Inauguration of Dr. Richard H. Dorman

Inside: 2007-2008 President’s Report
“Plan your work and work your plan.” A valued mentor offered that advice early in my higher education career and it has served me well through many major projects and initiatives over the years. As a proponent of good planning, my top priority for Westminster in 2008-09 is to successfully complete the College’s next strategic plan that will serve to guide our educational effort over the next decade. Our goal is to identify approximately three to six broad and strategic initiatives that will help propel the institution upward on its current positive trajectory. This new strategic plan will be supported by a separate, but equally important, operational plan which defines the tasks, timelines and responsibilities necessary to meet those key strategic initiatives.

Focused planning is now under way. The structure and process of how we shall create the plan has been defined and a thorough analysis of internal and external opportunities and challenges is being conducted. This analysis will be juxtaposed against a series of important “framing questions” in various thematic areas to elicit discussion and ideas among Westminster’s constituencies. As I use this first year to learn about the institution, the ideas brought forth from these discussions will be joined with my own vision for the College, to be discussed in this forum in future issues. In general terms, it is important that the plan address the following four basic objectives:

- Continue to enhance Westminster’s academic reputation
- Build our endowment
- Enhance our market visibility
- Bring regional and national distinctiveness to the College

The new planning process starts from a position of strength. We are enjoying one of our largest first-year classes (448) in our history. Prudent management and investment in past years has yielded a sound balance sheet—something that is especially important in these uncertain financial times. We are ranked in the top ten of ALL colleges and universities in graduation rate performance. Most recently we learned that Westminster has risen into the top tier of liberal arts colleges in the U.S. News rankings. In short, Westminster alumni can be proud of where the College is, and excited about the opportunities ahead.

As we “plan our work” this year, our efforts next year will be to begin “working our plan.” That is where you come in. The outstanding educational product we provide can only happen through the commitment and dedication of our alumni and friends, and the impressive work of our excellent faculty and staff. As we set the strategic plan in motion after this year, we invite your active participation in helping Westminster fulfill its mission—to help men and women develop competencies, commitments and characteristics which have distinguished human beings at their best.

Dr. Richard H. Dorman
President
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Dr. Richard H. Dorman installed as Westminster’s 14th President

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Presidential Inauguration
Trustee Leonard M. Carroll sees Richard Dorman as a man who just “gets” that special quality about Westminster. It’s a quality, ubiquitous in nature, that he—and many others—can’t quite describe, but when you experience Westminster, you discover it. Dorman gets it, that indescribable trait, and in doing so he joins countless others in calling Mother Fair “home.”
Carroll and more than 1,000 people—including faculty, staff, students, alumni, friends, family, community members, and more than 20 delegates from other institutions of higher education—officially welcomed Dorman into the Westminster Family on Saturday, Oct. 25, 2008, as he accepted the presidential medallion and was inaugurated as the College’s 14th President.

The customary transfer of the medallion to Dorman was the culminating moment in the year-long search for a new president to replace retiring 13th President R. Thomas Williamson.

“I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to serve as Westminster’s 14th president,” Dorman said. “I accept and look forward to the challenges and responsibilities that are placed before me.”

Aside from Carroll’s remarks, Dorman heard messages and readings from those representing the Board of Trustees, administration, staff, alumni, and current student body (see addresses given by Westminster College Business Manager Donald E. Shelenberger ‘71, page 6; and Student Government Association President Ashley L. Carnahan ‘09, page 9).
Before Dorman delivered his inaugural address, Dr. James T. Harris III, president of Widener University, offered words of congratulations and encouragement to his longtime friend and colleague.

In Dorman’s inaugural address, “Advantage: Westminster,” Dorman focused on how Westminster can “provide its graduates with an educational advantage, and what we as a teaching and learning community must do in the future to insure that our competitive position continues to strengthen over time.”

“An exceptional education” at Westminster, Dorman said, is possible due to three factors—the role of the individual teacher as the greatest single source of student success and future achievement, the concept that the liberal arts education is most adaptive to addressing multiple learning styles and talents, and the notion that the nature of the total learning experience provided is highly correlated to significant personal change.

“The most critical factor in the success of our current and future students, and what, in my judgment, makes Westminster such a special place: that is our faculty,” Dorman said.
The following remarks were made by Donald E. Shelenberger ’71, business manager, on behalf of the Westminster administration.

On behalf of the Administrative Staff of Westminster College I am honored to bring these words of welcome. Westminster College has been part of my life for almost as long as I can remember. And now, after almost 33 years of employment here, I remain proud to call this place home. So it’s my joy and pleasure to welcome you President Dorman to this special place you’ve decided to make your home too. I would suggest today that Westminster College is a special place and I would further suggest that it’s the people here who make it special. Simply put, that’s my perspective on this place we now both call home.

You will be surprised to learn that my earliest memory of this college is from the perspective of the back seat of a motorboat on Brittain Lake in the early 1960s! Let me explain that my Dad was a custodian at that time and President Will W. Orr invited employees’ families to the annual fall picnic, at which he offered boat rides to staff children. I had never been near or on a motorboat and although I don’t suspect we went very fast, it still was fun and made Westminster a special place for me.

During high school, for three summers, I worked with other staff kids, cleaning floors, windows, walls, and bathrooms. These summers helped me learn about the campus buildings and the good people who worked there. The work wasn’t much fun, like the motorboat rides, but the experiences I had taught me early on that Westminster people cared about this place and were willing to do their best, whatever their particular task.

It was during my student years from 1967 to 1971 that I learned just how special it was to be at Westminster. I made friends here then that will be lifelong friends. I met faculty and staff here then who today are my friends and neighbors in this community. Like so many Westminster men, I even met my future wife here. I learned how to write, to organize my time, to challenge my beliefs and to think outside the box. I learned to appreciate art, music and theater, while studying history and education. I learned how to cope with roommates and how to work as a team to accomplish a goal. Those four years made me realize just how special Westminster College and its people really were.

After graduate school and two years in the working world, I jumped at the chance to come back to Westminster and so in January 1976, I moved back to New Wilmington. I got married and my wife Beverly and I began to raise a family. As we did, our Westminster lives and family lives deeply intertwined. Traditions like Homecoming and Christmas Vespers, trick or treating in the residence halls, and the Relay for Life became important family times. Each year Bev and I have hosted Homecoming reunions for our Westminster friends and while our children were students here, our home was “home away from home” for many students. Two of my proudest moments at Westminster have been when I had the honor of presenting diplomas to both of my children during their graduation ceremonies. And a more dubious, but memorable moment nonetheless was just last December when I had the honor of singing and dancing on this stage with Marie Osmond. Yes, Westminster has been and continues to be a special place in my life.

But it’s not just me or my family. During my career here I have worked with people who love this college and all the history and tradition it represents. I would submit, President Dorman, that the administrators I represent today, whether they have been here decades or only a few months, would agree that Westminster is a special place.

So welcome President Dorman to Westminster. All of us administrators look forward to working with you to make the “Dorman Era” a memorable time in the life of this remarkable institution.
Dorman shared how Westminster’s liberal arts environment nurtures and enhances the “multiple and varied intellectual gifts our students bring to their Westminster education.”

“If one is to subscribe to the belief that intelligence can be measured across multiple dimensions and not just in terms of IQ, one could argue that the small liberal arts environment in which we work is uniquely qualified among the plethora of higher education organizational types to coax and nurture the development of these intelligences given the broad mix of academic and co-curricular offerings we provide to all of our students,” he said.

“Westminster clearly demonstrates a capacity to compete with the elite brethren in eventual life outcomes,” Dorman added. “One need only look at the many success stories of Westminster alumni, starting with our own Board of Trustees, to understand that this is true.”


He said Westminster will build upon its strong experiential education efforts and provide a “clear link between theory and practice” which he dubbed “Liberal Learning … Applied.” Westminster’s Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning is expected to continue to play a crucial role in that initiative.

Dorman also discussed the need for Westminster to continue to enhance its internship programs while serving as an economic engine to our economy and the region. He also examined Westminster’s need to define and assess outcomes while reinforcing its commitment to professional growth.

Dorman began his Westminster presidency on July 1.
Ashley Carnahan is easy to find at Westminster. Just look for something great that’s happening and you’ll find Ashley playing a key role. The senior business administration major from Greensburg has blessed the campus with her leadership, intelligence, energy, enthusiasm, and dynamic personality.

A sampling of Ashley’s activities:
- Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE)
- Student Alumni Association (SAA): Fundraising Chair
- Sigma Kappa Sorority: Vice President of Membership
- Omicron Delta Kappa (National Leadership Honor Society)
- Mortar Board (National Senior Honor Society): Service Chair
- Pi Sigma Pi (Academic Honor Society)
- Delta Sigma Pi (National Spanish Honor Society)
- Fresh Start Orientation Program
- Westminster College Board of Trustees: Associate Trustee

Career Plans

"I am currently in the process of applying to graduate schools to pursue my MBA through a concentration in marketing and hope to attend one of these institutions next fall. My dream job would be to become the CEO of a major marketing/advertising firm."
As I sat down to reflect upon what Westminster means to both me personally as well as the student body, I began to notice a recurring theme.

Westminster has become the wonderful place that it is today because of relationships. At Westminster, relationships are not just made… they are made to last.

They exist between students, professors, faculty and staff members, administrators, alumni, and community members in the form of mentorships, companionships, and friendships.

Upon applying to Westminster College, I could have never imagined what a remarkably special place that this community truly is.

Westminster is a place where students will drop absolutely everything to help another student in need, where professors’ concern for their students’ success shines through their teaching, advising, and caring manners, and where true open-door policies make all members of the Westminster community a priority.

For many students, their time at Westminster began with a rough start with feelings of worry, homesickness, and apprehension. Three years later, most of my friends refuse to even say the dreaded S and G words… you know, seniors and graduating.

I am a firm believer that Westminster truly changes people. Something happens from that first day of college when many worried whether or not we were even really supposed to be here to the day when it is time to graduate and we are not ready to leave. As students, we learn, we grow, we mature, and we discover more about ourselves than we ever thought possible.

Westminster truly is a special place. When I visited campus for a tour, I had already basically decided on another institution. However, as soon as I stepped foot on this campus, I knew that this was where I was supposed to be. I could not then, nor can I really now put my finger on it, but there is truly something remarkable about Westminster College.

Honesty, I think what makes Westminster so special are the people. This community is often referred to as the Westminster Family and I believe that that is an ideal representation of the types of relationships and bonds that are formed as a result of this wonderful institution. I could not imagine better people to welcome into this Westminster Family than President Dorman and his family and friends and we are so honored to have you all here.

Thank you.
14 Points of Pride

Westminster College

- “Top 10 in graduation rate performance” – *U.S. News Guide to America’s Best Colleges*
- “Top 15 Liberal Arts College” – *Washington Monthly College Guide*
- “Top Tier Liberal Arts College” – *U.S. News Guide to America’s Best Colleges*
- “Best 368 Colleges” and “Best in the Northeast” – *The Princeton Review*
- Westminster graduates are accepted into medical school at double the national average (86% vs. 43%)
- Over 3,000 applications – The demand for a Westminster education has never been higher
- 1,432 undergraduate students – Westminster is small by choice and we are proud of the young women and men who share their diverse talents
- Westminster graduates are accepted into medical school at double the national average (86% vs. 43%)

Westminster College
• Incoming freshmen have 3.5 high school grade point average and nearly 1100 SAT (over 80 points above the national average), and most rank in the top 20% of high school class

• 11:1 student-to-faculty ratio – Students receive the personal attention they deserve from dedicated faculty

• The liberal arts prepare you for life – Great teaching combined with intellectual curiosity leads to endless opportunities

• Over 18,000 Westminster alumni provide a Titan network of support worldwide – Westminster for life

• Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning enriches undergraduate education, funds undergraduate and collaborative research opportunities, and serves as a community resource for K-12 education

• The Career Center works with students during their four years on campus – most students complete at least one internship and career seminar

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U.S. News ranked Westminster in the Top Tier of Liberal Arts Colleges and cited Westminster as one of the nation’s best in enhancing the educational achievement of its students. Westminster is tied for fifth among ranked Liberal Arts Colleges and in the top ten of all colleges in graduation rate performance. Westminster College’s 76 percent graduation rate was 14 percent higher than predicted.

“This recognition is a testament to the great work being done on a daily basis by Westminster students, faculty, and staff,” said Westminster College President Dr. Richard Dorman. “We are committed to providing a rigorous learning experience that provides our students with the intellectual, social, and career skills needed to excel upon graduation. Our goal is to have this occur within a traditional four-year program and it is consistently clear we are succeeding.”

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching reclassified higher education institutions in 2006 resulting in a new classification system for U.S. News & World Report. This year 265 colleges were included in the category, and these institutions emphasize undergraduate education and award at least 50 percent of their degrees in the arts and sciences.

Princeton Review: Westminster’s One of the ‘Best’

Westminster College offers students an outstanding undergraduate education and is included as one of “The Best 368 Colleges” in the nation, according to The Princeton Review, the New York-based education services company.

Westminster College is featured in the 2009 edition of The Princeton Review annual college guide, The Best 368 Colleges. Westminster is also honored as one of “Best in the Northeast.” Westminster’s student radio station, WWNW 88.9FM, earned recognition as one of the “Best College Radio Stations.”

Only about 15 percent of the four-year colleges in America and two Canadian colleges are included in the book.

The guide’s editors describe Westminster as a place “where professors are dedicated to helping students on all levels from the classroom and outside of class to calling them up on the weekends at home to discuss coursework.” The editors also cite Westminster’s “well-regarded pre-professional programs,” “stellar admit rate to medical schools,” and increasing selectivity.

Students surveyed by The Princeton Review said, “Westminster is like a family bound together with blue and white pride and a love for the people who are currently attending and those that have moved on. Once you become a part of the Westminster tradition, it lasts for a lifetime!”

“We chose schools for this book primarily for their outstanding academics,” said Robert Franek, Princeton Review’s vice president of publishing. “We evaluated them based on institutional data we collect about the schools, feedback from students attending them, and visits to schools over the years. We also considered the opinions of independent college counselors, along with students and parents we talk to and survey.”
Westminster College is offering $60,000 Legacy Scholarships to qualified children and grandchildren of Westminster alumni.

New students entering Westminster in the fall of 2009 can earn $60,000 Legacy Scholarships ($15,000 per year for four years) as long as they are accepted at Westminster, have at least a 3.0 cumulative high school grade point average, and have a parent or grandparent who earned a degree from Westminster.

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

“Westminster College is blessed to have great alumni who support Westminster in countless ways,” according to Westminster President Dr. Richard Dorman. “We are pleased to offer the $60,000 Legacy Scholarships to thank our loyal alumni and give them an opportunity to share Westminster’s special experiences with their children and grandchildren.”

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

Westminster Offers $60,000 Legacy Scholarships

The demand for a Westminster College education has never been higher.

Applications

More than 3,000 students applied to Westminster last year, double the previous record, and forced Westminster to institute a “waiting list” for the first time in history. Westminster welcomed 458 new students to campus in August. The class of 2012 had a 3.5 high school cumulative grade point average and nearly 1100 on the SAT – about 80 points above the national average. Most were in the top 25 percent of their high school class and bring a variety of leadership experience to Westminster.
New Playground for Preschoolers

The Westminster College Preschool Lab dedicated its new playground facility Sept. 29. Preschool head teacher Diana Reed and preschool teacher Debi Roud developed the project. A grant from the Hoyt Foundation in New Castle and additional support from Westminster funded the ADA-accessible play and climbing structure with slides and a “spinner bowl.”

Preschoolers Nat Bersett and Eleanor Furimsky give the new playground equipment a test-drive while Hoyt Foundation board members Debbie Lynch and Charles Mansell ’68 look on.

Biology Grads Accepted to Genetic Counseling Programs

Three Westminster College 2008 graduates who majored in biology or molecular biology are attending master’s programs in genetic counseling following a competitive application process.

- Hannah Colabrese, who majored in molecular biology and minored in chemistry, is attending the master of science program in genetic counseling at Case Western Reserve University. Her senior capstone project, “UV-Induced DNA Damage and its Molecular Recognition by T4 DNA Polymerase,” was advised by Dr. Patrick McCarthy, professor of biology emeritus.

- Elena Infante, who majored in biology and graduated cum laude, is attending the master of science program in genetic counseling at the University of Pittsburgh. Her senior capstone project, “An Analysis of the Effect of Various Concentrations of 3-hydroxykynurenine on Eye Color Development in cinnabar Mutants of Drosophila melanogaster,” was advised by McCarthy.

- Shelley Perschke, who majored in molecular biology and graduated cum laude, is attending the master of science program in genetic counseling at the University of Pittsburgh. Her senior capstone research project, “The Effect of Phthalates on HoxA13 Gene Expression in Ambystoma Mexicanum,” was selected for presentation at the 2008 National Conference for Undergraduate Research at Salisbury (Md.) University. Her faculty adviser was Dr. Joshua Corrette-Bennett, associate professor of biology.

“Completion of the human genome project (2003) and rapid advances in understanding the molecular basis of human diseases and disorders have increased the importance of genetic counseling in healthcare and medicine,” Corrette-Bennett said.

“Case Western Reserve University received over 40 applications for their genetic counseling program, and Colabrese was one of only four students accepted,” he explained. “The University of Pittsburgh received over 200 applications for their program, and Infante and Perschke were two of the 10 they accepted. Just the fact that all three Westminster students were selected for interviews at eight of the 14 counseling programs to which they collectively applied speaks volumes about the character and undergraduate accomplishments of these three students.”
Biochemistry Major is National Award Finalist

Nicholas Mizenko, a junior biochemistry major, was runner-up for the 2008 M.J. Collins Award for Outstanding Young Innovator in Microwave Chemistry. The presentation was made at the fall national meeting of the American Chemical Society in Philadelphia.

The award recognizes outstanding research by a student in the field of microwave chemistry and is open to undergraduate, graduate, doctoral, and post-doctoral students attending academic institutions in the United States.

Mizenko’s project, “Fluorescence Flow System for Near Real-Time Analysis of Protein Conformational Changes: Effects of Microwave and Conventional Heating,” was advised by Dr. Helen Boylan ’95, associate professor of chemistry.

“I am very proud that undergraduate research being done at Westminster is being recognized at this level,” Boylan said. “Nick has been working very hard on this project and deserves recognition.”

Timm Family Sings at PNC Park

The Timm family sang the national anthem at the Sept. 16 Pittsburgh Pirates game. Vocalists were Sarah ’07, David ’08, Leah ’10, mother Sheri ’80, Hannah, a high school junior and hopefully future Titan, and father Robert.
Trustees induct two new members

Two new members have joined the Westminster College Board of Trustees. Robert W. Buehner Jr. ’75 and Robert C. Jackson ’91 were included in the 10-member Class of 2012.

Buehner has been the Montour County district attorney since 1992. A graduate of Dickinson School of Law, he is a past president of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Association, a member of the Central Susquehanna Community Foundation, president of the Columbia-Montour Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and former member of the Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania Council of Trustees. He and his wife, Alice, live in Danville and are the parents of three children.

Jackson, who earned an M.B.A. from the University of Pittsburgh, is chief executive officer at Grove City Medical Center. The recipient of Westminster’s Outstanding Young Alumni Citation in 2006, he holds fellow status with the American College of Health Care Executives and is a member of the Grove City Rotary Club. He serves on a number of boards: Hospital Council of Western Pennsylvania, Hospital Association of Pennsylvania Political Action Committee, George Junior Republic, Health Center Pharmacy, Slippery Rock University Foundation, Slippery Rock University Institution Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects, and Family Hospice & Palliative Care. He and his wife, Beth, live in Grove City and are the parents of two children.

Westminster Bookshelf

• Dr. Charlene Klassen Endrizzi, professor of education, is the author of *Becoming Teammates: Teachers and Families as Literacy Partners*, published by The National Council of Teachers of English. Research for the book was supported by Westminster’s Watto Faculty Scholarship Award and features the voices of many Westminster graduate students and pre-service teachers, parents, and teachers. Endrizzi’s book explores how families and educators can combine their resources to become essential teammates and partners in children’s literacy development.

• Dr. Bethany Hicok, associate professor of English, is the author of *Degrees of Freedom: American Women Poets and the Women’s College, 1905-1955* that was published by Bucknell University Press. *Degrees of Freedom* traces the influence of the women’s college on the poetic development of American poets Marianne Moore at Bryn Mawr, Elizabeth Bishop at Vassar, and Sylvia Plath at Smith. The book’s cover was designed by Julie Tvaruzek ’08.

• Dr. Eileen Morelli, associate professor of education, has published *Developmental Reading, Achievement and Persistence of African American Community College Students*. The book is based on a study used to compare community college transcripts of African American students who participated in a developmental reading course at a multi-campus, urban community college and those who declined to participate in the developmental reading program.
Titan Sports Hall of Fame

2008 Inductees

Joe “Ron” Frisco ’61, Football
Joe “Ron” Frisco led the Titans to a 46-20 win over Carnegie Tech to give the team its third straight West Penn Conference title. Frisco was named first-team all-conference during his junior and senior years as well as earning Little All-American honors as a senior. During Frisco’s sophomore, junior and senior seasons the Titans compiled a 17-7 record including the three conference titles.

David Gesacion ’00, Swimming
As a sophomore, David Gesacion won the 1998 NAIA National Championship in the 200-yard butterfly. He became the school’s fourth national champion by posting a time of 1:54.89. Gesacion was named team MVP in each of his four seasons and is a 23-time All-American (15 in NAIA and 8 in NCAA Division II). Gesacion earned eight conference titles during his career and broke seven school records. Three of his standards—the 100 and 200 butterfly and 500 freestyle—still stand as school records.

S. Kipley Haas, Coach
For 35 years, S. Kipley Haas served as a professor of physical education and member of the Westminster athletic department, retiring in 2005 after coaching the Titan women’s tennis team for 14 seasons. While compiling a career record of 79-81-1 (.494) as tennis coach, she guided the Titans to five district/conference championships. Haas also spent 22 seasons (1970-92) as the head women’s basketball coach, compiling a career record of 144-194 (.426) and earning NAIA District Coach of the Year honors in 1988-89. After stepping down as head coach, she spent nine more seasons (1992-2001) as an assistant basketball coach.

Bryan “B.J.” Hoenig ’95, Football
Bryan Hoenig, a captain of Westminster’s 1994 NAIA National Championship football team, was a first-team all-conference defensive tackle in 1994 and received an honorable mention for the All-America team. A three-year letterman, he was twice named a preseason All-American by the National Weekly Football Gazette and earned Titan of the Week honors three times. He ranks 18th in team history with 348 total tackles, including 120 stops as a senior. During his career he also posted 22 sacks, 11 pass break-ups, five fumble recoveries and an interception in the 1994 national championship game.

John Hogue ’71, Wrestling
John Hogue never lost a dual match during his wrestling career at Westminster. The team captain and team MVP in 1970 and 1971 compiled a career record of 24-2-1—mostly in the 145-pound weight class—from 1967-1971. As a junior, Hogue advanced to the third round of the NCAA Collegiate Division Championships. As a senior, Hogue advanced to the quarterfinals of the NAIA Championships.

Megan Kruth ’94, Swimming
Megan Kruth earned 17 NAIA All-America honors from 1991-94 as a member of the women’s swim team. As a sophomore, she helped lead the Titans to a Penn-Ohio Conference team championship by winning league titles in the 100 breaststroke and 400 medley relay. Kruth’s times of 1:09.58 and 2:30.11 in the 100 and 200 breaststrokes were school records when she graduated in 1994. Those records held until 2000 and 2001 and currently rank fifth and fourth all-time, respectively.

Bobblehead Joe

Joe Fusco ’60, Titan head football coach from 1972-90, displays a Coach Fusco Bobblehead created in his likeness. Fusco was honored this fall with the construction of the Joseph B. Fusco Plaza adjacent to the Harold Burry Stadium. The plaza and an entranceway, named in memory of Jerry C. Neff ’54, were dedicated Sept. 13 at the Titans’ home opening football game, culminating the school’s $1.7 million renovation project to Harold Burry Stadium that also includes new artificial turf and lighting.

To keep up with all the Titan athletic programs, visit us on the Web at
www.westminster.edu/athletics
Greetings from Wiley Alumni House,

What a wonderful Westminster fall we have enjoyed on campus. We welcomed a record-setting incoming class, enjoyed our 50th annual parade during a beautiful Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, and celebrated Westminster and our 14th President with the inauguration of Richard H. Dorman.

There is a common thread through all of these—the involvement of alumni. Each year alumni encourage prospective students to attend Westminster, either through formal programs like Operation Impact and the Jerb Miller Scholarship, or personal conversations. The success of Homecoming & Reunion Weekend is not possible without the efforts of alumni who plan reunions, encourage fellow alumni to return to campus, host weekend events, organize and participate in the parade, and cheer on the Titans. Alumni returning to campus for the inauguration exemplified Westminster spirit, showing support for President Dorman.

Alumni have a unique opportunity to contribute to and benefit from our Westminster community. I encourage you to invite fellow alumni to join you when you return to campus, log on to WestminsterConnect, or gather with Westminster friends close to home. Our Westminster network is an invaluable support on and off campus.

Westminster is a special place. Thank you for all you do. Next time you are on campus, please stop by Wiley Alumni House—we look forward to seeing you.

Mary Cooley James ’84
Director of Alumni Relations

Distinguished Lecturers

The 2008 Distinguished Alumni Lecturers—those alumni invited to campus during Homecoming to share professional advice and experiences with students—gather with President Dorman, left, and Dr. Jesse Mann, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, right. Pictured are, from left, Kathryn McConnell ’84, a graphic designer and design director; Alan Smith ’77, an executive with Citibank; and Gwendolyn Myron Brunner ’96, a medical physicist.

Call for Nominations

If you know an alumnus who would enjoy the opportunity to support Westminster through service on the Alumni Council or Board of Trustees, or is deserving of a Westminster College Alumni Citation or an Outstanding Young Alumni Award, please nominate them. For consideration by the Alumni Council, please supply the nominee’s full name, class year, address supporting information and his or her accomplishments and send to Westminster College, Office of Alumni Relations, 319 S. Market St., New Wilmington, PA, 16172-0001. Nominations may also be submitted online at connect.westminster.edu.
Melva McCrory Burke '62

spent over 30 years teaching in the Stanly County (N.C.) Schools before moving to Pfeiffer College and East Carolina University. A program for alternative routes to teacher licensing developed at East Carolina became a statewide model. Her articles on teacher preparation have been published in numerous publications and she has been active in several professional organizations. She is an active contributor to her community and church, serving on community boards, assisting with fundraising, singing in choirs, and writing “Cook’s Clippings,” a weekly newspaper column. Since her retirement, she and her husband, Marvin, spend time traveling to visit friends and grandchildren.

Sean Swarner '97

is believed to be the only person worldwide to be diagnosed with both Hodgkin’s disease and Askin’s sarcoma. A decade after the removal of the Askin’s tumor from his right lung and with only partial use of his lungs, Swarner became the first cancer survivor to climb Mt. Everest. He has since climbed the highest peaks in Africa, Europe, South America, Australia, Antarctica, and North America, and recently completed the 2008 Ford Ironman World Championship. His next goal is to trek to each of the world’s poles, which will earn him the designation as the first person to complete what will be known as the “Ultimate Adventure Grand Slam.” He is president and co-founder of the CancerClimber Association, a non-profit organization that motivates cancer patients to inspire each other. He is also chief spokesman for the International Spirit of Life Foundation and author of Keep Climbing: How I Beat Cancer and Reached the Top of the World.

Nancy Aikman Martin '75

is the author of 48 pop fiction novels that range from mystery and suspense to history and romance and have been published in 20 languages around the world. She is the creator of the bestselling Blackbird Sisters Mystery Series, which chronicles the lives of three impoverished Main Line heiresses. How to Murder a Millionaire earned her a nomination for the Agatha Christie Award for Best First Mystery in 2002, won the Romantic Times magazine award for best first mystery, and made her a finalist for the Daphne DuMaurier Award. She is a former president of the Mary Roberts Rinehart chapter of Sisters in Crime, a board member of Sisters in Crime, and a founding member of Pennwriters. This year, she was nominated for the Romantic Times Lifetime Achievement Award for female sleuth series. A former member of Delta Zeta sorority, Martin was a Westminster Distinguished Alumni Lecturer during Homecoming 2005.

Jim Melnick ’75

established Westminster’s cross enrollment ROTC program with Youngstown State University and was commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Reserves. His intelligence career began with his work as a U.S. Army civilian analyst, moving to senior intelligence officer, Soviet/Russian affairs analyst for the Defense Intelligence Agency at The Pentagon. He briefed senior Defense Department leaders during key events of the Cold War, including the fall of the Berlin Wall and the coup against former Soviet Communist leader Mikhail Gorbachev. His last military assignment was as officer-in-charge of a joint reserve unit supporting the office of assistant secretary of defense for networks and information integration at The Pentagon. He was awarded a Presidential Commission medal for his project work with the National Intelligence Commissions preparing for Y2K. Following his retirement as a colonel in the Army Reserves, he shifted from the military to the private sector, focusing on cyber threat intelligence issues and how they impact worldwide computer security. Melnick is director of global threat intelligence with iSIGHT Partners, a global risk mitigation company.

Westminster College Alumni Citations are presented each year during Homecoming & Reunion Weekend, recognizing alumni who achieved significant accomplishments in their profession or made meaningful contributions to the community or Westminster. The Outstanding Young Alumni Award recognizes alumni of 15 years or less who are making significant contributions as they build career and serve their communities or Westminster.
Regional Connections

As assistant director of alumni relations for Westminster College, Cindy Dafler works with regional alumni groups throughout the county to develop and strengthen Westminster Connections.

June 24
Pittsburgh
The Pittsburgh Regional Planning Committee met at Uno Chicago Pizza in Cranberry Township to plan events for this year. Committee members attending were Jim Giel ’74, Barbara Braden Guffey ’70, Leanne Onorato ’98, Phil Petraglia ’83, Becky Rickard ’98, and Melissa Rueffle Spencer ’98.

July 3
New Wilmington
Alumni and guests enjoyed a rainy but fun gathering at a “Welcome to our Backyard” gathering at Wiley Alumni House before the annual Westminster Independence Day Celebration.

July 11
Erie
Members of the Erie Regional Alumni Committee hosted a casual, family evening at Presque Isle Downs. Members of the Erie Regional Alumni Committee who helped organize the event were Cathy Sargent Mester ’69, Christine McCammon Palattella ’90, Jennifer Nygaard Pontzer ’90 and John Pontzer ’97 and Cari Mester Russell ’97.

July 13
Ben Avon
Peter ’76 and Susan Suomi Herchenroether ’77 hosted one of two Pittsburgh area Westminster Welcome Open Houses and opened their home to more than 20 new students and their parents. In attendance were Dr. Linda Domanski, education associate professor; alumnae Leanne Onorato ’98 and Melissa Wiley ’00; and current students Kayla Zoller ’11, Mandie Zoller ’09, Ashley Carnahan ’09 and Ryan Kirk ’09.

July 23
New Wilmington
Sixty alumni and guests enjoyed an early morning breakfast at Wiley Alumni House. Dr. Richard H. Dorman, 14th President, was on hand to greet the group and give a College update. This has become an annual event for alumni attending the New Wilmington Mission Conference.

August 3
Butler
More than 20 new students and their parents from Butler, Lawrence, and Mercer counties gathered at a Westminster Welcome Open House at the home of alumni hosts Glenn ’68 and Linda Stephenson Thompson ’70. Besides the Thompsons welcoming the students, other Westminster attendees included Dr. Linda Domanski, education associate professor; and Melissa Rueffle Spencer ’98, Alumni Council president.

August 3
Mt. Lebanon
Another Pittsburgh area Westminster Welcome Open House was held at the home of Tom ’82 and Marcia English Pratt ’85. Thirty students and their parents attended as well as Dr. David Twinning, history professor; and current students Ryan Kirk ’09 and Kayla Zoller ’11.

August 14
Pittsburgh
Fifty Pittsburgh-area alumni and guests gathered in PNC Park to watch a Pirates baseball game followed by Skyblast 2008, a fireworks and a laser show. Thanks to our Pittsburgh Regional Alumni Committee for helping to plan this great alumni outing.

September 10
New Wilmington
A Presidential Welcome Reception was held for alumni in Lawrence and Mercer counties. Alumni met with Dr. Richard H. Dorman, Westminster’s 14th President, and his wife, Beverly, in the McKelvey Campus Center. Alumni hosts for the evening were Marie Nicholas Peterson ’51 and Barbara Jamieson Brown ’67. Chris Granger ’11 provided piano music for the reception.

September 25
Erie
The Erie Club was the site for Erie-area alumni and guests to gather and meet 14th President Dr. Richard H. Dorman and his wife, Beverly. The event was hosted by trustee Tom Tupitza ’79 and the Erie Regional Alumni Committee. Also attending were students Brad Adams ’10 and Jeremiah Patterson 10.

It’s been a busy summer for Regional Connections. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to meet with regional alumni volunteers throughout the country. Westminster regional alumni events are successful because of your participation. Contact your Westminster friends and classmates and come to an event! Also, 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.

Cindy Dafler ’03 has been a member of the Westminster College Staff since 1991. As assistant director of alumni relations, Cindy is responsible for coordinating and implementing all events and activities associated with advancement programs – including regional alumni events.

For information about an upcoming regional event or if you are interested in hosting an event in your area, contact Cindy at 724-946-7373 or daflercs@westminster.edu.
1. Tom Tupitza ’79, left, and DuWayne Bell ’79 at Presque Isle Downs gathering.

2. Susan Suomi Herchenroether ’77, left, with students Mandie Zoeller ’09, Kayla Zoller ’11, new student Casey Schmidt, Peter Herchenroether ’76, and new student Robert Wehrle at the Herchenroether home in Ben Avon.

3. Leanne Onorato ’98, Ashley Carnahan ’09, Ryan Kirk ’09, Mandie Zoller ’09, Kayla Zoller ’11 and Melissa Wiley ’00 at the Herchenroether event.

4. From left, Peggy Mewcomb Musser ’45, Sondra Mohr Smith ’66, Harry Smith ’66, Paul Musser ’45, Gloria Cagigas, President Dorman and Dorothy Pollock ’46 at the New Wilmington Mission Breakfast.

5. Open house hosts Marcia English Pratt ’85 and Tom Pratt ’82, far right, with their student guests in Mt. Lebanon.

6. Open house hosts Linda Stephenson Thompson ’70, left, and Glenn Thompson ’68, right, with new students and parents in Meridian.

7. New students and parents at the Meridian open house.

8. From left Ray Cebula ’66, Jane Cebula ’97, Sandra Cebula and Emily Wall ’07 at Pirates games.

Upcoming alumni events

- January 7-14, 2009: Westminster College Concert Choir Tour. President and Mrs. Dorman will attend several choir concerts and pre-concert dinners.
  - Wednesday, January 7 – Quaker Memorial Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, Va., concert
  - Thursday, January 8 – First Presbyterian Church, Jacksonville, Fla., pre-concert dinner and performance
  - Friday, January 9 – First Presbyterian Church, Vero Beach, Fla., concert and reception following performance
  - Sunday, January 11 – First Presbyterian Church, St. Petersburg, Fla., choir will perform at two worship services at 8 and 11 a.m. and afternoon concert
  - Monday, January 12 – First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland, Fla., pre-concert dinner and performance
  - Tuesday, January 13 – Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church, Tampa, Fla., pre-concert dinner and performance
  - Wednesday, January 14 – Church of the Palms, Sarasota, Fla., pre-concert dinner and performance
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Save the Date!
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Return to Westminster...Reconnect with Friends
1964
Daniel Graham has retired after 41 years’ service as a Presbyterian minister. His wife, Judith Peterson Graham, has retired from public school teaching. They have relocated to Maplewood, Minn.

1965
Albert Smith retired as professor of higher education administration at Baylor University. Hank and his wife, Linda, reside in Waco, Texas.

1968
Jeffrey Wiley, a member of Westminster’s Board of Trustees, was re-elected managing director and chief operating officer of Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote, PC, Pittsburgh’s fifth-largest law firm. He resides in Allison Park with his wife, Sharon.

1969
Robert Crall retired from the U.S. Navy after 24 years as a chaplain. His wife, Marsha Kennedy Crall ’74, is a teacher at Lake Bluff Middle School. The couple lives in Gurnee, Ill.

1970
Robert Miller moved to Maplewood, Minn.

1975
Dr. Linda Morrow is the medical director for Profil Institute for Clinical Research, a private research institute investigating new compounds for the treatment of diabetes and obesity. She and her husband, Dr. Robert Schott, reside in San Diego and Sacramento.

1976
Michael O’Neil was promoted to vice president of New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Company. He lives in Lawrenceville, N.J., with his wife, Sandy Campbell O’Neil.

1977
Lake Stollings is a teacher at Academia Cotopaxi, a middle school in Quito, Ecuador.

1978
Randy Conti of Pittsburgh is a major department store executive salesman with Rocket Dog Footwear.

1979
The Rev. John Polacok earned his master of divinity degree from Waterloo Lutheran Seminary at Wilfrid Laurier University. He is a pastor at St. Matthews Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hanover, Ontario.

1980
Jeff Slack of Pittsburgh is a historic preservation specialist at Pfaffmann + Associates, Architects, and an adjunct professor in the University of Pittsburgh’s History of Art and Architecture Department.

1981
Mark Finkelpearl released Swept Away, a film documentary on Austin, Texas, music legend, Jon Dee Graham, that received critical praise.

1982
Julia Sampson was selected as a member of the inaugural class of “20 under 40,” a program to recognize outstanding young leaders in Stark County, Ohio.

1983
Deanna Elfird is founder and CEO of H2O magazine, an international women’s fitness and wellness publication. She lives in Atlanta, Ga., with her daughter.

1984
Joseph Sarnowski earned his law degree from Thomas Jefferson School of Law and is an attorney with Gazdzinski & Associates, who specialize in intellectual property law. He lives in Temecula, Calif., with his wife, Shawna, and their two children.

1985
Stephen VanSuch was promoted to vice president of Merrill Lynch’s Canfield, Ohio, office. Steve and his wife, Diana, and two children live in Canfield.

1986
Clarke Baker is an account executive with AccessSecurity, a complete security system integrator serving the Washington, D.C., area. Clarke lives in Ashburn, Va.

1987
Dan Brooks earned his master’s in library science from North Carolina Central University. He lives in Raleigh, N.C., where he works for Wake County Public Libraries.
1995
The Rev. Dr. Edward Grimenstein is a U.S. Army chaplain with the 25th Signal Battalion stationed in Qatar and Afghanistan.

Kevin Mahoney is the elementary principal of student affairs at Laurel Elementary School. He and his wife, Kathleen, and son live in New Castle. (See also New Additions.)

1996
Mandalore Hamilton completed her master’s in special education at Kent State University. She works with emotionally disturbed students in the Cleveland Heights-University Heights City School District in Cleveland.

Janice Houser Yates is employed with the law firm of Kayescher LLC in New York City. (See also New Additions.)

1997
Keri Bartok Baugh and her husband, Christopher Baugh ’96, have moved to Paris where Christopher is president and founder of Northern Sky Research, a satellite consulting firm.

1999
Erin Murray earned her Ph.D. in epidemiology from Emory University and is a research scientist with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

Andria Jones was board certified in internal medicine and is serving a cardiology fellowship at Lankenau Hospital in Wynnewood.

Steven Jordan is a senior benefits systems coordinator with United States Steel. He and his wife, Tina, and son live in Pittsburgh. (See also New Additions.)

2000
Lisa Bordy Wilson is an assisted living trainer for Big Horn Enterprises Inc., who provides assisted living for the disabled. She and her husband, Dillon, make their home in Powell, Wyo.

Anna Leroy VanTheemsche earned a master of education in curriculum and instruction from George Mason University. She is the instructional technology liaison for Sealston Elementary School. She and her husband, Tim, and son, reside in King George, Va. (See also New Additions.)

2001
Inga Laurent is manager of student affairs for Cleveland-Marshall College of Law.

Braden Linn is a graduate student at the University of Utah and is the prevention coordinator, Campus Wellness Connection in student affairs.

2002
Brian Wilson is a park ranger with the National Park Service in Mammoth Cave, Ky. He and his wife, Chrystal, live in Bowling Green, Ky.

2003
Robert Campbell graduated from Ross University School of Medicine and is serving an internship in internal medicine at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Michael DaVia is pursuing a master of education degree at Duquesne University and is an instructional assistant in the Avonworth School District in Pittsburgh.

Amanda Kengersky of Pittsburgh was promoted to assistant director, marketing communications, at Carnegie Mellon University.

Barry Marks of Reynolds ville graduated from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine and is serving a residency in anesthesia at The Western Pennsylvania Hospital in Pittsburgh.

Diana Moore earned a master’s in forensic psychology at The Center for Forensic Studies at Alliant International University in Fresno, Calif. She is pursuing her Ph.D. in clinical psychology at the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant.

2004
Tiffany Gardiner completed her master’s in literacy education from The State University of New York at Cortland.

Matthew Steve earned an MBA from the University of Pittsburgh and is an associate investment banker with Curtis Financial Group in Philadelphia.

Kate Sweeney of Gainesville, Fla., completed her MFA in poetry at the University of Florida.

2005
Jennie Bechel was promoted to claims representative with the Social Security Administration. She and her daughter reside in Niles, Ohio.

Richard Marmua earned a master of entertainment technology degree from Carnegie Mellon University’s Entertainment Technology Center and is a game designer with Schell Games in Pittsburgh.

2006
Matthew Fodor of Willoughby, Ohio, earned a master of music in piano performance from the Cleveland Institute of Music and is director of music at St. Felicitas Church.

Kaylan Lehotsky was promoted from Web assistant to Internet director for the White House.

Jason Mackey has relocated to Vienna, Va., and is a sportswriter for the Fairfax County Times.

Heather Storm hosts the night show on 95.9 KISS FM radio in Appleton, Wis.

2007
Rachel Hammond Marion is a private and group piano teacher for Colorado Music Studios and is studying to become a certified Kindermusik teacher. She and her husband, Cory, live in Colorado Springs.

Megan Pardick is a teacher in the Harford County Public Schools. She and her husband, Caleb, reside in Bel Air, Md.

2008
Amy McCutcheon teaches seventh- and eighth-grade math and science at La Academia Partnership Charter School in Lancaster.
1954
Phyllis George Pitzer and Thomas A. Crawford Jr., on April 24, 2008, in Hilton Head Island, S.C., where the couple resides.

1996
Beth Ann Grebenz and Michael Stefano Jr., July 5, 2008, at St. Vitus Church. Alumni in the wedding party were bridesmaids Natalie Schmolly, Gretchen Clark ’97, Janie Cebula ’97, Alissa Duchek, Jenny Cameron ’81, and reader Luca Passarelli. The reception took place at the Alpine Room at SNPJ in North Beaver Township. Beth Ann holds a master’s degree in school administration and a K-12 principal certification. She is a third-grade teacher in Hermitage. The couple lives in New Castle.

1999
Shelley Anne Foltz and Mark Alexander Dill, June 28, 2008, at Westminster College’s Wallace Memorial Chapel. A member of the wedding party was maid of honor Deann Davis ’98. The reception was held at Westminster College’s McKelvey Center. Shelley Anne is a crime scene technician. The couple resides in Pensacola, Fla.

Clinton P. Kassi and Amanda J. Steese, March 29, 2008, at Center Presbyterian Church in Grove City. Participating in the wedding party was groomsman Scott Herrle. Clinton holds a doctorate of pharmacy from Duquesne University. He is pharmacist and manager of Grove City Medicine Shoppe. The couple resides in Grove City.

2002
Kevin William Webb and Carlee Anne Caiazza, May 25, 2008, at Harbison Chapel at Grove City College. Alumni participating in the wedding were bridesmaids Jaime Davis and Jennifer Motzer ’98, who also served as the vocalist. Groomsmen were Dave Lutz, Adam Vollstadt ’00, and Brian Kocian ’03. The reception was held at the Scottish Rite Cathedral in New Castle. The couple resides in New Castle.

Corry Yeuroukis and Jarod Hanson, March 29, 2008, at Sneads Ferry Presbyterian Church, Sneads Ferry, N.C. Kylene Adams was a bridesmaid. Other alumni in attendance were Chrystie Mehalik Aurilio and Necole Corvin Tibolla. The couple lives in Jacksonville, N.C.

Lauren Gacesa and David Klacic, Oct. 27, 2007, at Zion United Methodist Church. Matron of honor was Erica Nye Monper. Sarah Bowers was a bridesmaid. Lauren is a long-term substitute teacher in the New Brighton Area School District. The couple lives in Baden.

Courtney Lynn Lytle and Gerald Thomas Guido ’05, June 7, 2008, at Wallace Memorial Chapel at Westminster College. Bridesmaids were Melanie Shuluga Gaebel ’02, Megan Clark Young ’03, Jacqueline Lyons Demianczyk and Lauren Zeller. Ushers were Kurt Gaebel ’99, and Robbie Lytle ’97. Readers were Amy Hurst ’00 and Justin Young ’03. The reception was at the Alpine Room of SNPJ in North Beaver Township. Courtney is a quality assurance associate in claims at Liberty Mutual. Gerald is an educator at New Castle High School. The couple lives in New Castle.

2003
Leigh Ann Pascarella and Christopher Newman, May 17, 2008, at St. Joseph the Worker Church, New Castle. Matron of honor was Nicole Lanigan ’01. Bridesmaids were Marissa Fenwick, Autumn Ondash, and Kylie Budai. Shane Lanigan ’00 was an usher. The reception was at the Villa. Leigh Ann is an office assistant. The couple lives in Chambersburg.

Sarah Boyle and Thomas Beaudoin Jr., June 21, 2008, at Bethany United Methodist Church in Gloucester Point, Va. Participating in the wedding was maid of honor Lisa Dyer. Sarah is a third-grade teacher in Williamsburg, Va. The couple resides in Gloucester, Va., with daughter Cailey.

2004
Shelley is a crime scene technician. The couple resides in Pensacola, Fla.

2005
Traci Campbell and Dennis Swogger Jr., Oct. 6, 2007, at Trinity Presbyterian Church in Mercer. Christina Bochy ’06 was a bridesmaid. The couple lives in Mercer.

Lindsay Minteer and Raymond Rader Jr., April 26, 2008. The couple resides in Ephrata.

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2006
Heather Kydd and Conrad Filipil, May 16, 2008. She is a radio talk show host in Las Vegas. The couple resides in Henderson, Nev.

2007
Rachael Hammond and Cory Marion, July 5, 2008, at Assumption Church in Bellevue. Alumni in the wedding party were Kylie Gallagher, Megan McConnel ’06, and Brett Bundy ’08. The couple resides in Colorado Springs, Colo.

1982
Richard P. Kennedy II and his wife, Robin: a son, Richard III, on June 2, 2008. He joins Carlyle, 6, at home in Raleigh, N.C.

1985

1990
Kelly Maloney Lynch and her husband, Gary: a son, Michael David, on Jan. 15, 2007. Kelly teaches elementary education students at the University of Oklahoma. The family resides in Norman, Okla.

1992
Elizabeth Murphy Keenan and her husband, Drew Keenan: a daughter, Anne Sperry, on Jan. 24, 2008. She joins Logan, 9, Reed, 7, and Parker, 5, at home in Louisville, Ky.

1994
Shelly Rastetter LeMoult and her husband, Brendan: a daughter, Rachel Catherine, on June 7, 2007. She joins Rebecca, 3, at home in Larchmont, N.Y.

1995

1996

1997
John Ashoff and his wife, Kelly: a daughter, Caroline Grace, on June 30, 2008. The family lives in Norfolk, Va.

1998
Jill Brooks Treglia and her husband, Joseph: a son, Dante Joseph, on May 1, 2008. He joins Angelina Gisa, 3, at home in Gibsonia.

2006
Sherri Slafka and Alex Miller, Sept. 15, 2007, at East Liberty Presbyterian Church. A reception was held at LeMont on Mount Washington in Pittsburgh. Alumni in the wedding party were Kristin Kohley Allen and Dan Ockree. Sherri is the sales and marketing coordinator for Steelcoast Creative. The couple resides in Pittsburgh.

2007
Caryn Mehali Pizon and her husband, Anthony Pizon ’97: a daughter, Elizabeth Clare, on May 9, 2007. She joins Benjamin, 4, at home in Franklin Park.

1985
Kevin Mahoney and his wife, Kathleen: a son, Kevin Patrick Jr., on July 24, 2007. The family lives in New Castle. Kevin is principal of student affairs at Laurel Elementary. (See also Class Notes.)

1996
Duncan Salada and his wife, Nancy: a son, Linus Victory, on Aug. 29, 2007. He joins Amelie, 4, and Violet, 2, at home in Bowie, Md.

1997
Cara Zalfini Salvini and her husband, John Salvini ’95: a son, Nico John, on April 29, 2008. He joins Gabrianna, 3, at home in Mars.

1998
Dan Dubaniewicz and his wife, Elizabeth: a daughter, Sophie Elizabeth, on July 9, 2007. The family lives in Alexandria, Va.

NEW ADDITIONS

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Candace Garrett Stern and her husband, Joseph: a daughter, Zoey Victoria, on Oct. 9, 2007. The family resides in Greenville.

Beth Harry Interthal and her husband, David Interthal ’95: a daughter, Molly Dale, on March 26, 2008. She joins Lucy, 4, at home in Glenshaw.


Jamie Machosky Foley and her husband, Justin: a daughter, Julia Lauren, on Aug. 1, 2007. The family resides in Delaware, Ohio.


1999
Jessica Faflik Reese, a daughter, Mae Christine, on Jan. 25, 2008. The family lives in Huron, Ohio.

Jennifer Passarelli DeVanna and her husband, Justin DeVanna ’98: a son, Gabriel Charles, on July 7, 2008, in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

2000
Steven Jordan and his wife, Tina: a son, Isaac Merle, on April 28, 2008. The family lives in Pittsburgh. (See also Class Notes.)

2001
Elizabeth Hayes King and her husband, Brandon: a son, Grayson Robert, on Feb. 25, 2008. He joins Emma, 3, at home in Havelock, N.C.

Summerlea Hobbs Klinar and her husband, Henry Klinar: a son, Henry Marc, on May 22, 2008. He was welcomed by Amelia Annabelle, 3, at home in Canonsburg.

Anna Leroy VanTheemsche and her husband, Tim: a son, Kurgan Conroy, on Aug. 23, 2008. The family lives in King George, Va. (See also Class Notes.)
Andrew Soltes and his wife, Joy: a son, Brady Andrew, on April 23, 2008. He joins Sandi, 4, and Kiran, 2, at home in Bethel Park.

2002

Holly Daugherty Gleason and her husband, Jacob Gleason: a son, Elijah James, on March 19, 2008. The family resides in Lima, Ohio.

Amy Freer Tanner and her husband, Donald: a son, Aiden Russell, on June 9, 2008. The family resides in Enon Valley.

2003

Daniel Klipa and his wife, Lindsay: a son, Andrew Peter, on March 27, 2008. He joins Daniel, 2, at home in Plum Borough.

2004

Nicole Quahlio Joseph and her husband, Justin Joseph ’04: a daughter, Giana Rose, on March 24, 2008. The family resides in New Castle.

Pam Englert Amos and her husband, Mike: a daughter, Corinne Rose, on April 30, 2008. The family lives in Canonsburg.

Bethany Palka Hunkele and her husband, David: a daughter, Lilly Tricia, on Jan. 31, 2008. The family lives in Fox Chapel.

Jeanna Kovacs Pournaras and her husband, Matthew Pournaras: a daughter, Kinsley Marie, on March 14, 2008. The family lives in Cranberry Township.
IN MEMORY

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

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

1932
Elizabeth A. Masur Michaels of Turtle Creek and Murrysville, April 7, 2008. She earned a master’s degree from University of Pittsburgh in 1935, and taught school for many years in Forest Hills until her retirement in 1972. She and her college roommate, Mabel Kocher, took a number of trips around the world. Together they traveled to China, Australia, Soviet Union and many countries in Europe. She is survived by two children; three grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

1933

1937
Evelyn Lucille Means Carson of New Wilmington, Aug. 8, 2008. She taught kindergarten and first grade for the Wilmington Area School District from 1956 until her retirement in 1977. She was a member of the New Wilmington Presbyterian Church. Surviving are one son; two daughters; one brother; a granddaughter; and several stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren. Memorial contributions can be made to the William G. and Evelyn M. Carson Scholarship Fund at Westminster.

1939
J. Robert Brown of Forest Mere Circle, Butler, April 13, 2008. An engineer, he spent many years with Spang and Company, serving as president from 1968 to 1976. He was active with many business and civic organizations. He was a member of Calvary Presbyterian Church, where he had been a ruling elder, trustee, and Sunday school teacher. His wife, Jane Davis Brown ’42, died April 5, 2008 (see separate notice). He is survived by two daughters, including Judy Brown Barkley ’72 of Butler; a son-in-law, Jack Barkley ’68; four grandchildren, including Jay Barkley ’99; and several great-grandchildren.

1940
Margaret Maureen Smith Van Gorder of New Castle, June 20, 2008. She worked with Pittsburgh Limestone, taught classes at New Castle Business College, and worked with J.E. Van Gorder Agency Inc., and did tax preparation services. She was involved with many civic groups and was a member of the Second United Presbyterian Church. She is survived by two sons, including the Rev. Charles F. Van Gorder ’78; a daughter-in-law, Elaine Myers Van Gorder ’68; and two grandchildren.

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Digital Photos: To submit a digital photo, attach it to an e-mail message addressed to alumni@westminster.edu. Please note that we require high-resolution files (a minimum of 300 pixels per inch or 300 dpi). Photos that have a lower resolution are usually not acceptable. Digital photos should be saved in JPEG or TIFF format.

DEADLINES:
Class Notes printed in this issue were received prior to Sept. 12, 2008. Because Westminster Magazine is published only three times a year, significant lead time is required. Class Notes received prior to Jan. 16, 2009, will appear in the next issue.

Margaret Jane Sands Sutton of Savannah, Ga., June 18, 2008. She worked as a fashion artist for Kaufmann’s Department Store and enjoyed oil painting throughout her lifetime. She was a charter member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Upper St. Clair, where she was a deacon and Sunday school teacher. She is survived by one daughter, Diane Sutton Tracy ’64; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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1941

1942
M. Jane Davis Brown of Forest Mere Circle, Butler, April 5, 2008. She was a member of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in America and Calvary Presbyterian Church, where she had been the church librarian. She was active with many civic organizations. Her husband, J. Robert Brown '39, died a week after her death (see separate notice). She is survived by two daughters, including Judy Brown Barkley ’72 of Butler; a son-in-law, Jack Barkley ’68; four grandchildren, including Jay Barkley ’99; and several great-grandchildren.

Virginia E. Zepp Lash of Westport Harbor, Mass., and Naples, Fla., April 6, 2008. After graduating from Westminster, she joined the Women’s Army Corps, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. Assigned to the Army’s public relations effort in Boston, she wrote and directed radio programs and sought out celebrities, actresses and actors. An accomplished writer, she published a book of poetry, Portraits, and many publications have featured her short stories and articles. She is survived by her husband, Harold; two daughters; a son; a sister, Beatrice Zepp Kingsbury ’44 and her husband, Keith Kingsbury ’44; and several grandchildren.

1943
Ruth Anita Ball Richmond of Christiana, July 12, 2008. She taught business education at Conneautville High School and Conneaut Valley High School for 32 years before retiring in 1982. She was very active with her church, Valley United Methodist Church. She is survived by her husband, Adelbert; a son; a son-in-law; one sister; and four grandchildren.

1946
Mary Emma Gray Keiser of Clemson, S.C., May 11, 2008. She is survived by a daughter; a son; and two grandchildren.

1948

Matthew Norris of Cranberry Township, April 8, 2008.

1949
Charles A. Bartoe of Ft. Myers, Fla., formerly of Monongahela, April 11, 2008. A veteran of World War II, he was a survivor of the D-Day Invasion at Omaha Beach. He earned several medals, including the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He spent his career in banking, retiring from Mellon Bank in 1986. He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Regule Bartoe ’52; two sons; and three grandchildren.

Clifford L. Jones of Mechanicsburg, May 7, 2008. A former chairman of the state Republican Party, Jones served six governors as secretary of commerce, labor and industry and environmental resources, and also chaired the Public Utility Commission. He received numerous awards and recognitions, including four honorary doctoral degrees from Westminster College, Thiel College, Moravian College, and Susquehanna University. An active conservationist, he served on many boards such as the Nature Conservancy of Pennsylvania, the Wild Resources Conservation Fund, the Pennsylvania Environmental Council, the Pennsylvania Wildlife Federation, and the Pennsylvania Audubon Society and the Pennsylvania Parks and Forests Foundation—an organization he helped to create. An avid bird watcher, he traveled to 55 countries and all seven continents in search of birds. His life list of birds for North America totals over 700 and his world list includes over 3,800 species. He is survived by his wife, Carole; one daughter; two sons; one stepson; and several grandchildren.

1950
Alfred R. Apicelli of West Palm Beach, Fla., formerly of New Castle, April 2, 2008. A veteran of World War II, he was a Navy corpsman and was a combat medic during the battle of Okinawa and during the occupation of China. He was a product engineer with Medusa Cement Co. for 43 years. He is survived by his wife, Helen; a daughter; two grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Jewel Jennings Osborne of Lakeland, Fla., May 16, 2008. She was a school teacher for 30 years. She is survived by her husband, Jim; one son; one brother; and two grandchildren.

1955

1957
Edward V. DeVine of Jamestown, N.Y., June 23, 2008. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He taught history for 35 years, retiring in 1988 from Lincoln Junior High School. He is survived by his wife, Sally; two sons; a sister; and two grandchildren.

1958
Joan Mae Timmons Blake of Jacksonville, N.C., June 18, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Phillip R. Blake ’56; one son; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.
1967
Ralph J. Karn Jr. (M) of Bethel Park, April 4, 2008. He taught English and speech and was the forensic coach in Bethel Park School District and the Keystone Oaks School District prior to his retirement in 2004. He is survived by his wife, Carole Jean Abernathy Karn ’63; two children; one sister; one brother; and five grandchildren.

1997

2004
Isaac H. Ludwig of Hartford, Tenn., Aug. 26, 2008, while whitewater kayaking on the West Prong of the Little Pigeon River in Tennessee. An experienced kayaker, he was employed by Rafting in the Smokies as marketing manager, where he was able to combine his degree in public relations with his passion for whitewater kayaking. Isaac lived for a while in Wyoming and Costa Rica and traveled in South America last January. He is survived by his parents and a brother.

Friends
Lawson Pendleton, who taught in the Department of History, Political Science and Sociology at Westminster from 1966 to 1970, of Bryn Athyn, Sept. 9, 2008, after suffering a stroke. Prior to coming to Westminster, he taught at the Academy of the New Church Secondary School and at Bryn Athyn College of the New Church. He later taught at Stanford University. In 1973-1978, he served as president of the Philadelphia College of Textiles and Science, now Philadelphia University. He also spent three years as president of Urbana College in Urbana, Ohio. He later worked as an expert in foreign relations, ending his career by working as an analyst for the FBI and the U.S. Department of State in Washington. Survivors include his wife, Marcia Henderson Pendleton ’72; two sons; a daughter; six grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Irene Sample, professor of music emerita, of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Sept. 16, 2008. She was a member of the Westminster faculty from 1971 to 1990. She earned her bachelor’s degree from Tabor College; a master of religious education degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary; a master of sacred music degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; and an Ed.D. from Columbia University. In 1994 she moved to south Florida. She was an active member of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Tequesta, Fla. She was involved in the Art League in Hobe Sound. Survivors include two sisters-in-law and several nieces and nephews.

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