This issue of Westminster Magazine focuses on the generosity of our alumni and friends who have graciously provided for the welfare of the College over the past academic year through their personal philanthropy. The support we have witnessed has been heartwarming, with overall donations to Westminster during 2010-11 exceeding even the previous year despite the continued challenging economy. This is a testament to the abiding affection people have for this institution, and the firm knowledge that their financial commitment is being well-steward to help current and future students achieve the all-important goal of receiving a college degree.

Examples of the impact made upon Westminster through generous gifts abound, but let me cite a few. Another transformational gift from two dear friends of Westminster permitted our completion of Phase II of Berlin Village over the summer, concluding a project that provides needed housing in the form of townhome apartments for advanced standing students. A generous bequest by one alumnus was gifted to our endowment to provide additional and substantial funding for our faculty to keep current in their academic disciplines so that our students continue to be taught by experts on the cutting edge of their fields. Many significant gifts from scores of people have combined to improve Patterson Hall, our largest classroom facility, which is now being fully renovated. Worn, tired, and outdated, the building will soon reflect the high standard we demand of the education we deliver. And to accommodate the largest graduating classes we have seen in over 50 years, a generous couple, both graduates, have provided for the expansion and improvement of the beloved Senior Terrace instilling even greater pride in the school as our graduating students receive their diplomas.

Your investment is paying off. As noted in a previous issue of this magazine, we were named by Forbes.com as “the #1 college in America for women seeking careers in the S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, and math) disciplines.” Each year 250 colleges and universities recognized as the best in science education are invited by the highly prestigious Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) to apply for a coveted HHMI grant. It is only by invitation, and this year Westminster was included among that rarified group. Washington Monthly named Westminster 14th nationally in social mobility for its students, recognizing our outstanding graduate and placement rates for those students receiving Federal Pell Grant assistance. Our outstanding outcomes and high graduation and placement rates, coupled with generous financial aid programs, continue to make us an excellent value for those seeking a high quality private, liberal arts education.

On behalf of the entire campus community, and especially our students who directly benefit from your outstanding generosity, I say “Thank You!” Benjamin Franklin once said, “An investment in education pays the best dividends.” The deposits you make in the future of our students through your gifts are helping to insure a brighter future for America.

Dr. Richard H. Dorman
President
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Seniors Katelyn Conn, Alex Scull, and Katie Moga participated in GIVE Day, thanking donors for their contributions to Westminster.
Every academic year comes a point when students’ contributions to their tuition stop covering the cost of their education and donor gifts pay for the balance. The Moment arrived this year on Feb. 14 and Westminster celebrated by holding GIVE Day, a festive day honoring and thanking alumni donors for their continued financial support to Westminster College. Students wrote thank you notes to donors, filmed thank you videos, and learned more about how private contributions impact their educations.
Alumnus gives Woods lecture


Adams addressed the possibility this generation may be the first in history to have other than an “Earth-centric” view of life. He discussed discoveries including the Mars Science Laboratory Launch, Dawn Findings, GRAIL mission, and Kepler 22b and what they mean to us on Earth.

Adams has been with NASA for nearly 25 years and has 10 years of private industry experience working on aerospace projects and missions ranging from Earth and space science to communication satellites.

The Woods Memorial Lecture honors Dr. Robert M. Woods, professor of physics at Westminster College from 1947-1972. It is made possible by a gift from the Woods family that has been supplemented over the years by gifts from friends and alumni.
Drinko Center adopts new name

Westminster College's Drinko Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning is now the Drinko Center for Experiential Learning.

“The new name reflects more accurately the Drinko Center’s focus—providing education through the experiences of research, collaboration with other students and faculty, community service and outreach programs, and presentation opportunities,” said Dr. Patrick Krantz, associate professor of education and Drinko Center director, adding that the change preserves the connection to the Drinko family, whose 2004 gift made the center possible.

The Drinko Center was established through a gift from John and Elizabeth “Libby” Gibson Drinko ’44 to enrich undergraduate education at Westminster through advancing world-class teaching as well as by participating in collaborations that address community and regional needs including strengthening K-12 education.

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The Drinko Center: • Provides funding for students to conduct research and to present their research at regional and national conferences. From the inception of the grant program to the current year, research grants have increased from 14 to 31 and travel/presentation grants have increased from 26 to 125, with additional requests pending in both areas. • Supports student participation at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research and the annual Westminster Undergraduate Research and Arts Celebration (more than 300 students will present on April 25) • Oversees sponsorship for a number of community outreach programs • Maintains the Civic Engagement Council, Service-Learning Faculty Fellows (32 service-learning courses during 2010-2011), and the Undergraduate Research Advisory Council • Tracks student volunteer projects and community service hours
Students produce music video

Westminster juniors Joe Ligo and Andrea Tice wrote, directed, and produced a promotional music video for JD Eicher & the Goodnights, an acoustic rock band that includes three Westminster alumni.

The four-and-a-half minute video was to promote the release of the band’s latest single, “Easy” from their album Shifting. The band includes Westminster alumni J.D. Eicher ’09, Ryan Kirk ’09 and Dan Prokop ’07.

The video includes stop-motion animation, using more than 900 digital still photos that were taken during an eight-hour photo shoot. The shots were edited to about 90 seconds of animation in the final product, said Bradley Weaver, broadcast and digital communications lecturer.

“The final result was a very polished product but it required a big commitment. The biggest thing I learned is that you can’t get by with creativity alone,” said Ligo. “Hard, precise work is needed to come up with a professional video.”

“We had a lot of fun with this music video,” Eicher said. “Our music tends to be more on the serious side. ‘Easy’ is one of our more light-hearted songs and the video shows a more whimsical side of the band.”

Eicher said collaborating with Westminster students and faculty is part of a continuing relationship that he, Kirk and Prokop have as alumni.

“To be able to get together with current students and do something like this is really awesome,” he said.

The video can be viewed on YouTube or Facebook.

Mid-Strut Premiere

Several Westminster students and alumni attended a production of Mid-Strut, a play written by Eric Burns ’67, a novelist, television host, commentator, writer and producer. The show, performed by The REP, Point Park University’s professional theatre company, ran from Feb. 3-19 at the Pittsburgh Playhouse and marked Burns’ first effort as a playwright.

Here, Burns (front center) is flanked by Westminster friends, front row from left, Hetz Marsh ’64, Barbara Philips Marsh ’67, and students, back from left, Kathleen Waronek, Emily Hilliard, Christian Heasley, Margaret Hess, Ben Reed, Danielle Newport, Courtney Jackson, Morgan McNeal, Carol Sulla, and alumnus Keith Herchenroether ’66.
Delegates at this year’s Mock Convention put the myth of student radicalism to death, choosing establishment favorite Mitt Romney as their Republican presidential nominee over his more colorful rivals.

The former Massachusetts governor earned the nomination on the third ballot at the 19th Mock Convention held Nov. 9-10, with Michele Bachmann earning a spot on the ticket as vice president.

While students generally tend to reject the front-runners and support the outsiders, that wasn’t the case this year. In fact, anti-establishment sweetheart Ron Paul was practically a footnote at this year’s convention.

“You really never know what’s going to happen,” said Dr. James Rhoads, professor of political science and five-time faculty adviser to the convention. The nominee is always one of the “great surprises” of the Mock Convention, the third oldest in the nation.

Rhoads pointed out, however, that Westminster’s chosen nominee rarely represents the outcome at the actual National Convention (see sidebar).

Romney, represented by senior political science and economics major Tyler Dever of Salt Lake City, Utah, secured the nomination on the third ballot, launching him to the top spot.

Bachmann, a three-term Congresswoman from Minnesota, was represented by senior political science major Katelyn Moga of Ashtabula, Ohio. Although she secured the vice presidential slot, Bachmann’s high rankings among Westminster students didn’t keep her in the actual race. Bachmann bowed out in January after a disappointing sixth-place finish in the Iowa caucuses.
Texas Gov. Rick Perry, a one-time front runner in the national race, was represented by senior political science major Alex Scull of DuBois, while Ron Paul was represented by senior political science major Anthony Tammaro of Ellwood City.

Former U.S. Senate candidate Christine O’Donnell delivered the Mock Convention’s keynote speech.

In platform issues, the student delegates defeated a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment to define marriage as between one man and one woman.

Delegates approved resolutions calling for a continued U.S. presence in Afghanistan with no time constraints; debt reduction by privatizing some government services and eliminating others; and job creation through elimination of payroll tax on businesses and relaxation of environmental restrictions on industry.

A quadrennial event since its inception on the Westminster campus in 1936—with the exception of 1944, when it was not held due to World War II—the convention is held for the party not currently in the White House. This year's event included more than 800 Westminster students plus faculty and staff participants.

Rhoads admits that the format of Westminster’s rally doesn’t really represent today’s National Conventions, when the nominees are decided months before by state-by-state primary fights and the confab becomes more a national commercial for the standard bearer and the party. The Mock Convention reflects the national meetings of yesteryear, when candidates and policy planks were decided by delegates and anything could happen.

And while it doesn’t clearly mirror the national structure, at least the Mock Convention gets students interested and thinking about national politics.

“It’s a great academic event,” said Rhoads. “Our alumni have strong ties to the Mock Convention and we hope it’s a tradition that carries on for years to come.”

CONVENTION NOMINEE HISTORY

- 1936: Herbert Hoover
- 1940: Progressive Republican Party was formed at the convention, left the Hall and convened outside Old 77, nominating Arthur Vandenburg for the Presidential candidate. This left the convention without a quorum and eliminated any hopes of amending the two-thirds majority vote for the nomination. After 17 ballots, Robert Taft led Thomas Dewey, 168-126
- 1944: NO CONVENTION DUE TO WAR EFFORT
- 1948: Harold E. Stassen
- 1952: Dwight Eisenhower*
- 1956: Dwight Eisenhower*
- 1960: Adlai Stevenson
- 1964: Henry Cabot Lodge
- 1968: Richard Nixon*
- 1972: George McGovern*
- 1976: Jimmy Carter*
- 1980: Gerald Ford
- 1984: Gary Hart
- 1988: Michael Dukakis*
- 1992: Paul Tsongas
- 1996: Lamar Alexander
- 2000: John McCain
- 2004: Wesley Clark
- 2007: John Edwards
- 2011: Mitt Romney

* Indicates candidates nominated at the National Convention that year.
As a rule, college students generally aren’t known to have deep pockets. You’re more likely to see an undergrad scraping together loose change to buy a package or two of Ramen noodles to keep body and soul together than you are to see one writing a check to the college’s annual fund.

So why would anyone think that “student” and “philanthropy” are two words that should be joined together? Because doing so may be the way for private institutions like Westminster to fill a critical future funding need.

Westminster is among a number of colleges and universities that are introducing students to the role philanthropy plays in their educations while they’re still on campus in the hope that the lesson sticks when they leave school. The idea is that students who learn how much someone else’s generosity advanced their own education will adopt philanthropic ideals after they’ve left the ivy-covered halls—and remember their alma maters.
The catalyst for the movement is a bit more distressing for those who value the worth of a higher education: a decrease in the number of alumni who support colleges and universities.

Westminster College Vice President for Institutional Advancement Gloria C. Cagigas said the national rate of alumni participation slipped to a record low of 9.6 percent in 2010-11. Westminster College’s rate is far above that but the trend is being felt by Mother Fair.

Ten years ago, Westminster received support from 37 percent of its alumni base. At the end of the 2010-11 fiscal year, the College received support from only 26 percent of alumni.

To address the problem of lagging support, higher education institutions that depend greatly on private gifts are turning to their central mission: educating the next generation of leaders.

“Institutions throughout the country have recognized young alumni giving as an area of great importance and have initiated student philanthropy programs as a way to educate students prior to graduation,” said Cagigas.

Understanding the Need

For a student philanthropy program to grow, students must first understand the need and the role that philanthropic support plays in a Westminster education, said Kelli McKee, director of The Westminster Fund.

Most students don’t realize the actual cost of a college education, said Kenneth J. Romig ’85, vice president for finance and management services, pointing out that what students pay comes nowhere near covering the full cost.

“This is an important reality for our students,” Romig said. At Westminster, what a student pays to attend covers about 70 percent of the actual cost. The rest is funded by endowment revenue and contributions from generous alumni to The Westminster Fund, the college’s annual giving program.

“It’s important for our students to understand that Westminster College is a non-profit organization that depends on private support,” he said.

As a member of Westminster’s phonathon team, Kalaway Koss has spent two semesters learning first-hand the importance of alumni support.

What have you learned about the importance of philanthropy through your phonathon job? I really love talking with the alumni. Before I started working for the phonathon, I had no idea how active the alumni were in my career as a student even if it is indirectly. I think phonathon and alumni participation are vital in order for Westminster to continue to flourish. This type of work has absolutely instilled me with a pride in my school.

What will giving to The Westminster Fund accomplish? Without The Westminster Fund, I wouldn’t be here. Everyone at Westminster comes with a story. As students, we—and our families—need help investing in our education. Alumni are completely responsible for the survival of Westminster College. Without them, students wouldn’t be able to afford their educations on their own and I feel the number of enrolled students would drop dramatically.

Because you’ve worked as a phonathon caller, how likely are you to become a donor after you graduate? I know after I graduate I will be giving back. I know how important it is having worked behind the scenes. I would also like to bless someone else the way that I have been blessed. And I know every little bit counts!

Kalaway, who spent last semester abroad in England, is a member of the women’s soccer team and the art club. She plans on pursuing her master’s after graduation.
The Westminster Fund—which supports scholarships, academic departments, library resources, and athletic programs—is only as good as the gifts received. Last fiscal year, The Westminster Fund received $1.2 million—$470,000 went to annual scholarships. In addition nearly $830,000 benefited endowed scholarships and programs. With 98 percent of Westminster students receiving scholarship assistance, every contribution helps.

“Loyal alumni support each and every year is critical in order for Westminster to continue to offer scholarships and maintain extraordinary programming, faculty, and facilities,” McKee said. A higher alumni participation giving rate also helps secure additional grant funding.

**Building Friendships and Awareness**

Any successful fundraising program is based on good relationships and personal engagement. By cultivating relationships with future donors early and gently educating them about the importance of private support, colleges can help soften that initial ask—and help strengthen institutions’ overall giving programs.

“It’s important to get an early start by developing relationships with future alumni when they’re students—and keep them engaged and involved after graduation,” said Mary Cooley James ’84, director of alumni relations. “Building lifelong relationships will benefit Westminster in perpetuity.”

“We want to create a culture, a community of pride, loyalty and philanthropy among Westminster students,” said McKee. “And we need to help students realize that because of their educational experiences, they become part of something greater than themselves.”

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**BREAKING IT DOWN**

**Just exactly where do tuition dollars go?**

- **Instruction** – 18.4%
  The costs needed to operate all the academic departments

- **Academic Support** – 8.2%
  The costs needed to operate libraries, computers and other academic functions

- **Student Services** – 10.5%
  Student affairs, career center, admissions, athletics and registrar costs

- **Management & General** – 11.9%
  The costs associated with executive management, fiscal operations, human resources, institutional advancement and public relations

- **Auxiliary Services** – 19.2%
  The costs associated with dining services, residence halls, bookstore, camps and conferences

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When it comes to spreading the message of the importance of philanthropy to Westminster’s future donors, there can be strength in numbers. Getting as many people as possible involved is key to creating lifelong donors.

“Our goal is to engage the entire campus community in educating and encouraging students to develop attitudes of philanthropic awareness,” said McKee.

Westminster’s Student Philanthropy Program focused on education this year, and faculty, administrators, trustees and alumni were on board to help drive home the message.

“Although the Student Philanthropy Program is a goal for the Office of Institutional Advancement, the success of the program can only be achieved through the cooperation by every area of the College,” McKee said.

This year, Dr. Jesse T. Mann, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, encouraged faculty members to discuss with students the role alumni financial support plays in the education process, and freshmen heard Trustee Peter Andino’77 share his perspectives on giving back. And playing off the Pay It Forward movement, sophomores were invited to a Play It Forward event to film thank-you videos for Westminster donors.

GIVE Day was, perhaps, Westminster’s biggest event in promoting philanthropic awareness. Held on Feb. 14, GIVE Day—also known on some college campuses as Tuition Freedom Day—represents the day of the academic year when tuition dollars end and charitable giving kicks in.

Westminster Trustees and Alumni Council members returned to campus for the daylong celebration, mingling with students amidst a sea of posters, red GIVE Day T-shirts, flyers, and red balloons, while the sophomores’ “Play it Forward” thank-you videos were showcased. Students stopped by to write personalized notes to donors, thanking them for their continued support of Westminster. All told, more than 600 notes were written.
“Without your financial help, I would not have been able to build the long-lasting friendships, have such great college memories, or receive such a valuable education,” wrote senior biology major Kazimiera Zippert of University Heights, Ohio.

“Due to the generosity of people like you, students like me continue to succeed,” wrote Nicholas Dalessio, a senior political science major from Smicksburg.

“GIVE Day was an incredible success,” said McKee. “We had great student turnout and it was a really fun way for us to educate the students about the important role philanthropy plays here at Westminster. We hope the students had fun and are able to appreciate even more the value of a Westminster education—not to mention the generosity of the alumni who help make Westminster a reality for so many.”

Beyond educating students about giving back, seniors are also encouraged to make their first official contribution to Westminster as part of the senior class gift campaign and join the tradition of alumni giving. Students who make senior gifts are more likely to give as young alumni, according to the Council for Advancement of Support of Education.

The program, more than two decades old, is headed by a committee of 13 seniors. All seniors are challenged to contribute any amount to the campaign. Student donors can elect that their dollars go to the committee’s choice—the Drinko Center for Experiential Learning is this year’s selection—or they can designate their gifts to benefit other areas, such as scholarship opportunities or specific departments or programs.

The success of the program will not be measured overnight. In fact, the College won’t have a true understanding of its success until after the current students have officially graduated to alumni status.

“We won’t be able to tell if our efforts were successful for a few years down the road.” said Cagigas.

But, hopefully, she pointed out, students are building strong ties with Westminster. The stronger the bond to Westminster as students, the more likely alumni will invest in their alma mater later on.

“It is the Westminster way.”

(Hildebrand is editor of Westminster Magazine.)
The crisp chill of autumn didn’t keep alumni, students, and friends away from campus during Westminster’s Homecoming Weekend, Oct. 14-16, 2011.

The weekend offered many opportunities for alumni to reconnect with old classmates and friends, whether it was attending the Distinguished Alumni Celebration on Friday, hanging out on the Quad in the Decade Tents or getting reunion pictures taken Saturday morning, or enjoying one of the reunion dinners in the evening.

The annual Homecoming Parade down Market Street kept children of all ages entertained with its Broadway musical theme. Members of the Class of 1961 judged the parade, awarding Phi Mu (Legally Blonde) first, Alpha Gamma Delta (Seussical) second, Sigma Kappa (Wizard of Oz) third, and Phi Kappa Tau (Spamalot) fourth. Following the parade and luncheons, crowds gathered to cheer on the Titan football team as they beat the Waynesburg Yellow Jackets 22-20.
David L. Lloyd ’48 & Jean Basher Lloyd ’49
Alumni citation

For more than 50 years, Westminster alumni David Lloyd and Jean Basher Lloyd have proudly served as leaders in their Butler community. After graduating from Westminster in 1948 with a degree in business administration and economics, David became a sales representative for the National Cash Register Company. His entrepreneurial spirit took hold, however, and in 1951 he and a partner went into business together to form an office supply company, Lloyd-Johnson, Co., which they operated for more than 30 years. After selling the company in 1984, David entered the real estate business. Over the years, his partnerships – K&L Real Estate, KLTF Real Estate and D-J Realty – have owned and operated apartment buildings, the Moraine Commons, and other properties in the Butler area. Jean, who earned a degree in history in 1949, taught history for many years before joining the faculty at the Butler County Community College in 1966. From there she became the executive director for the Butler Services on Aging while helping her husband build his company. Both David and Jean have been active members in various civic organizations.

John H. Petre III ’72
Alumni citation

After earning an undergraduate degree in physics in 1972, Dr. John H. Petre went on to earn a master’s and a Ph.D. in engineering from Cleveland State University. He worked his way to the top of the Cleveland Clinic Foundation as senior clinical engineer, helping to create the field known today as biomedical engineering. His research has been published in several medical journals and he jointly holds at least 10 U.S. patents. He became the first non-physician on Cleveland Clinic’s medical staff, serving as director of clinical spaces and equipment integration, a position created specifically for him. He supervised the assembly and equipment needs for the clinic’s new Miller Family Pavilion, home of the number one cardiovascular center in the United States. During his spare time, John enjoys coaching local high school baseball players. He has returned to Westminster’s campus to serve as a Distinguished Alumni Lecturer. Recently retired, Petre and his wife, Susan Beecher Petre ’72, are the parents of three and live in Cleveland.
Christopher A. Martin ’89
Alumni Citation

Not only has Christopher Martin proven to be a successful leader in the banking industry, his attention to civic duties is making him a role model in his community as well. After earning his undergraduate degree in economics in 1989, Chris continued his education at the BAI Graduate School of Executive Bank Management at Emory University, where he later became an associate director, and the PBA Commercial Lending School at Bucknell University. His career led him from Northwest Consumer Finance to Citizens National Bank, advancing from business development officer to vice president of premier services to senior vice president in charge of sales. At the age of 38, he became regional president for Northwest Savings Bank and was responsible for 27 branches and nearly $1 billion in assets in the Pittsburgh region. He serves on the boards of the Butler County Family YMCA and Bridgeway Capital’s 504 Loan Program. He is an advocate for his local community parks and coaches youth soccer, football, baseball, softball and basketball. He also participates in events for the American Diabetes Association. He and his wife, Holly Bresnahan Martin ’90, and their two children live in Cranberry Township.

John G. Russell ’97 & Cari Mester Russell ’97
Young Alumni Award

John and Cari Mester Russell, both 1997 graduates, are teachers in the Harbor Creek School District of Erie. Cari, who earned a master’s degree from the University of Michigan, teaches high school biology, while John has taught second and third grades. Each has recognized as an outstanding educator. John received the “Golden Apple Award,” an award given to an educator who exemplifies the highest standards of the teaching profession, while Cari was designated as the “most influential teacher” by the school’s valedictorian. Together they have partnered with the parish school to form an “Odyssey of the Mind” team, an international education program that promotes creative thinking skills to solve problems in regional competition. Outside of the classroom, they have served as coaches for soccer, baseball, and basketball. They assist with school events and are involved in church ministries. Active Westminster alumni, they have coordinated their class reunion and are supporters of the local alumni chapter in Erie.
Good times

Four Westminster friends met over the summer at the Finger Lakes to remember good times and renew their friendships. Pictured are Carolyn Blake Reed ’63, Barbara Seeley Amsdell ’62, Virginia May ’62, and Carole Slaugenhaupt Koch ’61.

Our apologies

In the last issue of Westminster Magazine, a full obituary for Chester “Chet” Claire ’49 neglected to include surviving son Eric Claire ’74 and his wife, Karin Oberg Claire ’74. We apologize for the oversight.

1958

Gerald Schofield is a volunteer with Experience Corps and offers reading skills tutoring to second- and third-graders. He resides in Novato, Calif.

1962

James Donaldson was inducted into the inaugural class of the Phi Kappa Tau National Fraternity Hall of Fame in recognition of his commitment to high achievement, lifelong learning, and leadership in banking wealth management and trust. He resides in Fairfield, Conn.

James Speer and his wife, Bev, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in July. Jim is a psychotherapist in private practice. The couple lives in Fredericksburg, Texas.

1964

Bob George and his wife, Nancy Malli George ’65 are enjoying retirement in Massillon, Ohio. They will celebrate their 45th wedding anniversary this spring.
Dear Fellow Alumni,

As graduates of Westminster, you join me as a member of the Westminster Alumni Association. We form a network of 16,000+ alumni across the country and around the world. The Westminster Alumni Council serves as the guiding body for the association—providing direction for alumni events and activities and working to serve as a communications conduit between alumni and Westminster. To ensure Council is meeting current needs of the College and alumni as well as remaining relevant in a time of changing communications and social trends, Council has conducted a strategic and operational review. We have nearly completed a plan that will engage alumni and students and build connections supporting all members of the Westminster community. Here is a sneak peak at some of the simple ways Alumni Council will be challenging all alumni to be fully engaged.

- Submit current address and employer information
- Stay informed about Westminster
- Support Westminster financially
- Volunteer for Westminster
- Encourage students to attend Westminster
- Network with fellow alumni
- Share employment and internship leads with the Career Center
- Attend Westminster events

The Alumni Council Operational Plan also includes engaging more alumni in growing the Westminster Network, connecting with current students, supporting the Westminster Fund, learning about current campus life and simply enjoying time with fellow alumni.

Alumni have been working together to support the College since the Alumni Association was officially organized in June 1884. I encourage you to join me in this long tradition of supporting alma mater and fellow alumni.

Sincerely,

Jonathan P. Bigley '84
President
Westminster Alumni Council

1967
Lynne Berthold Thornhill is an area representative for Voice of the Martyrs, a non-profit, interdenominational organization aiding Christians around the world who are being persecuted for their faith in Christ. She resides in New Castle.

M. Joanne Mostertz Moore retired in July after 20 years as lower division director at Berkeley Preparatory School in Tampa, Fla. She is currently serving a one-year post as interim lower school principal at Sidwell Friends School in Washington, D.C.

1965
In July, Bill Doulos participated in the 7th annual J.P. Blecksmith Memorial 5K, an event held in memory of a Marine killed in Iraq. Doulos resides in Pasadena, Calif.

Class of 1951
60th Reunion
Dr. Kenneth Phillips retired as professor of music education from Gordon College. He continues as professor emeritus at The University of Iowa where he spent most of his academic careers. An award-winning researcher and teacher, Phillips authored four books and more than 100 chapters, reviews, and articles in professional journals. He made presentations on child and adolescent vocal pedagogy throughout the U.S., and in Australia, Canada, China and New Zealand. He and his wife, Donna, live in Neshannock Township.

1968
Jennifer Miller Williams and her husband, Robert Williams ’67, relocated to Wellington, Colo. Jennifer is retired and joined the Colorado Women of Song, while Bob teaches part-time at a local community college.

1969
Milann Ruff Daugherty has transcribed and edited Your Affectionate Son – Letters from a Civil War Soldier, a collection of never-before published letters penned by her great-great uncle. The book provides a first-hand account of the Civil War as told by a soldier and Daugherty’s ancestor, James Cleaver. Daugherty, who discovered a box containing the letters in an old dresser drawer, spent three years transcribing the letters and undertook research to elaborate on much of what Cleaver described. Daugherty resides in Silver Lake, Ohio.

Dr. Leighton Stamps retired after serving 33 years as a professor of psychology at the University of New Orleans and four years at Belmont Abbey in Belmont N.C. He and his wife, Nancy, relocated to Belmont.

1972
Dr. Jeffrey Barlow was awarded the Theodore and Franklin D. Roosevelt Prize in Naval History for his 2009 book *From Hot War to Cold: The U.S. Navy and National Security Affairs, 1945-1955*. The prize is awarded annually by The New York Council of the Navy League of the United States, the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute, and the Theodore Roosevelt Association and is given for the best book on American naval history published in the previous calendar year.

1973
Ruth Elsinger King was named the 2011 National Duathlon Age Group Champion in Tucson, Ariz., the 2011 National Triathlon Age Group Champion in Burlington, Vt., and the 2011 National Senior Games Champion (first female overall-triathlon) in Houston, Texas. She has qualified to compete internationally and has competed in the World Duathlon in Italy, Scotland, Spain, and the U.S. She is an environmental educator in Montgomery County. Her husband, Dr. Ward King, is the owner of Brookwood Dental Associates in Lansdale and also is a competitive triathlete. They live in Ambler.

Tom Shafer, a millwork specialist who works for Lowe’s, writes a weekly column about windows and doors for QuinStreet Publications and for their website doorandwindow.com. He and his wife, Bonnie Boyd Shafer, live in Chapel Hill, N.C.

Class of 1956 55th reunion
1975  
Martha Tripp Garing, a senior adviser for the Excelsior College School of Business and Technology, received the 2011 National Academic Advising Association’s (NACADA) Outstanding Advising Award. She resides in Schenectady, N.Y.

1976  
Debra Casale Burrows earned a Ph.D. in educational leadership from The Pennsylvania State University in May. Her research and dissertation focused on teacher use of data to guide instructional practice. She resides in Mill Hill.

Bonnie Malcolm Chizmadia and her husband, Tom, relocated to Coppell, Texas.

1977  
Mike Spory transferred to the District 25 Probation and Parole Office in Leesburg, Va., in August, after working nearly 30 years at the District 11 office in Winchester, Va. He was Chief Probation Officer for more than 14 years in Winchester and began similar duties in Leesburg. He was recently appointed by the director of the Virginia Department of Corrections to the Evidence Based Practices Implementation Advisory Committee. He went backpacking during summer 2011 at Philmont Scout Reservation in New Mexico and served as a crew adviser.

1978  
Lisa Farrell Woodis was named director of finance at ESPN/ABC Sports. She also received a Sports Emmy Award for working with the production team on “College GameDay.” She has been working with ESPN for 16 years. She and her husband, Mark, reside in Avon, Conn., with their daughters.

Dr. Scott McLuckey was awarded the Frank H. Field and Joe L. Franklin Award for Outstanding Achievement in Mass Spectrometry. He will present the award address before the American Chemical Society Division of Analytical Chemistry during the fall national meeting in Philadelphia. Scott is the John A. Leighty Distinguished Professor of Chemistry at Purdue University.

1980  
The Rev. Jeffrey Long earned a doctor of ministry degree from Eden Theological Seminary in St. Louis. He is the senior pastor at Centenary United Methodist Church in Cape Girardeau, Mo. He and his wife, Lois Ford Long, have two children.

1983  
Jeannette Chambers was recently inducted into the Florida Atlantic University’s chapter 128 of the National Honor Society Phi Kappa Phi. She is currently pursuing a master’s in business-healthcare administration.

1985  
Rebecca Voorhees Stephenson is district sales manager for Payroll Network, a leading independently-owned payroll management company. She resides in Oakton, Va.

1979  
Jennifer Celand and her husband, Robert Stundtnner, co-authored Sage Hall: Experiments in Coeducation and Preservation at Cornell University. The book tells the story of Sage Hall, built as a women’s residence in 1874, which made coeducation at Cornell possible. Jenny and her husband reside in Ithaca, N.Y.

1988  
Beth Grinager Kaniuff is an operations coordinator for NEP Broadcasting Inc. in Pittsburgh. She and her husband, John, reside in Mars with their two children, Ryan and Emma.

Bernard Jim earned the 2011 Carl F. Wittke Award for Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching from Case Western Reserve University, where he is a SAGES fellow. He resides in South Euclid, Ohio.

Class of 1961  
50th reunion  
1990
Craig Schweiger is the executive director of Light of Life Rescue Mission, a faith-based non-profit serving Pittsburgh’s poor and homeless. He and his family reside in Wexford.

1991
Louis Berry Jr., Westminster Hall of Fame member, was named head football coach for USO, a combined team of students from University Preparatory School, Science and Technology Academy, and Obama Academy. His team had nine shutouts in 12 games during the fall season. The USO Eagles won the City League Championship and advanced to the state playoffs. Lou resides in Pittsburgh.

1993
Jason Lener was named executive senior associate athletics director at University of Illinois in November. He and his wife, Jodi Boston Lener ’92, have three children.

1995
The Rev. Matt Meinke earned a doctor of ministry degree in congregational development and leadership from Drew University in Madison, N.J. His dissertation was on pastors and musicians in dialogue, utilizing the Psalms as a metaphor for togetherness in a postmodern church context. He is a pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Jonathan Potts earned a master’s in organizational studies with a concentration in leadership from Robert Morris University, where he is the senior director of public relations. He was recently appointed to the board of directors of the Press Club of Western Pennsylvania and was elected the board’s secretary. He lives in Pittsburgh with his wife, Maggi, and children, Lucy and Ian.

Jody Wimer, CEO of JPC Event Group/GARNISH Event Design, received the Achievement in Catering Excellence Award: East Coast Caterer of the Year 2011 and was named to the New York Times’s Daily Meal List of “50 People You Should Know When Planning a Party.” She currently serves on the International Caterers Association board of directors and on the CaterSource Magazine advisory board. Wimer is also the national culinary blogger on the Martha Stewart/Omnimedia/Wedding Wire blog “Wedding Aces.” She resides in New Castle with her husband, Richard, and two daughters, Caitlyn and Makenzie.

1996
Matthew Esch is a licensed marriage and family therapist and is in private practice with Relationship Resolutions LLC. He resides in Pittsburgh with his wife, Angela, and children, Zachary and Kathryn.

Brian Hardy was selected as one of Pittsburgh’s 50 Finest for 2011, which recognizes the city’s 50 most accomplished and eligible men and women based on their activity in the community and success in their careers. Hardy is a partner at Medwig & Company.

Westminster Cooks!
President Rick Dorman and Westminster Trustee Carolyn Jones ’58 get cooking at “Westminster Cooks” on Nov. 4 at McCormick & Schmick’s Seafood Restaurant Southside. The event, for Pittsburgh-area alumni and guests, allowed President Dorman to share his favorite recipes with a cooking demonstration as well as his recipe for enhancing the educational experience for Westminster students. The 26 guests also joined in the evening cooking.

Classes of 1965-1967
45th Cluster Reunion
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With Westminster alumni living across the world and the Internet connecting them, it is easier than ever to stay in touch, network with fellow alumni, and get the latest Westminster news. Westminster can be found on the following social networking sites, so log on and stay connected!

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www.westminster.edu/facebook

www.westminster.edu/linkedin

www.twitter.com/westminsterpa

www.vimeo.com/westminster

Class of 1961 50th reunion


December 4 New Wilmington

More than 175 alumni, Westminster students and their families enjoyed a wonderful dinner before the annual Christmas Vespers Service in the John S. Witherspoon Room of McKeelvey Campus Center. Thank you to Rich McKenna ’84, vice president of Alumni Council, and Barbara Braden Guffey ’70, Westminster Board of Trustees member, for sharing the evening with us. The theme of the annual Christmas Vesper service was “Full of Grace and Truth” and was held in Orr Auditorium following dinner.

Regional Connections is compiled by Cindy Dafler ’03, assistant director of alumni relations. For more information about an upcoming regional event or to host an event in your area, please contact Cindy at (724) 946-7373 or daflercs@westminster.edu.
Jennifer Lucas Bridge is the vice president of operations for the U.S. office of K2 Corporate Moving Systems. She resides in Scott Township with her husband, Mark, and son, Harrison.

1997
Carrie Briggs Heinsey earned a master of social work degree from Temple University and is also a licensed social worker. She and her husband, Mitch, have two daughters, Emilie and Ava, and reside in Lancaster.

1999
Dr. Renee Bassaly was the University of Southern Florida’s (USF) first fellow to graduate from its Female Pelvic Medicine and Reconstructive Surgery Program (FPMRS), and was named the first certified FPMRS specialist trained in Florida. She earned her doctor of osteopathic medicine degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She joined the faculty of USF’s College of Medicine in August. She resides in Tampa, Fla.

Burt Lauten Jr. was named communications coordinator for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He has been with the Steelers since 2005.

2001
Nathan Crozier is director of admission at the University of Richmond. He holds a master’s in higher education from The George Washington University and is a doctoral candidate in higher education at Loyola University in Illinois.

Dr. Juliann Mangino (M) wrote her first book, ABCs for Mommy! Part of the Young Parenting Series. Mangino earned her Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh in 2008. She resides in New Castle with her husband, Matt Mangino ’85, and two children.

Elizabeth Spring McNally earned a Ph.D. in education from The Ohio State University. She continues to teach for Columbus City Schools and The Ohio State University. She resides in Dublin, Ohio.

2002
Sarah Lohr McMullen was named director of advancement programs for Winchester Thurston School, an independent school for students Pre-K through grade 12 in Pittsburgh. She also is pursuing an MBA in nonprofit management. She and her husband, Kyle, reside in Pittsburgh with their daughter, Tabitha.

Anna Tielsch-Goddard won the 2011 National Consumer Writing Award given by the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners. She is also one of the contributing authors for Plugged in Parents, a website forum for parents and caregivers.

Jessica Torick is a school-based therapist for Wesley Spectrum Services, working in the middle and high schools of Northgate School District in Bellevue.

2003
Nicholas D’Antonio is an air traffic controller at the Huntington Tri-State Airport in Huntington, W. Va. He holds a degree in aviation sciences from the Community College of Beaver County.

Dr. Diana Moore was recognized as employee of the month for December 2011 at Coalinga State Hospital in Coalinga, Calif.

R. Chris Wilson earned a Ph.D. in physics from the University of Maryland Baltimore County on Dec. 21, 2011. He resides in Altadena, Calif.

2004
Craig Carlin is pursuing a dual MBA/MA in journalism and mass communication at Point Park University.

Pittsburgh planners

Members of the Pittsburgh Regional Planning Committee met in Mars on Dec. 1 to plan events for summer and fall 2012. Pictured from left are committee members Jim Giel ’74, Molly Harbst ’98, Andrew Anthony ’11, Phil Petraia ’83, Jan Twaddle ’74, Barbara Braden Guffey ’70, Melissa Rea Goda ’99 and Melissa Ruefle Spencer ’98.

Classes of 1980-1982
30th Cluster Reunion

Front row from left: Carol Young Hartman ’82, Ed Conti ’82, Evon Lloyd McNuckin ’81, Gary Miles ’81, Peggy Bruns Walsh ’80, Jane Loomis Smith ’80, Marcia Yakub Aurand ’82, Erin Dowling Middleton ’82, Sue Holmes Duda ’81. Second row from left: Bill McWraith ’80, Janice Jeletic ’80, Lori Osborn Steenson ’80, Jennifer Cameron Ames ’81, Lynn Lowry Foltz ’80, Jody Dickson Flecken ’81, Gina Williams Loebell ’80, Cherrie Ackley Scatena ’82, Maria Martonik Worst ’82. Third row from left: Jim Miller ’81, Nancy Low Long ’82, Jeff Long ’81, Jeff Cornell ’82, Jeff Flecken ’80, Jeff Murray ’81, David Loebell ’81, Bill Burig ’80, Betsy Smith ’81, and Jesse Ligo ’82.
Lee Scott recently was named director of staff services for Coalition for Christian Outreach, a campus ministry that partners with churches, colleges, and organizations. Scott earned a master’s degree in public policy and management from Carnegie Mellon University in May and a master of divinity degree from the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary in June.

2006
Laurel Swope earned her master’s in education and instruction from Shippensburg University. She is the middle/high school environmental education coordinator at the Harris Center for Conservation Education in Hancock, N.H. She resides in Petersham, Mass.

2007
Tarah Park Ackerman graduated magna cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in May 2011. She earned membership to the Order of the Coif and was awarded the ABA Labor and Employment Law Award at graduation. She began a two-year appointment as a law clerk for the Honorable Judge Frederick Stamp in the northern district of West Virginia in August. (See also Weddings.)

Nicole Panza earned her master’s in applied mathematics from North Carolina State University, where she is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in the same field.

Brooke Wentz is a second- and third-grade reading specialist with the Butler Area School District. She resides in Pittsburgh.

2008
Ashley Carnahan earned a master of business administration degree in marketing and strategy from the Tepper School of Business at Carnegie Mellon University. She works for Giant Eagle’s corporate office and resides in Pittsburgh.

Ashley Cesaratto is a middle school chorus and orchestra teacher at Trinity Middle School in Washington.

Veronica Geretz earned a master’s in peace studies from the Joan B. Kroc School of Peace Studies at the University of San Diego. (See also New Additions.)

Watch for upcoming events in the following areas:

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- Saturday, June 16: Columbus area-alumni event.
- June 23-24: New York City/Northern New Jersey alumni event.
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- Saturday, Aug. 11: Pittsburgh Pirates baseball game with Skyblast 2012.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2012 Alumni EVENTS

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Class of 1986
25th Reunion

WEDDINGS

1973

1983
- Nanci Steele and Michael Massey, June 11, 2011, in Boca Raton, Fla., at the Marriott Resort. Nanci and Michael reconnected through the Westminster College Facebook page. Nanci is a second grade teacher for the Palm Beach County School System and Michael manages a restaurant. The couple honeymooned in Key West, Fla., and currently lives in Boca Raton.

1996

2001
Jennifer Bennett and Michael Farabaugh, May 7, 2011. Alyssa Snyder, Annette Homison, and Doreen Hoover ’00 served as bridesmaids. The couple lives in Hollidaysburg.

Dr. Jacob Smith and Stephanie Deacon, Jan. 8, 2011. Jacob is currently doing a combined orthopedic/neurosurgery spine fellowship at Florida Spine Institute in Clearwater, Fla.

2002
Cara Nolfi and Don Picciano Jr., Sept. 18, 2010, at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church in Lowellville, Ohio. Krista Nolfi Beard ’04 M’07 was matron of honor. Cara is a school psychologist for the Mahoning County Educational Service Center. The couple lives in Boardman, Ohio.


2004
- Diana Rodenhauser and Chris Huff, June 25, 2011, at Valley Presbyterian Church in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Diana is a substitute music teacher and works at FedEx. The couple resides in Streetsboro, Ohio.

2005
- Nicole Patterson and Rob Wilbert, April 30, 2011, at Chartiers Hill United Presbyterian Church in Canonsburg. The couple lives in Ashland, Ohio.

Classes of 2000-2002
10th Cluster Reunion

Front row from left: Kaitlin Ehrhardt Remensky ’02, Leslie Sheridan Konerth ’02, Jennifer Williamson Hileman ’02, Sheri Evans Francis ’02, Nicole Ryan ’02, Amanda Kopp Ruiz ’02, Julie Tommyn Nelson ’02, Jessica Terick ’02. Second row from left: Melissa Wiley ’00, Doreen Hoover ’00, Christina Andre ’00, Jessica Prevost Simcox ’01, Avis Devine ’01, Sara Blackenberg Webeck ’02, William Weniger ’02, Steve Klebcha ’02, Inga Laurent ’02, Janis Sylves ’02. Third row from left: Loni Mounts Reinhart ’01, Chrissy Zahniser ’01, Kimberly Geisler McIntyre ’01, Rachel Helgeson ’01, Judie Marsch Compber ’02, Alyssa Snyder ’01. Fourth row from left: Mary Tola-Lucchino ’00, Hillary Shuttleworth Brown ’04, JoAnn Lewis ’02, Tammy Geiwitz Rynd ’02, Sara Surgenor Arblaster ’02, Jeremy Timko ’01, D.J. Zaccar ’02. Last row from left: Mike Taylor ’02, Sarah Stankorb ’02, Kristen Nejak Bodner ’00, Mary Haug Aey ’02, Anne Piddington ’00, Natalie Yingling ’00, John Hauser ’01, Jason Hays ’01, and Tim Shelenberger ’01.
2009
► Melanie Mathews and David Mills, July 17, 2010, at the First Presbyterian Church in Cumberland, Md. David is the son of Stephen ’81 and Janet Pride Mills ’82 and the grandson of Spencer ’50 and Kathleen Tidd Pride ’52. Sara Lucente McConkey, Shauna Oles Marlowe and Alissa Cochenour were bridesmaids and John Marlowe and Derrick Trump ’10 were groomsmen. Many alumni were also in attendance. Melanie is a staff scientist at the Academy of Natural Sciences and David is a student at Jefferson Medical College. The couple resides in Philadelphia.

► Ashley Stebor and Jonathan Trenski, Sept. 3, 2011, in an outdoor ceremony and reception at Armstrong Farms Bed and Breakfast in Saxonburg. Rachael Conn, Shayna Marti Blinn, Christina Roseto, Audra Adams ’10, Mandy Myer Key-Goodwin ’10, and Brooke Campbell ’11 were bridesmaids. The couple honeymooned in Aruba. Ashley is a real estate accountant at Giant Eagle, Inc. The couple is residing in Cranberry Township.
1991
- Suzette Golden Tasik and her husband, Karl: a son, Reid Donavan, on July 22, 2010. Suzette is a tax manager for Sodexo Inc., in Gaithersburg, Md. The family lives in Hagerstown, Md.

1993
- Lynn Cooper Kujan and her husband, Michael Kujan: twins, Grant Michael and Olivia Grace, on Feb. 3, 2011. The family resides in Finksburg, Md.


1994
- Jodi Groetz Sproul and her husband, Trevor: a daughter, Caitlyn Jeanne, on April 8, 2011. The family resides in Norton, Ohio.

1995
- Lillian Baker Swisher and her husband, Samuel: triplets, Abigail June, Hannah Irene, and Neka Miriam, on April 1, 2011. The Swishers reside in Massillon, Ohio.

1997

- Cari Mester Russell and her husband, John Russell: a daughter, Emma Clare, on April 12, 2010. She joins a brother, Eion. Cari and John are teachers in the Harbor Creek School District. The family resides in Erie.

1998
- Mandy Snyder Corbett and her husband, Jeff: a son, Daniel Matthias, on Jan. 22, 2011. He joins siblings Annie, Austin, Samuel, Caeden, and Justus. The family lives in Grove City.

1999
- Julie Bach Zebrine and her husband, Michael Zebrine '00: a son, Nicholas Joseph, on May 31, 2011. He joins siblings Maria, Olivia, and Sophia. Julie is executive director of Residential Care Services in Pittsburgh and Michael is a high school history teacher in the South Butler County School District. The family lives in Allison Park.

- Julie Kovatch Kessler and her husband, Zach: a daughter, Molly Grace, on July 18, 2011. She joins siblings Andrew and Leah at home in Penn Township.

- Bethany Peterson Schrag and her husband, Kenneth Schrag: a daughter, Claire Maria, on March 16, 2011. She joins a brother, Will, at home in Cecil.

2000
- Jennifer Gardner Newman and her husband, Matthew Newman '01: a son, Zachary Tyler, on April 26, 2011. The family resides in Beaver Falls.

2001
- Kristy Hartley-Galbraith and her husband, David: a son, Seth William, on May 13, 2011. Kristy is the marketing manager for a non-profit adoption agency, Adoptions From The Heart. The family resides in Havertown.

- Michele Rosenberg Crochunis (M ’03) and her husband, Michael Crochunis ’03: a son, Michael Andrew, on Aug. 7, 2011. The family lives in Moon Township.

- Pamela Schrag Trentini and her husband, Jason: a daughter, Emily Savannah, on July 18, 2011. The family resides in Cecil.
2002
Holly Daugherty Gleason and her husband, Jacob Gleason: a son, Elliott Paul, on Oct. 11, 2011. He joins siblings Elijah and Anna at the family’s home in Zanesville, Ohio.

Julie Dull Jones and her husband, Christopher: a son, Parker Kade, on Nov. 16, 2010. He joins Asher at home in Lancaster.

2003
Molly Householder Phennicie and her husband, James: a daughter, Elizabeth Le, on July 6, 2011. Molly is an elementary teacher in Lee County, Fla. The family resides in Lehigh Acres, Fla.

2004
Casie Howes Zerbe and her husband, Brad Zerbe ’05: a daughter, Abigail Eryn, on July 9, 2011. She joins a sister, Avery. Casie is a recruiter at ModCloth in Pittsburgh and Brad is a risk analyst at Ally in Cranberry Township. The family lives in Cranberry Township.

Matthew Roser and his wife, Stephanie: a son, Henry Matthew, on April 13, 2011. The family lives in Humble, Texas.

Emily Stull Sperdute and her husband, Richard “R.J.” Sperdute: twins, Abigail Grace and Matthew Richard, on May 12, 2011. They join big sister Anna Rose at home in Plum.

2005
Jennifer Butler Zimmerman and her husband, Geoff Zimmerman: a daughter, Breanna Ruth, on March 21, 2011. Geoff is the vice president of information technology at Alternative Network Solutions LLC. The family resides in Cranberry Township.

Zoo Fun
Twenty-six alumni and guests enjoyed a beautiful afternoon at the Erie Zoo on Sept. 25. Guests were treated to a zoo educational program with live animals. Thanks to Erie Regional Alumni Committee member, Kristy Fetterman Berg ’03, for helping plan the event. Also, thanks to other Erie Committee members who attended: Cathy Sargent Mester ’69 and John ’97 and Cari Mester Russell ’97. Also helping with the event was current student and SAA member Jenna Meighen ’14.

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Each summer, Westminster alumni volunteers open the doors to their homes to welcome incoming new students. This year four Westminster Welcome Open Houses were held for members of the Class of 2015 and their parents.

**Meridian: July 24**
Glenn Thompson ’68 and Linda Stephenson Thompson ’70 hosted students and parents from the Butler area. Other Westminster attendees were Dr. Amy Camardese, chair of the Department of Education and associate professor of education, and current students and members of Student Alumni Association Kate Best ’12 and Maura Hunter ’14. This is the fifth year that the Thompsons have opened their home to future Westminster alumni.

**New Wilmington: July 31**
Todd Cole ’83 hosted students from Lawrence and Mercer counties and eastern Ohio at the home of his mother Emilie Cole. Other Westminster attendees greeting students were Dr. David Twining, professor of history, and Alex Scull ’12, current Westminster student and member of Student Alumni Association.

**Gibsonia: July 31**
Students from Westminster’s Class of 2015 and their parents from the Pittsburgh area were hosted by Phil Petraglia ’83 and his wife, Ginny, in their home in Gibsonia. This was the first time the Petraglias hosted.

**Pittsburgh: August 7**
Peter Herchenroether ’76 and Susan Suomi Herchenroether ’77 hosted a Pittsburgh-area open house. In attendance were alumni Melissa Wiley ’00, Ashley Carnahan ’09, and Jesse Ligo ’82, associate professor of accounting at Westminster. The Herchenroethers have hosted open houses for six consecutive years.

**2006**
Erin Brownstein Butti and her husband, Mike Butti ’05: a son, Tranter James, on May 28, 2011. Mike is a U.S. Marine and a paramedic with Mutual Aid Ambulance Service. The family resides in Normalville.

**2007**

**2009**
Veronica Geretz: a son, Ilo Vernon, on May 4, 2011. Veronica and her son reside in San Diego, Calif. (See also Class Notes.)

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

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

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Occupation _____________________________________________________________

Name of Employer _______________________________________________________

City __________________________ State _______ Zip ________________ - _____________

Home Telephone __________________________ Business Telephone ____________________ Cell Phone _________________

Spouse’s Name __________________________________________ Spouse’s Westminster Class _______________

Children’s Names and Birth Dates ____________________________________________

Here’s my news: ___________________________________________________________________________________________

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*Please state your zip + 4. Refer to your utility bills for this number.

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Photographic prints: We accept all sizes of photographs, but prefer them to be at least 4x6 inches in size. Both color and black and white prints are acceptable.

Digital Photos: To submit a digital photo, attach it to an email message addressed to alumni@westminster.edu. Please note that we require high-resolution files (a minimum of 300 pixels per inch or 300 dpi when sized to about 3 inches wide). Photos that have a lower resolution are usually not acceptable. Digital photos should be saved in JPEG or TIFF format.

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

ALUMNI

Martha McMurray Munce ’30 of Washington, formerly of Strabane Trails, July 11, 2011.
Elizabeth “Betty” Veazey Turnquist ’31 of Boulder, Colo., Nov. 6, 2011.
Dorothy Bieber Bliss ’35 of Hawthorne, Fla., in 2006.
Elsie Rickenbrode Chittum ’35 of Staunton, Va., Dec. 19, 2011.
G. Lowenne Swindler Patton ’38 of New Wilmington, April 1, 2011.
Margaret Greer Hetra ’40 of Erie, March 21, 2011.
Martha Shaffer Cunningham ’40 of St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 16, 2011.
Mary Duff Collins ’45 of Fairchance, Nov. 5, 2011.
Anne Kosanovich Gordon ’45 of West Chester, April 28, 2011.
Helen Stafford Holschuh ’45 of Hudson, Ohio, Dec. 9, 2011.
Vincent Galano ’49 of New Castle, Aug. 1, 2011.
Dr. Richard Goodhart ’49 of San Diego, Calif., May 6, 2011.
Dr. J. Duff Brown ’50 of Ashland City, Tenn., May 21, 2011.
Lois Gittings Ford ’50 of Clarion, July 12, 2011.
Robert Como ’51 of Monessen, April 15, 2011.
Harmon Fennell ’52 of Shenango Township, June 23, 2011.
Donald Orr ’56 of Wilton, Conn., in 2009.
S. Evelyn Dull Artman ’58 of Warren, Ohio, Nov. 21, 2011.
Bernard Wayne Park ’59 of New Castle, June 10, 2011.
The Rev. Charles Brewster ’60 of Mesquite, Texas, July 8, 2011.
Barbara Casperson Gray ’64 of Unionville, Conn., June 8, 2011.
H. Dennis Filipovich ’65 of Harrisburg, July 7, 2011.
Janet Saylor Wexman ’67 of New Castle, Nov. 16, 2011.
Patricia McFall Torbet ’73 of Allison Park, Sept. 23, 2011.
Thomas Schrecengost ’76 of Grove City, Oct. 16, 2011.
Linda Epstein Piddington ’77 of Sharon, May 27, 2011.
Dane Oestreich ’80 of New Wilmington, Oct. 18, 2011.
Charles “Chuck” Figurel ’81 of Ellwood City, Jan. 21, 2012.
James Shaw ’91 of New Castle, Aug. 8, 2011.
Melinda Bell ’97 of Pittsburgh, April 20, 2011.
Rita Longan-Litzke ’02 of Philadelphia, May 18, 2011.

FORMER FACULTY & STAFF


FRIENDS

Old Main Memorial is one of the most celebrated – and the most recognizable – buildings gracing Westminster’s campus. For more than 80 years it has served as the College’s centerpiece, standing proudly and welcoming students, alumni and friends, although its story began decades before it was constructed.

Westminster’s first main building was constructed in 1853. Its presence was short-lived, however; on Feb. 27, 1861, with the nation hanging on the brink of the Civil War, it burned to the ground. The loss of the main building was a serious threat to the survival of the College, and in order to keep Westminster from moving out of New Wilmington, town citizens raised $8,000 for rebuilding on the same site.

The new building, constructed for $9,000, was completed in time for the 1862 fall term. Known as Old Main, it housed a chapel, recitation rooms, a geological cabinet, a reading room, two society rooms, a gymnasium, and a literary room. In 1908, Old Main was enlarged to include five classrooms and a bigger library. A porch with colonial pillars was added to the west end. It remained Westminster’s main building for 65 years until it was destroyed by fire on Jan. 24, 1927. With the exception of a few classroom chairs, very little was saved. Books and other priceless volumes from the library were destroyed.

Plans to build Old Main Memorial quickly surfaced. The ceremonial corner stone for Old Main Memorial was laid on Aug. 6, 1927. The building was occupied in the spring of 1929 and dedicated Oct. 18, 1929. The actual cost was $335,000 plus $55,000 for equipment. The new building featured a chapel with seating for 750, a theater with a 25x20 foot stage and seating for 100 downstairs and 56 in the balcony, and 21 classrooms and many offices. The carillon chimes, added to the tower in 1935, were a gift from William M. Duff, a Pittsburgh trustee. In 1938 the Wallace Memorial Chapel was named for the sixth president, W. Charles Wallace. It was again renovated in 2003, updating it for the 21st century.

Old Main continues to stand tall today, its tower a familiar symbol of the College and a welcoming beacon for new students, alumni and friends.

~ Compiled by Dorothy Pollock ’46
Your gift made all the difference.

Carsen Nesbitt ’08 fondly remembers her days at Westminster. But Westminster might not have been a reality for her. Luckily, with the Vance Honors Scholarship, she was able to receive the education of her dreams. After graduating from Westminster, she earned her juris doctorate from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law. Today she is an attorney based in Erie.

Every day, there are deserving students like Carsen who can benefit from your financial support. Consider creating an endowed scholarship as a way to ensure that Westminster’s high-quality, private, liberal arts education remains affordable for all.

Your gift can make a Westminster dream come true.
Chiming In

Handbell ringers Brady Keister, Laura Chambers and Sarah Ebbert perform during 2011 Christmas Vespers. The handbell ringers are under the direction of Anne Bruening.