Complete exterior entrance improvements, infrastructure/renovation components, and interior refurbishment; completed building is open for student and community use at the beginning of the Fall 2008 semester.

“We are still finalizing the construction designs and plans, and are committed to maintaining student and community access to library resources throughout the course of the project,” said Romig. “The need to minimize disruption of academic programs will influence the exact order of work.”

The McGill Library renovation marks the ninth and final project in Westminster’s $35 million Shared Vision... Uncommon Results fundraising initiative (the eight projects completed to date total $30.4 million). The goal of this initiative is to provide through renovation and new construction attractive, up-to-date educational facilities institution-wide.

“We are deeply grateful to everyone who has made a gift to the McGill Library renovation project,” Williamson said. “And we urge everyone to join us in supporting a project that will benefit Westminster and her students for years to come.”

*If you would like to make a gift to the McGill Library Project, a return envelope with pledge card is enclosed in this magazine. For more information on the project, please contact the Westminster College Development Office at 724-946-7370.*
Physical Changes Continue Apace at Westminster

Berlin Village Townhouses Dedicated

The Berlin Village Townhouses were officially dedicated at a ceremony on campus Oct. 27.

The new transitional student housing complex provides living space for 60 male and female students. Each of the 15 apartment-like suites houses four students in single rooms, and includes a full kitchen, two bathrooms, a living room, dining area, and covered patio. The units also include appliances, including a washer and dryer.

Guests, Westminster trustees and project donors were able to tour the two-story townhouses and speak with the first class of residents before the dedication ceremony.

The townhouse complex, opened at the beginning of the Fall Semester, was named in honor of former chair of the Board of Trustees George Berlin and his family. Naming opportunities for five of the units were funded by individual donors (See photos, opposite page).

The Berlin Village Townhouses (above) were built overlooking Brittain Lake on the lawn behind Russell Hall. Three buildings house 15 apartment-like suites and 60 total students. The two-story townhouses include a spacious living room (right), a dining area, four bedrooms, two bathrooms and a kitchen (bottom right). The Berlin family (below) showed off their smiles after the dedication ceremony.
Sandy Edmiston Meditation Labyrinth

A meditation labyrinth built in memory of Sandra Edmiston ’05 was dedicated Oct. 22 (bottom right). Designed by Mary Burris, the labyrinth contains seven stone-lined lanes connected in a single path (left). A large rock at the entrance bears a bronze plaque with a quote from Sandy’s poetry (top right).

Thompson House Reopens for Student Housing

Thompson House, a 120-year-old Victorian home, was reopened for student housing this fall. The renovation of the building included new siding and trim on the exterior, reconfiguring of the internal living quarters, and restoring the front parlor room for visitors and guests. The former office space houses 16 students.
The new Titan mascot was unveiled at an SGA-sponsored Pep Rally Oct. 19.

Top: The Titan football team gathered along the sideline to sing the College fight song after posting a 49-13 Homecoming victory over Bethany College Oct. 21. Bottom left: Freshman quarterback Kevin Franz tossed two touchdown passes and ran for another score in the win. Bottom right: Founders of the College radio station, originally WKPS, reunited at a reception hosted by broadcasting professor Dave Barner.
Right: Ashley “Cubbey” Linnelli is crowned 2006 Homecoming Queen as King Eugene Cunningham looks on. Linnelli, a junior elementary education major, was the Zeta Tau Alpha candidate; Cunningham, a junior Theta Chi, is majoring in business administration. Below: John Fontanella ’67 presents a copy of his new book, The Physics of Basketball, to Mabel Kocher at the Friends of the Library High Tea Oct. 20.

Right: Phi Mu’s “Hey Diddle Diddle” float took the top spot in the “Nursery Rhyme” parade. Bottom left: The Titan cheerleaders posed at halftime with the new Titan mascot. Bottom right: Players and coaches from the 1971, ’81 and ’92 undefeated Titan football teams were honored at halftime of the game.
The Fall 1981 issue of Westminster Magazine certainly made a splash. Not only because it reported the shocking news of President Earland Carlson’s resignation during Homecoming, but also because it launched the first issue of the new periodical for alumni, donors and friends of the College.

In the 25 years since, Westminster Magazine has been the dominant communications vehicle between the College and alumni. The magazine has changed a bit in the last quarter-century – like an aging diva, it’s undergone more than one facelift – but it continues to fulfill its mission of reaching thousands of homes nationwide with the latest campus news and features.

The latest version of the magazine was born when the former Office of Public Relations decided to combine the two existing publications being mailed to outside audiences: the tabloid Blue & White for alumni, and the magazine Quadrangle for donors and friends of the College.

The Blue & White debuted in 1938 under journalism professor Wallace Biggs and replaced the original alumni periodical, the Westminster Alumni News, which began in 1934 under professor R. X. Graham. Quadrangle debuted in 1979 but lasted just seven issues before being folded into Westminster Magazine.

On the next few pages, we’ll take a look back at some of the most memorable moments of the last 25 years, as reported in the magazine, including some of the best covers, and we’ll revisit the subject of the magazine’s first feature article. We hope you enjoy!

A Look Back…

1981-1984

Fall 1981
• Earland Carlson resigns as president; Board chair Robert Lauterbach named interim president
• Call letters of campus radio station change from WKPS to WNNW

Summer 1982
• Allen Splete named 11th Westminster College president
• News story touts “IBM Computer Added to Science Facilities”

Winter 1983
• Basketball team records program’s 1,000th victory

Winter 1984
• Holcad celebrates its 100th birthday
• Challenge ’80s Campaign surpasses $12.8 million goal

1985-1987

Winter 1985
• 100th birthday of Hillside Hall
• Announcement of Splete’s resignation

Spring 1985
• “The Syncopated Man,” by Bill McTaggart, celebrates Joe Hopkins’ retirement

Summer 1985
• Thompson House placed on National Register of Historical Places

Fall 1985
• 10th anniversary of Lifelong Learning Program

Winter 1986
• Soccer becomes official varsity sport

Summer 1986
• Dedication of Miller Board Room in McGill Library

Spring 1987
• Oscar Remick named College’s 12th president
1988-1990

Fall 1988
- Women’s cross country added as varsity sport

Winter 1989
- Largest freshman class (427) since 1978
- Titans win fourth national title in football

Spring 1989
- Down Under opened
- Scrawl publishes 50th anniversary edition

Summer 1989
- Arts and Sciences Building renamed to honor James Patterson, WC’s first president

Fall 1989
- Learning Center opened
- Football team wins second consecutive national championship

Spring 1990
- Phi Mu sorority re-established on campus

Summer 1990
- Preschool lab part of new psychology facilities in Hoyt

1991-1993

Winter 1991
- Joe Fusco steps down as head football coach
- Dedication of Hoyt Science Resources Center

Spring 1991
- First Little Siblings Weekend held
- Kristen Zukowski ’94 first Westminster female to win a national swimming title

Fall 1991
- Largest fund-raising campaign, “A Heritage for the Future,” launched with $35 million goal

Winter 1992
- Golden Tower Society established for alumni of 50th anniversary and earlier classes

Spring/Summer 1992
- Michael Dukakis was keynote speaker at Mock Convention

Fall 1992
- Death of coaching legend Harold Burry

Winter 1993
- New entrance marker at corner of Market and Maple Streets dedicated
The Real Deal

Now Dr. Myron Luthringer, he’s still got the world on a string.

Twenty-five years have done little to slow down Myron Luthringer Jr.

The last time he was profiled in these pages, Luthringer was a 21-year-old senior biology major and pre-med student who doubled as co-captain of the swim team and the College’s first-ever individual national champion (100 breaststroke, 1981). On top of that, he maintained a frenetic extracurricular schedule that left others shaking their heads in disbelief – president of Pi Sigma Pi; a member of Mortar Board, Kappa Mu Epsilon (honorary mathematics society), and the College judicial board; an Honors and Dean’s List student; an Armstrong Scholar; member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity; lab proctor; library student-worker. Plus he carried a 3.84 GPA and was widely considered one heck of a nice guy.

Not much has changed in the last quarter-century.

“The bottom line is I can’t wait to get into bed at night,” Luthringer said recently from his home in Syracuse, N.Y. “The 24/7 running hasn’t changed. The only thing that’s changed is that it’s focused entirely on my family. My whole life revolves around my family.”

A Look Back…

1994-1996

Winter 1995

• Football team wins 6th national title
• Addition of fitness center in Memorial Field House
• Equestrian club and team established as outgrowth of phys ed program

Spring 1995

• Oscar Remick named chancellor
• Death of coaching legend Buzz Ridl

Autumn 1995

• Dedication of Lucile Beerbower Frey nature trail

Winter/Spring 1996

• New general education curriculum includes Inquiry I & II, Yearlong first-year courses in writing and oral communication, Clusters of linked courses, Senior year capstone course, Intellectual perspectives (IP) courses, Community service requirement

1997-1999

Winter 1997

• Remick’s retirement announced
• Varsity gym in Field House named in honor of Buzz Ridl

Spring 1997

• R. Thomas Williamson selected as new president
• College athletic program to leave NAIA and become part of NCAA

Fall 1997

• $35 million Heritage for the Future capital campaign concluded

Spring/Summer 1998

• Tom Williamson’s inauguration, “In His Own Words”
• “I think that the people who have been at Westminster for a long time don’t really understand how good they are. I’ve been moving around, in and out of classes… department meetings… facilities, and this is – in my view – an institution that offers an education that is second to none… it really impresses me.”

Winter 1999

West Hall Memories

Fall 1999

• Dedication of Mansell Education Wing in Memorial Field House
• $3 million pledge from Andrew McKelvey for new campus center
• Dedication of Veterans Memorial
there is a shuttle to soccer practice, dance lessons, lacrosse practice, cheerleading or some other activity. There are errands to be run, appointments to meet, homework to be done…. 

“My whole life outside of work revolves around getting kids to different activities,” said Luthringer. “I could paint my car yellow like a school bus and I’d be comfortable with it.”

To top it off, on weekends Luthringer drives 4 ½ hours to his cabin in Vermont. When his oldest son, Tyler, attended a prep school in Vermont, the whole family would drive out and spend the weekend together.

Now that Tyler is a freshman at Dartmouth, Myron and his two youngest children still go out weekly to ski and visit with Tyler, who’s only 1 ½ hours away.

“I don’t even know how they got into skiing, but I never, ever pushed them to be swimmers,” Luthringer said.

That doesn’t mean that his swimming career at Westminster hasn’t had a profound impact on his life.

“The number one thing that I think about on a daily basis, the thing I am most grateful for is Coach [Gene] Nicholson,” Luthringer said. “He was the football coach and he took the spot as swim coach. He made the workouts and was our coach, but above and beyond that, the values of life he brought to my attention and instilled in me are still there. I try to portray them to my kids on a daily basis.”

By his estimate, Luthringer has delivered thousands of babies, including three of his own. He missed the birth of Tyler while off at training in Houston. “I tried to make up for it by delivering the next three,” Luthringer said. “But I still catch a lot of grief about missing Tyler.”

Luthringer delivered his first baby while still just a med student. That experience played a key role in helping him choose his specialization. But there may not be too many more deliveries left for Luthringer, who has been in private practice for 17 years.

“I’ve always said, when I deliver a baby from a baby I previously delivered, it’s time to get out of obstetrics,” Luthringer said.

Then maybe, just maybe, things may finally slow down.
Garth Patterson wants you to look closer.

The 1996 Westminster graduate was invited back to the College this fall as a Distinguished Alumni Lecturer, and he included in his presentation a famous surrealist painting by Salvador Dali, “The Hallucinogenic Toreador.”

In its entirety, the painting is striking. One can appreciate its form and setting, the use of color, or its sheer enormity – the original, painted in 1970, is over 13 feet tall and nearly 10 feet wide. But there’s so much more to the painting than is readily apparent. There are several smaller pictures incorporated into the main painting, and those pictures tell a story, what Dali himself called “all Dali in one painting.”

In essence the painting, set in a bullfighting arena, shows a toreador (made up of statues of the Venus de Milo) identified by its green necktie in the center of the painting. He is looking off to the right, while gadflies make up his cape and beret and the tear in his eye. Below him is the shape of the dying bull. In the upper left is Dali’s wife, Gala, looking down in disdain at the scene. At the bottom right is a small boy in a sailor suit; it’s Dali as a boy in Spain, holding a toy hoop. Embedded mountains from the area in which he lived, the recurring theme of the Venus de Milo, reminiscences of his childhood and time as an art student, the red and yellow tones of the Spanish national flag and more help to shape the painting into what amounts to Dali’s visual autobiography.

“The beauty of his art is apparent at first pass,” said Patterson, “but it is truly inspiring when looking at the detail.”

Patterson chose to include this painting in his lecture, “Liberal Arts Fostering the Entrepreneurial Spirit” not for its beauty, but because it is a metaphor for his education and training.

“This is very similar to my thoughts on liberal arts and entrepreneurship. One has to understand the big picture, but also understand the details that are there, but not necessarily obvious and not necessarily directly or obviously related to the big picture. Being trained to look for the details amongst the big picture is an important aspect of the liberal arts education.”

A chemistry major at Westminster, Patterson is chief technology officer and co-founder of Griffin Analytical Technologies. While a doctoral candidate at Purdue University, Patterson and classmate Dennis Barket wrote a business plan for the company based on Patterson’s research on producing portable mass spectrometers. After winning three of the four business plan competitions they entered and graduating from Purdue, Patterson and Barket officially started Griffin in November of 2001. The company now has more than 35 employees and has worked with all of the branches of the Department of Defense, the National Science Foundation and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Patterson’s experience is not unique, but his career requires so much more than what a simple vocational degree would have trained him for. As a business owner, he has had to learn about finance, human resources, legal issues, negotiations, engineering and design, not to mention the day-to-day tasks and chores that principals must do when getting a fledgling company off the ground.

“The liberal arts school of thought focuses on big-picture issues. A student is not provided with one subject focused-only training, but rather, is required and encouraged to expand...
skill sets by taking courses not obviously related to one’s major. Starting a small company was similar, in that we had to consider many different aspects of the business,” Patterson said. “Learning about a wide variety of subjects is certainly important as part of the liberal arts education, but learning about the value of different perspectives has been equally as valuable for me.” Patterson included several more of his favorite paintings in his presentation, but Jackson Pollock’s “Lavender Mist,” is a fitting inclusion. Pollock’s style, called action painting, involved pouring paint rather than using brushes and a palette. “The painting by Pollock is spectacular,” said Patterson. “It really describes how one may feel throughout one’s career, particularly in a small company. The seemingly random nature of his paint splatters draws one’s eye and forces one to look for patterns and meaning.”

Discovering meaning in different ways and different places is a key to liberal learning. According to the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U), a liberal arts education refers to a “philosophy of education that empowers individuals with broad knowledge and transferable skills, and that cultivates social responsibility and a strong sense of ethics and values.”

The acquisition of knowledge from many different sources and exposure to multiple disciplines is more important than ever. Today's workforce is confronted not only with the enduring human challenges, but in the 21st century, a volatile global economy and the increasing interconnectedness of the world pose a whole new set of contemporary concerns. To meet those challenges, many colleges, including Westminster, have defined outcomes of a liberal education that will prepare students for an ever-changing world. Among them:

- Knowledge of human cultures and the natural and physical world
  - Grounded in science, math, humanities, history, language, arts
  - The BIG questions
- Intellectual and practical skills
  - Written and oral communication
  - Teamwork and problem-solving
  - Critical and creative thinking
- Individual and Social Responsibilities
  - Civic knowledge and engagement (local and global)
  - Intercultural knowledge
  - Ethical reasoning and action
  - Lifelong learning
- Integrative Learning
  - Synthesis of skills across general and specialized studies
  - Capacity to adapt knowledge, skill and responsibilities to new settings and questions

The benefit of acquiring a breadth of knowledge and transferable skills and capacities is borne out by a quick look at the rosters of recent reunion classes at Westminster. There are dozens of alumni whose vocations seem unrelated to their college major.

Some examples include: Anton Dodel ’81, biology major, chef/owner of Anton’s at the Swan; Susan Gotkiewicz Fonner ’81, math, art gallery director; Mark Oswald ’86, religion, physician; Susan McGinnis ’91, French, pharmaceutical sales rep; Nicole Green ’96, public relations, physician’s assistant; Nicole Bahr ’96, art, sexual offenders investigator.


One reason Westminster graduates are able to adapt to new careers is that their liberal education focused on developing skills such as critical thinking, confronting new perspectives, rather than learning skills specific to the hottest major or field, which can be quickly replaced by other priorities.

“My time at Westminster was, of course, valuable. One thing I remember was having to write in my chemistry class,” Patterson said. “I thought that was horrible at the time, but now I recognize the value of clear communication, whether it be scientific or not.”
Class Notes

45 Howdy Holschuh has published his autobiography, I Briefed a Thousand Stars: My 25 years as a Naval intelligence officer.

51 Art Schreiber is president of the New Mexico chapter of the National Federation of the Blind. He hosts a weekly radio program, “BLINDART.”

53 Trudy Martin of Woodbury, Conn., has had her work accepted for a juried exhibition, Art of the Northeast, and a solo exhibit at Westport (Conn.) Arts Center.

56 John Stewart has retired as a professor at Princeton Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Maureen, reside in Grand Rapids, Mich.

59 Peggy DePaulia Cooper has retired as a mineral industries consultant. She and her husband, Don, now live on Amelia Island, Fla.

63 Charlotte Riedesel McMurry has retired as worship leader at Christ Presbyterian Church. She and her husband, Doug, reside in Charles City, Va.

64 Robert McClure retired from St. Petersburg (Fla.) College, where he served 30 years as director of testing services, counselor, and professor of psychology and career planning. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Douglas Webster was named director of public relations for The California Maritime Academy, a part of the California State University system. He resides in Vallejo, Calif.

65 Raymond Anderson has retired from Primerica Financial Services. He and his wife, Jane Hepburn Anderson ’67, have moved to The Villages, Fla.

Jacqueline Boulter Webb and her husband, Bob, have relocated to Harrisburg following Jackie’s retirement as secretary to the principal at Indian Lake Central School.

Marjorie Brown Ash of East Liverpool, Ohio, has retired after more than 35 years teaching English at Edison High School.

Susan Burrows Kozo is the director of Community Nursery School. She and her husband, James, reside in Edison, N.J.

Susan Cake Nelson and her husband, Robert, live in Iowa City, Iowa, where Sue is a nurse with the Visiting Nurse Association of Johnson County.

Larry Day has retired as sales manager with H. B. Fuller Company. He and his wife, Carole, make their home in Gladstone, N.J.

Ross Dillon has retired as vice president of National City Bank. He and his wife, Inalee Gamble Dillon, live in Baden.

Ray Dunham and his wife, Penny Jordan Dunham, have relocated to Williamsburg, Va.

Thomas Hershey has retired as co-owner of three Arby’s restaurants. Tom and his wife, Beth Wallis Hershey ’64, are residents of Berlin, Md.

Dennis Leonetti and his wife, Merrily, live in Denver, where Dennis is owner of Mile High Equipment Appraising, LLC.

Joan McLachlan Cimini is a researcher/consultant with Measurement, Inc., an educational research and evaluation firm. She lives in Centerville, Mass., with her husband, Gene.

Patricia Meyer Meekins and her husband, Terry, reside in Sandy, Utah, where Pat has retired as docent and animal handler and is now a volunteer at Hogle Zoo.

Betsy Preusch Stagno is a nurse/stroke team coordinator at INOVA/Fairfax (Va.) Hospital.

Walter “Corky” Shaw III is owner of Corky Shaw Custom Homes. He and his wife, Sharon, live in Montgomery, Texas.

Susanne Warren Boulter retired after a 27-year career that included teaching and working as a social welfare examiner for the Erie County (N.Y.) Department of Social Services.

Jan Williams of Fairfield, Ohio, has retired as a computer programmer.

Al Zadroga retired as a technical manager after 39 years with PPG Industries. He lives in Avon Lake, Ohio, with his wife, Barbara.

66 Ellen Bloomstine Proverbs-Benge has retired as an adult assessment coordinator with the Youngstown City Schools. She and her husband, Jack, live in Warren, Ohio.

Jay Buchanan is a behavioral specialist consultant with Northwestern Human Services. He lives in Huntington with his wife, Elaine Rhinesmith Buchanan.

Joanne Caruso Fernandez-McDermott of Mt. Vernon, N.Y., has retired as meeting manager/foundation coordinator with Reformed Church in America.

Joe Cerro has retired as an executive health associate with Merck and Co., Inc. He and his wife, Gwen, live in Bradenton, Fla.

George Cleland has retired as director of issues with American Bankers Association, a trade association. He and his wife, Carole Woods Cleland ’68, reside in Ellicott City, Md.

Robert Crudden Jr. is vice president of Susquehanna Bank. His wife, Janet Voigt Crudden, is executive director of Healthy Communities Partnership, a nonprofit community health agency. Bob and Jan are residents of Fayetteville.

David Dudgeon III and his wife, Lynda, live in Herkimer, N.Y., where David is a real estate broker with Bruce Ward & Co. Real Estate.

The Rev. Jon Edwards has retired after more than 30 years of service as a Lutheran pastor. He resides in Trussville, Ala., with his wife, Sylvia Woodward Edwards ’69.
Karen English Kuziensky has retired as a teacher in the Huber Heights School District. She lives in Tipp City, Ohio, with her husband, Gary Kuziensky.

Jane Foster of Oakmont has retired after 36 years as a first-grade teacher in the Shaler Area School District.

Ken Frazer of Dublin, Ohio, is senior project manager with J. P. Morgan Chase.

Marcia Haag Sagenich and her husband, Jim, make their home in New Wilmington, where Marcia is associate pastor at Victory Christian Center.

Jan Huth Stephenson of Concord, Mass., is senior manager, purchasing with Cubist Pharmaceuticals.

Diane Myting Bonney has retired as a teacher in the New Hanover County Schools. She lives in Alexandria, Va., with her husband, Larry Bonney ’67.


Sharon Parker has retired as a teacher for the Flint Board of Education. She lives in Grantham, N.H., with her husband, Robert.

Dale Sewall is the minister at Mercer Island (Wash.) Presbyterian Church. His wife, Jinny Fassett Sewall ’67, is a teacher in the church’s preschool.

Jeffrey Snyder and his wife, Paulette, have relocated to Arvada, Colo., following Jeffrey’s retirement as a teacher in the Shaler Area School District.

67 Paul Allison is a process auditor with EDO Corp., an electronics development firm. He lives in Edgewater, Md.

Peter Cake and his wife, Marilyn, live in Kalamazoo, Mich., where Peter is a financial services professional with New York Life Insurance.

Nancy Chambers, director of spiritual care and education at Harborview Medical Center on Mercer Island, Wash., has designed and implemented a chaplain training program which focuses on preparing faith leaders with training for parish ministry or certification as professional chaplains.

Robert Collett has retired as a mathematician with the U.S. Navy’s Naval Surface Weapons Lab. Bob lives in Ruther Glen, Va., with his wife, Lydia.

Michael Cruger is president and CEO of Henningsen Foods Inc., a food processor. He and his wife, Rogina, reside in Peekskill, N.Y.

Liz Engel of Fairhaven, Mass., is a piano teacher and provider of senior home care.

Virginia Fassett Sewall is a preschool teacher at Mercer Island Presbyterian Church Preschool. She lives in Mercer Island, Wash., with her husband, Delmar Sewall ’66.

Anne Filer Schenz and her husband, Tim Schenz ’68, are employed by Frontiers, a Christian mission agency. Anne is urbana coordinator and Tim is webmaster. The couple resides in Powell, Ohio.

Peg Fox Wernert of Pittsburgh has retired as a social studies teacher in the North Allegheny School District.

Elisabeth Girty Stroup and her husband, Dick, make their home in Mansfield, Ohio, where Betsy has retired as assistant supervisor at the Mansfield/Richland County Public Library.

Nancy Jewson Luther has retired as executive director of the Governor’s Highway Safety Bureau. She resides in Topsham, Mass., with her husband, Holger. Dr. Robert Jones Jr. has retired as a diagnostic radiologist with Diagnostic Imaging Associates Ltd. Kip and his wife, Lisa, are residents of Wexford.

Sharon Larkin Hugf is vice principal at Notre Dame des Victoires. She and her husband, Paul, live in Daly City, Calif.

William Muchow of Minneapolis has retired as manager, financial planning with Thermo King Corporation.

Jack Ridl has retired from Hope College with the title professor emeritus. He and his wife, Julie, make their home in Holland, Mich.

Stephen Shuss is commissary manager at Centerplate in Rosenblatt Stadium. Steve lives in Bellevue, Neb., with his wife, Ryoko.

William Thompson has retired as a research chemist with Eli Lilly & Company. Bill and his wife, Karen, live in Indianapolis.

69 Dr. Edgar Black and his wife, LaDonna, reside in Chicago, where Ed is medical director, policy resources in the Technology Evaluation Center of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association.

Carolyn Waszczyk Adams, a former biology teacher, has retired as principal at Southmoreland High School.

70 Catharine Cline Sloan has retired as a sales associate with Federated Department Stores. Cathy and her husband, James Sloan ’67, live in McHenry, Md.

Judith Mitchell has been named assistant director of the Office of Medical Education at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Jeffrey Weeks, a vice president with Provident Bank, and his wife, Nancy, recently completed the two-day, 450-mile Ride Across Maryland to raise $225,000 for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

71 Emily Annecille Kwok of Vernon, Conn., is director of recreation at Park Place Health Center.

Mary Ann Prokop Richards has retired after 35 years teaching fourth grade in the Butler Area School District, and was named to the 10th edition of Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers. She and her husband, Duane, live in Butler.

Judy Ries Smith has retired as a reading specialist and teacher in the Peoria (Ariz.) Unified School District. She and her husband, Karl, reside in Fort Collins, Colo.

72 The Rev. Emily Byrd of Johnstown is the minister at Homestead Avenue United Methodist Church.

Timothy Flora has retired as director/special projects with FirstEnergy Corporation. His wife, Debra Hart Flora, has retired as a sixth-grade teacher at Innes Middle School. Tim and Debbie live in Lakeside Marblehead, Ohio.

Bill Murray has retired as a Spanish teacher in the Dawson County (Ga.) School District. He
and his wife, Paula, now reside in New Wilmington.


Craig Bedell and his wife, Elaine Beattie Bedell, have moved to Loudonville, N.Y., where Craig is director, global insurance with MapInfo Corp., a software/consulting firm.

Debra Bishop Brikey retired after almost 32 years with Caterpillar Inc. She lives in Washington, Ill., with her husband, Bruce.

John Filar has retired as a school administrator and women’s basketball coach and has opened a tennis specialty shop, TENNIS...everyone! His wife, Kay Hollyday Filar, is a chemistry department assistant at Davidson College. The couple and their daughter live in Davidson, N.C.

Jim Giel and his wife, Sharyl, have moved to Glenshaw. Jim is manager of employee benefits for Allegheny County.

Vangie Lodwick of Charlotte, N.C., is account manager, employee benefits with First Financial Group.

Dr. Larry Shaffer heads the new hospital team at Akron Children’s Pediatric Inpatient Unit for St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in Youngstown, Ohio. He and his wife, Karen Young Shaffer, live in Hermitage.

Mark Koenig is editor of Peace Notes, the newsletter for the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program in Louisville, Ky.

Richard Keelsey is chief financial officer for WRS Infrastructure & Environment. He lives in Valrico, Fla., with his wife, Linda.

The Rev. Keith Wells is director of the library at Denver Seminary. He and his wife, Joan, are residents of Littleton, Colo.

Linda Albright Lewis is a band teacher in the Derry Area School District. She and her husband, Robert, reside in Greensburg.

Paul Laconi was named vice president of program management with Allied Barton Security Services. He and his wife, Carol, live in Audubon.

Linda Perine is a kindergarten teacher at Kennedy Elementary School in Derry Area School District. She and her husband, Jef, and their two children.

Victoria Perkins Roberson and her husband, Bill, and their two sons live in Richmond, Va., where Vicky has a law practice.

The Rev. Susan Pizor Yoder is pastor of The Barn, a new church development of Lehigh Presbyterian. Sue lives in Emmaus with her husband, Dr. Bob Yoder, and their three children.

James Ritter is chief financial officer, industrial tools group with Stanley Works. His wife, Cathi Zurlo Ritter ’82, is a school counselor in the Ridgefield Public Schools. Jamie and Cathi live in Ridgefield, Conn., with their three children.

Dr. Jeffery Williams owns Dentistry for the Family in Zelienople. He lives in Gibsonia with his wife, Mary Lee, and their two daughters.

The Rev. Lisa Drysdale of North Tonawanda, N.Y., is pastor of Brightton Community Church.

Karen Knab Williams is a teacher at Genesis Christian Academy. She and her husband, Tres, and their three children reside in Jennerstown.

Susan Sansenbaugh of Springfield, Ohio, is a computer analyst in the applied technologies division of CACI Inc.

Anne Thomas Orr is a research assistant with the University of Pittsburgh. Anne and her husband, Doug Orr ’85, live in Glenshaw with their three children.

Jennifer Buseck of Espanola, N.M., is employed by North Wind, Inc., an environmentally focused construction company.

Brian Lohr was promoted to director of admissions for the MBA program at the University of Notre Dame. His wife, Kelly Moon Lohr ’87, is a kindergarten teacher at St. Monica Catholic Grade School. The couple and their four children are residents of Granger, Ind.

Robert Reid is director of strategic customers with Ortho Pharmaceutical. Rob and his wife, Jamie Vischer Reid ’85, and their three children reside in West Grove.

Peter Bauerle is a project leader for MedWestvaco. Pete lives in Bainbridge, N.Y., with his wife, Brenda, and their two children.

Marjorie Fechtmann Slonaker and her husband, Pete Slonaker ’84, and their daughter have moved to New Wilmington, where Marj is a special education teacher’s aide in the Wilmington Area School District.

Denise Ferrara Urham is a librarian at Divine Redeemer Catholic School. She lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., with her husband, Jim, and their son.

Deborah Kurtz Zaluski M’S87 is a guidance counselor at Cuyahoga Falls Bolich Middle School. Debbie and her husband, Dennis, and two children live in Uniontown, Ohio.

Deborah Platt Majoras, chairman of the Federal Trade Commission, was the 2006 Outstanding Alumna Award recipient for Zeta Tau Alpha Foundation.

Rebecca Rakarich Jackman is a nurse at Family Medicine of Butler. Becki lives in Butler with her husband, Richard.

James Tuccio is an account executive with Harbourton Mortgage Investment Corp. He and his wife, Heather, and their daughter reside in Littleton, Colo.

Anne Cassol Baumgartel is a management analyst with the Federal Bureau of Prisons. She and her husband, William, and their son live in Washington, D.C.

Pamela Doebler Smith is town clerk/tax collector for the Town of Hornby. Pam and her husband, Joseph, and their two children live in Beaver Dams, N.Y.

Dawn Penlock Milby is an IT business consultant with Fidelity National Information Services. She resides in Bethel Park with her husband, Dale, and their two sons.

Doug Fleming of Boston is a partner at Adorno, Yoss, Fitzhugh, Parker and Alvaro law firm.
Mike Hufnagel of Portersville is a branch manager with First National Bank of Pennsylvania.

Jennifer Ireland Haller is conversion director with Fiserv, a financial software firm. She and her husband, Bob, make their home in Gibsonia.

Laurie Kennedy Gee is a staff accountant with NHF Logistical Solutions. She resides in Mars with her husband, Robert, and their daughter.

Rebecca Laufer Duckworth is the manager at Chubb Insurance Company. Becky lives in Edmond, Okla., with her husband, Bill.

Mark Oswald of Haddonfield, N.J., is a doctor with Spectrum Health Services Inc., a community health center.

Jane Palmerton Groves is an information analyst with Wyeth, a pharmaceutical company. She lives in Malvern with her husband, Mark, and their daughter.

Todd Pluymers is director of finance for Bed Bath & Beyond Inc. He lives in Somerville, N.J., with his wife, Charlotte Crane Pluymers ’85, and their two children.

Carrolla Raymond Sheets is a supervisor, communications and human resources for Trumbull County Educational Services. She and her husband, John, and their two children reside in Cortland, Ohio.

Dawn Sampson Klinger is a high school substitute teacher for the Cullin (Ala.) City Board of Education. She lives in Vinemont, Ala., with her husband, Roger, and daughter.

Andrea Snyder of Camp Hill is vice president, finance and administration for Planned Parenthood of the Susquehanna Valley.

Paul Steinke is employed with Dunning Capital, LLC, an investment banking firm. He and his wife, Patricia, live in Raleigh, N.C.

Stephen Streeter is vice president, sales/marketing with Aim Electronics, Inc., a systems integration firm. Steve and his wife, Katrina, and their three children reside in Pottstown.

Patrick Varley is business unit manager, machine vision products with Volpi Manufacturing, USA, a fiber optics and LED illumination firm. He and his wife, Christine, and their three children live in Manlius, N.Y.

Shelley Ziskay Stefanak of Hermitage is associate foundation director for PHN Charitable Foundation.

Karen Channell Parness is senior MIS manager with Celera Genomics, a biotech firm. Chippy and her husband, Scott, and their four children reside in Ijamsville, Md.

Lori Crutchfield Burns has retired. She and her husband, Richard, and their daughter live in Dothan, Ala.

Brian Goodman is a self-employed CPA. He and his wife, Karin Olsen Goodman, and their son live in Collegeville.

James Merdian is regional sales manager with Prevero. Jim and his wife, Kim, and their two children live in McMurray.

Vincent Nichols is quality manager with Delphi Corp. Vince lives in Sharon with his wife, Melinda, and their three sons.

Rebecca Polachek Wanovich is an insurance broker with Person and Scott, Inc. She resides in Pittsburgh with her husband, Stephen, and their son.

John Polachek was ordained at Christ Lutheran Church in Avon Lake, Ohio. John is serving as pastor at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Hanover, Ontario.

John Rush is senior technical specialist with Federated Investors. He resides in Pittsburgh with his wife, Ruth, and their two children.

Jody Scheid Kind is a certified PC technician who does private consulting. She lives in Slippery Rock with her husband, Dean, and their two sons.

John Thomas is compliance director with Affiliated Computer Services. He and his wife, Mary Ann, reside in Beaver Falls.

Donna Van Delden Steeves is office manager at Student Venture, a Christian nonprofit organization. She and her husband, Mark, and their two children reside in Roswell, Ga.

Patricia Walters is director of sales with Abbott Diabetes Care. Her husband, William Walters ’89, is the Pine Township wage tax collector. The couple lives in Grove City.

Shannon Shepard Patton has been appointed director of the McDowell Honors College in addition to her duties as schoolwide enrichment program coordinator in the Millcreek Township School District. She and her husband, Douglas Patton ’87, reside in Erie.

Amy Baker Morris, a fourth-grade teacher in the Buckeye Local Schools, received her master’s in education as a reading specialist from Youngstown State University. She and her husband, Bowen, live in Jefferson, Ohio.

Laura Seizor of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., was appointed vice president of human resources for Financial Partners Credit Union.

Bradley Tokar has been named interim director of admissions and enrollment management at Westminster. Brad and his wife, Brooke Bailey Tokar ’00, and their four children live in New Wilmington.

Brent Christner is an assistant professor at Louisiana State University. He and his wife, Renee Barnes Christner ’91, and their daughter live in Baton Rouge, La.

Eric Benson is vice president/portfolio manager with National City Bank. He lives in Twinsburg, Ohio, with his wife, Kelli.

The Rev. Eric Detar and his wife, Paula Fabich Detar ’92, and two children live in Indiana, where Eric is the pastor at Grace United Methodist Church.

Richard DeVincentis is a math teacher at St. Vitus School. His wife, Brenda Kordish DeVincentis ’85 M’00, is a high school guidance counselor in the Neshannock School District. Richard, Brenda and their two children reside in New Castle.

Heidi Firth Long was promoted to front desk manager at Peak ’n Peak Resort. She lives in Spartansburg with her husband, George, and their three children.

James Geoghegan and his wife, Darcy Algol, live in Ashville, Ala., where James is a medical physicist at Medical Center East.

Gerald Liner Jr. is manager-systems development with Sallie Mae, a student loan agency. Gerry and his wife, Kaci, and their two children reside in Fishers, Ind.

Heather Sullivan received her registered nurse’s certification from Sewickley Valley Hospital School of Nursing. She and her husband, Paul Callahan, reside in Rocky Mount, N.C., where Heather is a psychiatric nursing supervisor with Nash Health Care Systems at Coastal Plain Hospital.

Rebecca Wallen Mills is a kindergarten teacher in the Emscambia County Schools. She and her husband, Dwayne, and their two daughters live in Pensacola, Fla.

Tony Walsh of Winchester, Va., is a route salesman with UniFirst.

Michael Yobe is marketing manager with Texas Instruments. He and his wife, Beth, live in McKinney, Texas.

Tim Gates was promoted to regional vice president-Allegheny Region for Adddeo Employment Services. He and his wife, Jennifer Solanik ’96, live in Cranberry Township.

Todd Mustard of Charlotte, N.C., was appointed senior regional supervisory principal with Wachovia Securities LLC.
Jennifer Darragh

Jennifer Darragh received her master of library and information science degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and has moved to Richmond, Va., where she is the reference librarian for the behavioral and social sciences at Virginia Commonwealth University.

Mark Diehl of Danville is a doctor of rheumatology at Geisinger Medical Center.

The Rev. Charles Pelc and his wife, Carrie, live in Covington, Ind., where Charlie is senior pastor with the Northern Indiana United Methodist Conference.

Tiffany Sanders McKenzie has been named a Million Dollar Producer in the Pittsburgh market with Howard Hanna Real Estate. She and her husband, Ryan, make their home in Pittsburgh.

Karla Evans has relocated to Bradenton, Fla., where she is an administrator with Heartland Home Healthcare & Infusion.

Shelley Foltz has moved to Pensacola, Fla., as a crime scene technician with the Escambia County sheriff’s office.

Jennifer Kitterman received her master’s of education degree from the University of Pittsburgh. She is a first-grade teacher in the Frederick County Public Schools in Winchester, Va.

Julia McGlumphy is a quality analyst at The Ritz-Carlton resort in Kapalua, Hawaii.

David Blevik is a venue logistics manager for the 2006 Asian Games in Doha, Qatar.

David Bruckner has been named sales director of Coldwell Banker Real Estate’s Pleasant Hills office.

Rana Buck received her master’s of education degree in curriculum and instruction from George Mason University. She is a fifth-grade teacher in the Stafford County (Va.) Public Schools.

Shaun Cloonan, choral director and music teacher in the North Hills School District, was named 2006 Outstanding Young Conductor by the American Choral Directors Association of Pennsylvania.

Laura Dailey of Negley, Ohio, received her doctor of chiropractic degree from New York Chiropractic College and is the owner of Dailey Chiropractic, Inc.

Jennifer Gardner Newman received her master’s of music from Duquesne University and teaches general music and choir in the Freedom Area School District. Her husband, Matthew Newman ’01, received his master’s from Youngstown State University and is a band director and music teacher in the Beaver Local School District. The couple lives in Beaver Falls.

Heather Gulgin Hilliard has been promoted to audit manager with S.R. Snodgrass, A.C. Her husband, Eric Hilliard ’99, is a senior tax accountant with Hill, Barth and King, LLC. The couple resides in Seven Fields.

Anita Heider of Monroeville is an outpatient psychiatric therapist with Mon Youk Community Services.

Aimee Joswiak Hillard and her husband, Ben, live in West Sunbury.

Susanna Kenyon Maslow is a part-time preschool teacher at New Hope Community Church. She and her husband, Jason, and their son are residents of Round Rock, Texas.

Heather Lazzini Barhorst is assistant director of admissions at the University of Dayton. She and her husband, Nate, live in Minster, Ohio.

Colin Leyland and his wife, Brianna, live in Butler, where Colin teaches sixth grade.

Jill Malone Allison received her master’s from Lock Haven University and is a second-grade teacher at Shenango Elementary School. She and her husband, Matthew, reside in New Castle.

Karen Mashuda Urban received her CPA license. She and her husband Matt have moved back to Pittsburgh, where Karen is an accountant with Hill, Barth and King LLC.

Christopher Mavrodinis is a program supervisor with Family Counseling Center. Chris lives in Butler with his wife, Amy.

Margaret Mossor MacKay received a master’s degree from Carnegie Mellon University and is employed in research and development with PPG Industries. Her husband, David MacKay M’01, is a middle school principal with Crestview Local Schools. The couple lives in East Palestine, Ohio.

Joseph Onderko is executive director of the Presidents’ Athletic Conference. Joe and his wife, Pamela Onderko M’05, and their two daughters reside in New Wilmington.

Jamie Openbrier Bittner received a master of arts degree from Xavier University. She and her husband, James, reside in Augusta, Ga., where Jamie is an investment associate with SunTrust Securities.

Tammy Remaley Duffee is an office manager with National City Bank. She and her husband, Shawn, reside in New Castle.

Elissa Silverthorn Wilson is an associate with The Muransky Companies, a management and development firm. She and her husband, Christopher, live in Cumbiana, Ohio.

Allisyn Slopek of New Castle is employed with the Bair Foundation.

Rebecca Snyder Upton received her MBA from West Virginia Wesleyan College. She and her husband, Andy, live in Bethany, W.Va., where Rebecca is head basketball coach at Bethany College.

Mandy Albaugh received a master's from the University of Central Florida and is a mental health counselor/marriage and family therapist in Lake Mary, Fla.

Jennifer Bennett of Indiana is a watershed scientist with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy.

Michael Burnett of Akron, Ohio, is a golf professional with CHC Physical Therapy.
Tara Crawford McMasters is a territory sales representative with Forest Pharmaceuticals, Inc. She and her husband, Chad, live in Franklin.

Nathan Crozier received a master of arts degree from George Washington University and is associated director of admissions at the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business.

Allen Fortuna received a doctor of optometry degree from Ohio State University, and is a self-employed optometrist in Pittsburgh.

Marisa Guriel Schooley and her husband, Stephen Schooley, live in Slippery Rock. Both are employed by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management; Marisa as an investigative technician, and Stephen as a supervisory investigator.

Christopher Hall is an associate attorney with Dillon McCandless King Coulter Graham, LLP. Chris and his wife, Jennifer, live in Pittsburgh.

Rachel Helgeson is an assistant manager at Music for a Song and is an executive assistant with FRCH Design Worldwide, an architecture and design firm.

Sarah Phillips of Cincinnati is a human resources assistant with FRCH Design Worldwide, an architecture and design firm.

Tina Proudfoot received a master’s degree from Malone College. She lives in Canton, Ohio, where she is a teacher at Glenwood Middle School.

Jamie Reddinger of Westover, W.Va., is a team manager with TeleTech, a customer service provider.

Jennifer Rich Wheelock M’05 received her principal certification from Westminster and is a kindergarten teacher at the Shenango Elementary School. She lives in New Castle with her husband, Geoffrey.

Erik Robbins and his wife, Diane, reside in Butler, where Erik is a communications teacher.

Luke Schuster of Austintown, Ohio, received a broadcast journalism degree from the Ohio Center of Broadcasting. He is a mortgage consultant with Sky Bank.

Jacob Smith received a doctorate in osteopathic medicine from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine, and is an intern at the Geisinger Medical Center. He resides in Elysburg with his wife, Amy.

Elizabeth Spring McNally received a master’s arts degree from Walden University. She is a teacher at Eastharrow Elementary School, Elizabeth lives in Columbus, Ohio, with her husband, Brian, and their daughter.

Timothy Voep of Mt. Pleasant, S.C., is a sales representative with Pfizer.

02 Lindsey Braem is an account executive with Blattner Brunner, an advertising agency in Pittsburgh.

Colleen Conwell of North Versailles is a seventh-grade mathematics teacher at Frick Middle School and is enrolled in the master’s program at Duquesne University.

Tracy Gesselman Bennett received a master’s in psychology from the University of Pittsburgh and is an executive assistant with Envirian Homes. She and her husband, Bryan, live in Wexford.

Eric Harvey of Tarentum is an IT coordinator at the University of Pittsburgh.

Desiree Henry received her teacher certification from Robert Morris University. A resident of McKeesport, she is an English teacher in the West Mifflin Area School District.

Scott Hoffman received his master of divinity degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Ashlee, and their daughter reside in Sewickley, where Scott is an associate pastor at The Presbyterian Church.

Marc Hubert of New Kensington received a master’s in education administration from Duquesne University. He is a teacher in the Kiski Area School District.

Michelle Knestrick Myers received a master’s from Shenandoah University. She and her husband, James, live in Winchester, Va., where Michelle is a fourth-grade teacher at John Kerr Elementary.

Inga Laurent received her law degree from Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. A resident of Cambridge, Ohio, she is an attorney for victims of domestic violence with Southeast Ohio Legal Services.

Robert Leuenberger of Pittsburgh received a master of science degree in taxation from Robert Morris University. He is a special agent-criminal investigator with the U.S. Department of Treasury.

David Lutz of Pittsburgh is a producer/registered representative with The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company.

Jonathan McCartney received his dental medical degree from Case School of Dental Medicine. He has moved to Bradenton, Fla., where he is in private practice.

Allison McCormick Parshall is a human resources coordinator at Carnegie Mellon University. Her husband, Andrew Parshall ’00, is a physics teacher in the Moon Area School District. The couple resides in Aliquippa.

Danielle Perfetti, a teacher in the Baltimore County (Md.) Schools, spent two weeks with Global Volunteers teaching conversational English to teens in Zakopane, Poland.

Michael Piddington M’05 is the athletic director and a mathematics teacher in the Mercer Area School District. His wife, Anne Wilson Piddington ’00, is a financial analyst with SCA North America, a packaging company. The couple resides in New Castle.

Adriann Popovich, a resident of Monroeville, is a program coordinator with the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Kenneth Schule of Oakdale is a team lead/supervisor with National Real Estate Information Services Inc.

Angela Steck Lansberry is a dance instructor at Arcadia Gymnastics. She lives in Darlington with her husband, Mike.

Jessica Torick received a master’s in counseling psychology from Chatham College and state certification in K-12 school counseling. She lives in Pittsburgh, where she is a mental health therapist at The Bradley Center, a residential mental health treatment facility.

Jennifer Wood Prince, a fifth-grade science teacher in the Blackville-Hilda (S.C.) Schools, has been accepted for the National Honor Roll’s Outstanding Teachers for 2005-2006, and for inclusion in the 2005-2006 edition of Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers. She lives in Williston, S.C., with her husband, Rome, and their daughter. (See also New Additions)
Rachel Bazylak ’04 and Jennifer Williams ’05

03 Melissa Batulis resides in Reading, where she is a reporter for WFMZ-TV.

Neall Jones was named assistant elementary principal with the North Schuylkill School District. He lives in Frackville with his wife, Ekaterina, and their daughter.

Amanda Kengersky of Pittsburgh is a marketing associate in the university advancement division at Carnegie Mellon University.

Eryn Lees Rhoades is a program assistant with AXIOM, a government contractor. She and her husband, Matt, live in Alexandria, Va.

Jefferson Simmons received his law degree from Syracuse University College of Law. He resides in Phoenix, Ariz., where he is a county deputy attorney in the Maricopa County attorney’s office.

04 Rachel Bazylak of Pittsburgh received a master’s in counseling psychology from Chatham College, and is a treatment coordinator at Pressley Ridge.

Jill Klobusnik received her master’s from Mercyhurst College, where she is an office assistant.

Erica May Miller received a master’s of library and information sciences from the University of Pittsburgh and is employed by the Harford County Public Schools. Her husband, Robert Miller ’05, is a graduate student at Loyola College. The couple resides in Bel Air, Md.

Danielle Pagley of Pittsburgh is a school counselor in the Hampton Township School District.

Kathleen Sweeney received her master’s from Kansas State University. She has relocated to Gainesville, Fla., where she is a graduate student and teaching assistant at the University of Florida.

05 Jaime Carter of McDonald is a public relations account associate with FSC Marketing Communications.

Fred Gadawski is the graphic producer for Time Warner Cable 8 News in Jamestown, N.Y.

Bethany Grubbs of Mars is the director of transitional housing at The Lighthouse Foundation, a nonprofit Christian outreach program.

Mary Huebert, a student at Pepperdine University’s School of Law, visited Kenya with the International Justice Mission to create, support and conduct training in trial practice for attorneys from Kenya, Uganda and Zambia.

Felicie Reid is an environmental action worker with the Peace Corps in the Republic of Benin, a small country in West Africa.

Trina Shockey of Niles, Ohio, is the human resources manager with AVI Foodsystems, Inc.

Jennifer Williams graduated from Chatham College with a master’s in counseling psychology and is a milieu therapist at Southwood Hospital.

06 Justin Egley owns Justin Paul’s Productions, a videography business. He lives in Zelienople with his wife, Ellen.

Carrie Fleckenstein, a resident of Stockbridge, Ga., is a teacher at Mt. Zion Elementary School.

Jordan Hood is employed in medical sales with Stryker Endoscopy.

Melinda Kramer is a special education teacher in the St. Mary’s County (Md.) Public Schools.

Kaylan Lehotsky has relocated to Rockville, Md. She is a legal assistant with Paley Rothman.

Dina Linn resides in Pittsburgh, where she is assistant education director at Soldiers & Sailors National Military Museum and Memorial.

Allyson Wilson has moved to Tappahannock, Va., where she is a second-grade teacher in the King and Queen County Schools.

Marriages


81 Audrey Mazur Gregg and David Solly. The family lives in Colorado Springs, Colo.

91 Lynda Plocinik and Clarence Hoover III, Nov. 11, 2005, in Bethlehem. The couple lives in Easton.

95 Heather Bloom and Andrew Hall, May 26, 2006, at Grand Valley State University. Teri Ann Mensch Stahl ’96 and Chris Cascio were in attendance. The couple lives in Zeeland, Mich.

97 Carrie Briggs and Mitchell Heinsen, Nov. 20, 2004, at Lauxmont Farms in Wightsville. Alumnae present were Laurel Saff Alexander.

Annie Wolfe and Angie Yearyck. Carrie and Mitch live in Lancaster, where Carrie is a children’s mental health case manager and school liaison for Lancaster County MH/MR.

98 Jeremy Rush and Gloria Martin, July 16, 2006, at Peachtree Christian Church in Atlanta. Michael Dean was best man. The couple lives in Atlanta, where Jeremy is on the music staff of Peachtree Presbyterian Church.

99 Erin Heasley and Russell Leonardi.

Brian Hardy ’96. Also attending were Rachel Jones Maize and Shelley Martin ’00. Leslie is an English teacher at Neshannock Junior-Senior High School. The couple lives in Neshannock Township.

Melissa Rea and Stephen Goda, Nov. 5, 2005, at St. Margaret’s of Scotland Church in Green Tree. Jennifer Lusky Mihalicin ’98 was a bridesmaid.

Several other Westminster alumni were in attendance. Melissa works for Vision Marketing Group in Pittsburgh. The couple resides in Scott Township.
Aaron works as an attorney and lives in Maynard, Mass., where the Seneca Valley School District. Shay is a fourth-grade teacher in Township. James is a salesman/buyer for Consumers Produce; Township. The couple lives in Cranberry County in Strongsville, Ohio. Trina Shockey, is employed by Eberhard Manufacturing Company in Strongsville, Ohio. The couple resides in Brunswick, Ohio.

Dana Shockey and Jerry Arthur, June 24, 2006, at St. Peter and Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Sharon. Alumni participating the wedding were maid of honor Trina Shockey ’05 and bridesmaid Dawnelle Paldino. Dana, daughter of biology department secretary Carmelina Shockey, is employed by Eberhard Manufacturing Company in Strongsville, Ohio. The couple resides in Brunswick, Ohio.

Shay Stewart and James Houser ’02. The couple lives in Cranberry Township. James is a salesmen/buyer for Consumers Produce; Shay is a fourth-grade teacher in the Seneca Valley School District.

02 Sheri Evans and Aaron Francis, July 31, 2004. The couple lives in Maynard, Mass., where Aaron works as an attorney and Sheri works as a sales associate.

Michelle Knestrick and James Myers, Oct. 29, 2005, at St. Hilary Catholic Church in Washington. Matron of Honor was Beth Chupak Scherm, and bridesmaids were Mary Haug Aey and Erin Wheeler. Several other alumni were in attendance. The couple lives in Winchester, Va., where Michelle is a fourth-grade teacher.


04 Megan Chovan and Ryan Mathieu ’01, July 1, 2006, at St. Patrick’s Church in Hubbard, Ohio. Jim Mathieu ’09 and B.J. Mathieu ’03 were groomsmen. Tammy Newell ’03 and Michelle Chovan were bridesmaids. Ryan is employed by UPMC in Pittsburgh; Megan is a fifth-grade teacher in the Penn Hills School District. The couple lives in Pittsburgh.

Terra Dobbins and Michael Hill, Oct. 9, 2004. Loren Altenhof, Andre Podbielski, Gregory Scott, Justin Robinson and Thomas Freed participated in the service. Michael is employed in the marketing department of McMaster-Carr; Terra is a human resources specialist for the Department of Veterans Affairs. She recently received her master’s in public administration from Cleveland State University. The couple lives in Lyndhurst, Ohio.


Kristie Pullan and Rob Chandler, May 20, 2006, at Hillcrest Baptist Church in Jamestown, N.Y. Todd Wilson and Chris Cronin were groomsmen. The couple lives in Philadelphia where they are attending grad school.

Sarah Scott and Tony Vентresco, July 14, 2006, in Dulles, Va. Rachel Lawrence Mumford and Julie Zappa were bridesmaids. Don Waldron ’05 and B.A. Lambie ’07 were groomsmen. Rena Paroz and McKenzie Crowell also participated. Many other alumni were in attendance. Sarah teaches first grade in Fauquier County, Va., and Tony is a project supervisor for NV Homes. The couple resides in Linden, Va.

05 Joanna Badger and Eric McClelland, Aug. 27, 2005, at St. Vitus Church in New Castle. Bethanie Badger was a bridesmaid. Joanna, daughter of development office secretary Ann Badger, is a life and health sales specialist for State Farm. The couple lives in New Wilmington.

Kristen Blazejewski and Christopher Cassano ’03, June 10, 2006, at Wallace Memorial Chapel. Patricia Olenic Blazejewski ’84 is the mother of the bride. The couple lives in New Wilmington.

Lynn Kiley and Steven Penn, June 16, 2006, at the Atrium in Prospect. Maid of honor was Jessie Postell ’07, Lauren Dado and Amy Bridge ’04 were bridesmaids. Several other alumni were in attendance. Lynn is a chemist at Compunetics in Monroeville. The couple resides in Cabot.

Emily Stanton and Michael Rodack, Sept. 3, 2006, at St. Athanasius Roman Catholic Church in Pittsburgh. Bridesmaids included Leah Ehrhardt and Jill Sanker. Several other alumni were in attendance. The couple lives in Pittsburgh.

Anna Tielsch and Timothy Goddard, June 17, 2006, at the Norwich Memorial Rose Gardens in Connecticut. Anna received a master’s from Yale University and is a pediatric nurse practitioner. The couple resides in Waterford, Conn.

06 Danielle Gorley and Matthew Slacker ’03, Aug. 19, 2006, at Wallace Memorial Chapel. Craig Carlin ’04, Carsen Nesbitt ’08, Sarah Timm ’07, Patrick Sandora ’03 and Sherri Breitigan ’07 participated in the wedding. Nearly two dozen alumni were in attendance. The couple resides in Charles Town, W.Va., where Matt is an eighth-grade math teacher.

Serah Stauffer and Todd Thomas, June 2, 2006, at Crossroads Church in Youngstown, Ohio. Serah is an executive administrative assistant for American Founders Bank. The couple lives in Lexington, Ky.
New Additions

85 The Rev. Natasha Perry Pieczynski and her husband, Rich; a daughter, Samantha Grace, on May 29, 2006. The family lives in Louisville, Ky., where Natasha is clinical referral source coordinator for Our Lady of Peace.

87 Susan Shearer Lemerand and her husband, Andrew: a son, Charles Paul, on April 18, 2006. He is welcomed by an older sister, Elizabeth. The family lives in Brookfield, Ill.

89 Brad Jones and his wife, Stacy: triplet girls, Anna, Lydia and Claire. The family resides in San Clemente, Calif., where Brad manages West Coast sales for Lyondell Chemicals.

91 Lisa Olvier Lapikas and her husband, Thomas: a son, Nolan Oliver, on Sept. 27, 2005. He joins older siblings Hamilton and Payton. The family lives in Dublin, Ohio.

93 Antoinette Goff Cheney and her husband, Shawn: Cameron, March 3, 2005. The family lives in Ellicott City, Md., where Antoinette is a family physician.

94 Cindy Chinchil Iwig and her husband, David: a daughter, Grace Elizabeth, on April 14, 2006. The family resides in Champaign, Ill.

96 Jennifer Cook Langlotz and her husband, Eric; a daughter, Sophia Eowyn, on March 29, 2006. Jennifer earned her master’s in music education from Kent State University and teaches elementary music in the Cherry Creek (Colo.) School District. The family resides in Centennial, Colo.

97 Stacey Constantine Wentthur and her husband, Brent; a daughter, Meredith Margaret, on April 25, 2006. The family lives in Vacaville, Calif.

98 Carlyn Hahn Freil and her husband, Robert: a daughter, Audra Elisabeth, on Nov. 2, 2005. She joins brothers Jonah (5) and Evan (3) at the family home in South Park. Rob has been named assistant principal at Jefferson Middle School in Mt. Lebanon.

Megan Hoffman O’Hara and her husband, Phil: a son, Brady Andrew, on June 8, 2006. He joins siblings Isabelle and Aidan. The family lives in Mars.

Eric Ritzer and his wife, Krista: Kendall, in July 2006. The family lives in Chicora, where Eric is assistant principal in the Armstrong School District.

99 Dena Streit Noble and her husband, Ryan: a daughter, Claire Marie, on May 10, 2006. Dena is a math teacher at Elwood City High School. The family lives in Cranberry Township.

00 Summer Cicero Wasko and her husband, Daniel: a son, Daniel John, on Jan. 24, 2005. Summer recently earned a master’s in reading from Youngstown State University. The family resides in Warren, Ohio.

Kimberly Davis Kladitis and her husband, Andrew: a son, Andrew Michael, on May 9, 2006. Kim is a teacher in Farrell. The family lives in New Castle.

Julie Elicker Bragg and her husband, Ken: a daughter Emily Alexis, in 2005. The family lives in Beaver.


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Mary Lucchino Tola and her husband, Eric: a son, Luke William, on April 19, 2006. He is welcomed by sister Brianna, 3, at the family home in Saxonburg.


Jennifer Boschetti Blickwedeihl and her husband, John: a daughter, Anna Eileen, on June 15, 2006. The family lives in Buffalo, N.Y., where Jennifer is finishing her Ph.D. at the Roswell Park Cancer Institute.

Kimberly Chmura Mills and her husband, Steve: a son, Matthew Stephen, on July 2, 2006. He joins Mackenzie Nicole (2) at home in Seven Fields.


Ingrid Page Domonkos and her husband, Matthew: a daughter, Trinity Noel, on Feb. 4, 2006. The family resides in Albuquerque, N.M.

Heather Salada Wojciechowicz and her husband, Jason: a daughter, Olivia Nicole, on Feb. 21, 2006. The family lives in Harrison City.

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. Please be sure to include the names and class years of any surviving Westminster alumni relatives.

30 Jane Macrum of Hockessin, Del., Aug. 3, 2006. She was a research chemist for DuPont from 1943-75. She then founded a small business making dresses for little girls. She had previously taught high school chemistry and was a principal in Indiana County. She was active with the First and Central Presbyterian Church for over 60 years. Survivors include two nieces and two nephews.

Emma Ochiltree Sharp of Squirrel Hill, Sept. 2, 2006. She was a trustee emerita of Westminster and a member of Shadyside Presbyterian Church.

She and her husband, the late H. Parker Sharp, supported many charitable organizations. She taught high school history and physical science on Neville Island, prior to becoming a librarian at Bellevue High School. Survivors include a daughter; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.


37 Ida Young Alexander, March 5, 2006.

39 The Rev. John Brownlee of Lakeland, Fla., July 25, 2006. He graduated from the Pittsburgh Xenia Theological Seminary in 1942 and served as a pastor at Presbyterian churches in West Hebron, N.Y.; Waterloo, Iowa; Argyle, N.Y.; Altoona; and Bellaire, Ohio during a 40-year career. He retired in 1982. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn; two daughters; a son; four grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

Richard Dunnire of Goldsboro, N.C., Sept. 6, 2006. He was a retired principal and member of First Lutheran Church of Vandergrift. A former Marine, he was a World War II veteran. Survivors include his wife, Louise; a sister; and several nieces.

48 Virginia Hunter Burkey of Litchfield, December 2005. She was a retired teacher. Survivors include a daughter.

43 Helen Sittig Nixon of Palm Harbor, Fla., Aug. 5, 2006. She was a former dean of women and college nurse and housemother at Westminster. Survivors include a son; a daughter; a daughter-in-law; 12 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren.

49 Walter Wielgus of Jupiter, Fla., June 12, 2006. He retired in 1990 as a partner at Thermal Acoustics, Inc. He received an MBA from NYU and a master’s in behavioral science from Southern Connecticut State University, and also attended Harvard Business School. An Army Air Force veteran of World War II, he volunteered as an EMT in Madison, Conn., and was a member of the Lions Club of Madison and the First Presbyterian Church of North Palm Beach, Fla. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Janice Clutter Wielgus ’51; four children and their spouses; nine grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

51 Charles Paul of Livingston, N.J., June 27, 2006. He was a retired coach and teacher. Survivors include a son and his wife; a daughter and her husband; and five grandchildren.

54 Victor Beck of Clarksville, Ind., Sept. 15, 2006. He was formerly a professor at Georgetown University and was a program manager for NASA. An Army veteran, he was active in the Knights of Columbus and a member of the VFW and American Legion. Survivors include three children.

59 Judith Gray McIntyre of Bradford Woods, May 25, 2006. She taught in the West Jefferson Hills and North Hills schools and later earned a master’s in English literature from the University of Pittsburgh. Survivors include her husband, C. Roger; two daughters; a son-in-law; two grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law; and a nephew.
60 Joanne Balo Buckingham of Finleyville, Aug. 19, 2006. She was a retired school teacher, serving the Ringgold School District for 38 years. Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Robert Buckingham ’57; a son; a daughter; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

61 Charles Gibbons of Ellwood City, Aug. 20, 2006. He was a retired principal in the New Castle Area schools. An Army veteran of the Korean War, he was a well-known boxer who was inducted into the Lawrence County Boxing Hall of Fame. He was a member of the Wampum American Legion and the Holy Redeemer Parish in Ellwood City. Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Ruth; five daughters; three sons; four brothers; two sisters; 13 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

M. Sue List of Tampa, Fla., July 29, 2006. She was an executive for Alcoa and a lifelong member of the Clinton Presbyterian Church. Survivors include her sister and brother-in-law.

Raymond Thomas of York, Aug. 2, 2006. He retired in 1980 as director of the counseling center at Butler County Community College. He was previously employed as editor-in-chief at weekly newspapers in Mercer County and education editor at the Sharon Herald. Survivors include his wife of 63 years, Clara; a daughter; two sons; seven grandchildren; and a sister.


63 Jan Kline of Fort Walton Beach, Fla., March 10, 2006. He was formerly a human services program administrator for the state of Florida.

64 Marian Wallace of New Wilmington, Oct. 29, 2005. She was a former teacher and elementary school guidance counselor.

65 Richard Timmons of Durham, N.C., June 11, 2006. He was most recently self-employed as an accountant. Survivors include two daughters; a son-in-law; a sister and brother-in-law; and two grandchildren.

66 D. Michael Deckman of Beechwood, Ohio, July 13, 2006. He enlisted in the US Air Force and served in Vietnam, rising to the rank of colonel. He retired from the military in 2004. He received a master’s degree in art education from Ohio State University in 1981 and served the university as an instructor in cinematography and videography. Survivors include his wife, Adrienne; a daughter; and two sons.


69 Ruth Barnhart of West Middlesex, May 30, 2006. She retired from the Hermitage schools in 1981. She was a longtime kindergarten teacher and a lifelong member of the Covenant Presbyterian Church in Sharon.

70 Clifford Bell of New Castle, Aug. 25, 2006. He was a self-employed painter and was a member of Shenango Presbyterian Church. Survivors include his wife, Ella; his parents; three sons; two daughters-in-law; two brothers; a sister; and two grandchildren.

71 The Rev. Janet Noble-Richardson of Plymouth, Mich., July 11, 2006. She was minister at St. Timothy Presbyterian Church for 17 years. She spent a year in Kenya as a missionary in the mid-1980s and enrolled at the Princeton Theological Seminary upon her return. Survivors include her husband, Matthew; her father, the Rev. Robert E. Noble ’48; her stepmother; a sister, Margaret Noble Ruppert ’82; a brother; and father-in-law.

72 Thomas Wierciszewski of Charlotte, N.C., April 9, 2006. Survivors include his brother; two sisters; four nieces; and one nephew.

73 T. Lynn Fox of New Castle, Aug. 2, 2006. He was a member of the Westminster community for more than 20 years as a student and employee. He was most recently manager of the College’s computer labs. Survivors include his mother and a brother.

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Sisters of Zeta Tau Alpha let out a holler when it was announced that Ashley “Cubbey” Linnelli was named Westminster’s 2006 Homecoming Queen.

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This evening's topic at the Biology Colloquium is "Metabolic Shifts in L1210 Leukemia Cells Treated with Methylglyoxal-Bis (Guanylhydrazone)." The lecture hall is packed.

**IS MYRON O. LUTHRINGER JR. FOR REAL?**

By Kathy O'Hagan

One of the later arrivals is Coach Gene Nicholson, and the entire front row consists of members of the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. Not entirely the crowd of professors and science majors usually seen at a biology lecture.

The speaker, rather than the subject, is the attraction. He has earned the right to discourse on this complex topic, for this past summer he participated in a program at Roswell Park Memorial Institute, one of the largest cancer research institutes in the world. During the 10-week program, he worked with MGBG, a drug that has been used for years to halt the growth of leukemia cells. Prior to the summer of 1981 it was not known exactly which mechanism caused the cells to stop growing once treated with the drug. The job before this evening's speaker was to work on a way to measure one of the metabolic pathways to see if its functions increased or decreased, thus providing a perspective as to which mechanism actually caused the leukemia cells to stop growing. Not an easy assignment. Those who had worked on it before had been unsuccessful. But finally, during the ninth week, he achieved results. The doctor under whom he worked will soon be publishing the discovery in Cancer Research. The gentleman lecturing this evening will be designated as co-author of the article.

He is introduced in glowing terms. "This," smiles the introducing professor, "is a first for Westminster College!" Although he sports wire-rimmed glasses and wears a neat, conservative brown sweater with color-coordinated slacks, he looks unmistakably athletic — broad shoulders, powerful movements, graceful demeanor. His manner is open, unself-conscious, smooth, and he gestures freely with his hands. His Western New York accent is carried in a soft, pleasant voice.

The lecture is brief, factual, to the point. In contrast, the speaker's sense of humor is evident from the start. At intervals he plugs the complex terminology of the lecture with such phrases as "I liked it — it was fun." He uses the word "fun" frequently, often with light sarcasm and with a natural sense of timing that raises laughter from the audience.

Following a detailed slide presentation, the speaker pauses for questions, then closes the meeting by the good-humored admittance that he has to go study for a test. A sympathetic wave of laughter and then applause sweeps the audience, and a very worthwhile colloquium has come to an end.

The speaker was Myron O. Luthringer Jr., senior at Westminster College, biology major, premed student. He was one of 24 outstanding science-oriented college juniors chosen to participate in the Summer '81 research program at Roswell Park, and, notably, he was singled out from among the applicants to be the recipient of the Chandrakant Dave Memorial Fellowship.
"Another first for Westminster College" is the fact that in March 1981 at William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, Myron won the NAIA national championship for the 100-meter breaststroke, displacing the current national champion with a time of 1:06.04.

For Myron, it doesn't end there. His activity level is nothing short of hyperkinetic. He is co-captain of the Titan swim team, president of Pi Sigma Pi [honorary scholastic society], and a member of the college judicial board, Kappa Mu Epsilon [honorary mathematics society], and Mortar Board [honorary leadership society]. He is an Honors and Dean's List student and an Armstrong Scholar. He belongs to the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity. He works in the library 10 hours a week and assists Dr. Clarence Harms by proctoring a histology lab. Not to mention the rigorous training program a swimmer must follow: 2½-hour in-the-water workouts twice daily, weightlifting sessions three times a week. Myron's grade point average is 3.84.

Is this guy for real? He is every mother's dream, and yet he can't be stereotyped. What sort of person is he, anyway?

An immensely likeable one, is the general consensus among those who know him.

"He's the kind of guy everybody likes," says long-time friend Bruce Williams. "Even people who don't know him very well like him. Myron's a great guy to be around. He can keep you laughing all the time."

"His sense of humor," says teammate Barb Weber, "is definitely a product of the swimteam locker room."

On the wall of Bruce's Eichenauer room hangs a Phi Kappa Tau fraternity paddle inscribed, "To Bruce, From Tyrone." Myron's nickname has stuck with him since high school days. Bruce can't remember how it got started.

"In the full sense of the word," says Myron's swim coach, Gene Nicholson, "Myron is a true student athlete and he's one of the finest because of his commitment to academic and athletic excellence."

How can anyone undertake such a demanding schedule and keep the upper hand? Doesn't the pressure ever grow too intense?

Myron is at home in his room at the Phi Kappa Tau fraternity house, a room that he shares with three roommates. He's lounging in a reclining chair, which he periodically adjusts for greater comfort. He is evidently at ease with himself and others. And he seems somewhat amused. Although he speaks seriously, candidly, his sense of humor is always near the surface, ready to bubble over at any provocation.

"I don't do anything really good unless there's pressure on me," he explains, finally. "That's kind of the way I am. I do better when there's pressure."

Schoolwork, for instance. "I don't really study a lot," Myron freely admits. "I'm a procrastinator. I pull all-nighters before tests. Sometimes I try to study for a test two or three weeks in advance, but my mind wanders. I can't concentrate until I know 'it has to go in now or never.'"

Myron points out roommate Tim Maurer. "Timmy — he's so far ahead in all his work! I still don't have all my books!" He laughs, a high-pitched, contagious laugh.

The pressure to do well, to get high grades, is tremendous for a pre-med student, and the fact that Myron handles it so well and thrives on it is no doubt the key to his winning combination.

Myron is fairly certain he wants to go into the field of surgery, perhaps heart surgery. Why? "I don't like to wait around for things to happen. Surgery is a quick way to get results."

He relates his summer experience at Roswell Park with enthusiasm.

"The things that are happening there are great! His face grows serious. "Not too many people know about Roswell Park," he reflects. "Hopefully, people won't have to know about it."

He recollects thankless hours spent in lab. "You always expect to get results — you know, the things you want to see — but it never happens." Finally, for Myron, it did happen, though luck, he says, was largely responsible for his success. "I was at the right place at the right time," he insists. "A lot of kids were stuck on things where probably no answer will ever be found."

"I got my name on a plaque, which is pretty fun — so I can take my Mom down and show her some time."

Myron has always loved sports, and in high school was involved in football and track as well as swimming. He took up swimming his freshman year in high school when he realized he'd "never be tall enough" to play basketball. He was impressed with the high school swim team, a "nice, tight group of guys who did everything together."

And Myron began working. By his senior year he had set a number of records, and in spite of a bout with mono had gone to the All-American level with a high school relay team.
"This," says Myron, lifting from around his neck a cross of sterling silver, "is the number-one material thing that I own — this cross my Mom got me for setting the high-school record for the breaststroke. If I lost anything — a car, a chair, a stereo — it wouldn't matter. But if I lost this, it would — bother me — because it has real value."

Myron refers to his mother frequently. Likewise, she is his number-one fan. "She came to every swim meet, every track meet, every football game, everything," he recalls. "She thinks I can do no wrong. Well, she knows I do wrong things, but — she overlooks them.

He pauses. "She's just really proud of me. At times it's a burden on me, you know, to be there — and my Mom will say to somebody, 'This is my son, and he does this, this, this, and this,' you know? And I tell her, 'Mom, people don't want to hear this! It becomes monotonous — it's really not good. And I told her, 'Please — cut that out, it embarrasses me.'"

"But Mom — she would bend over backwards for anything I ever wanted, anything that she thought would aid me in any way."

Engraved upon Myron's memory is an incident that took place when he was seven years old. "When I started playing Little League football...I was a real pansy. I really was. I didn't like to hit the kids or — anything. And my Mom would always come to practice, and she'd stay there to watch. One time — she pulled me over and said, 'If you don't get in there and fight, I'm going to take you home right now, because this is a waste of time!' From that minute on, I went in there and did what should be done."

Numbering high on Myron's list of favorite people are his mother's parents. "They were the first people I called after winning Nationals," he recalls. He goes on to explain that, "They had four daughters, no sons — then, the daughters got married, and they started having girls, so I was the first grandson — so my grandfather and I have always been really tight. He always took me to the baseball games and stuff. I spend a lot of my time with them in the summer, not because I feel I have to or anything, but because I want to, because they're so — cool — they have such a grasp on the reality of life. They can understand what I'm going through, this generation. And my grandfather still — every other week, as hard as it is for him to see, he writes me a letter. I can't always read it, but that's really important to me."

Myron refers often with evident fondness to "Coach," Titan swim coach Gene Nicholson. He describes Myron as a "figurehead for all swimmers." Coach lists the qualities necessary for a good swimmer: discipline, concentration, commitment, strong will, time, physical and mental efforts.

"It's not easy to coach a highly skilled athlete. But that's what makes it challenging, enjoyable... I have great pride in him."

"He's an incredibly hard worker," says Pat McCarthy, teammate and swimming partner. Pat should know. Myron confesses to "leaning on" Pat.

"My freestyle stinks," he admits. "God didn't gift me with any freestyle. Pat is a much better freestyler. Most of our practices are done in freestyle, so I ask Pat if I can swim with him, in his lane. It pushes me to try to keep up with him. And sometimes I push him."

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Recalls Pat McCarthy, "Before Myron's race at Nationals, he went off into a room alone and just sat there by himself for maybe two hours. I knew to leave him alone. When the time came for his race, he was ready to the max. I knew there wasn't much that was going to stop him."

Myron is quick to pass the credit for his "psyche" to "some of my close friends, who constantly give me support and make me believe in myself. They believe in me," he emphasizes, "even more than I do."

Myron names Bruce Williams, and even in the recounting of the incident, is clearly touched. "When I was at Nationals he was in my room over in Eichenaer, sitting in my chair, with my Jean-Luc Ponty album playing, with my candle lit. I mean, when somebody is behind you that much, you can't screw up. So," he concludes, "a lot of my psyche comes from other people."

As much as he knows the individual nature of competitive swimming, he admits that team spirit means a good deal to him. "I have this concept of a team like in high school, where we did everything together, but it's not that way in college," he explains, somewhat wistfully, "and it was really hard for me to grasp that."

Emphasizing the importance of dedication, he refers to the infamous 6:00 a.m. practice. "That alarm goes off, quarter to six in the morning — the temptation to hit that doze button is unbelievable. Unbelievable! And especially if it's cold and you know you've got to walk down there."

Once in the water, he pushes himself to the limit.

Myron appreciates the excitement of the "real rivalry with another school" that Westminster has with Grove City. He hastens to explain that it's a friendly rivalry, that he has a number of friends at GCC.

"When I get up to swim, especially before a Grove City meet, from my fingertips to my elbows I have no feeling. I'm so nervous and so numb. I get so emotional, I tend to get carried away at times."

Myron describes himself as a "head swimmer." "I think the human body has an awful lot of potential," he says with conviction.

The only thing that holds it back is the mind. If I get psyched up, I feel like I could do almost anything. His success at Nationals is a testimony to the effectiveness of his psyche.

A memorable, and as he describes it, somewhat traumatic event in his swimming career was the shaving of his head for Nationals. "I couldn't take the chance not to shave my head. I've heard so much, 'Yeah, it helps this, it helps that.' But I'm vain. So that was one thing I thought I'd never do!"

Pat McCarthy was the one elected to do the shaving — chosen because "I felt close to him because we worked out together all year long." The best part of the shaving ordeal came at the end. When Myron won, to celebrate their friend's victory, two of his non-swimming friends had Myron shave their heads to keep him company.

Since this is Myron's last year in college, does he plan to further his swimming career? Myron laughs. "A lot of people say, 'Oh, you won Nationals! Are you going to the Olympics? That's so far-fetched! We're NAIA — about the same level as NCAA Division III. Then there's Division II and Division I. Division I is where you have your Olympic swimmers.' He does anticipate continuing with some sort of athletic activity. Someday, he'd like to coach Little League football. He recalls his own childhood and the important, almost "surrogate father," roles played by early coaches.

How does Myron see himself? "Everybody has this image of me — coaches, teachers — I'm the nicest guy — you know," he mocks. "Only my true friends know that there's another side. And I think everybody has that. I definitely wouldn't classify myself as a milk and cookie guy."

What are, say, five things Myron truly enjoys? Immediate spontaneous laughter. "Ahh, come on! You couldn't write those! Then, dismissively, 'I'm supposed to say — swimming — studying..." But enthusiasm flows into everything he does. He enjoys music — Jean-Luc Ponty is a favorite. He has done some sailing and he jogs. But most of all, he's interested in people. He deeply appreciates his friends, likes their company.

"I need a lot of work in some areas," says Myron. He has discussed his "weaknesses" with Coach Nicholson and various high school coaches who have doubled as confidants. And he works to eliminate them as hard as he works on his talents.

"Up until, maybe a year or two ago, if I didn't see that somebody had something to offer — a strong personality, or anything — I would really cut that person short. I wouldn't have the time for them, you know! But everybody has something to offer, it's just how deep you look at it. So, I don't think I will ever stop learning about myself. If I do, I'll be dead by then."

What does Myron think about as he swims those endless lengths, watching the black stripe on the pool bottom? He ponders this.

"Sometimes, seriously, if I have things to study, I think about studying. Other times," he grins, "I think about girls. Then sometimes I think about winning. But mostly, I think about beating Grove City. That's the one!"

Myron Luthringer is definitely for real.

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