VICTORY BELL FINDS A NEW HOME
Titan football players pitched in to help first-year students get settled on Move-in Day. For more, see page 8.
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One of the most affirming endorsements of a Westminster College education appeared in a little-known college ratings web site called www.GreatValueColleges.net a few months back.

Most college rankings use input metrics such as high school grade point average, amount of money expended per student, average SAT scores, and subjective reputational ratings. Great Value Colleges based its ratings on outcomes, such as student retention and graduation rates, placement rates into graduate school, and job placement statistics, among other important measures. They correlated those outcomes with the institution’s net cost to attend. It was not surprising to learn that Westminster College fared very well in these rankings due to our reputation as a fine teaching institution. But I was elated when I read that Westminster ranked in the “Top 25 Private Institution Best Values in the Northeast,” joining such elite institutions as Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Johns Hopkins, Williams College, and Dartmouth, to name a few. Check out the website yourself for a full list of the other 24 top schools. It will make you proud that your alma mater is among them.

I bring this new ranking to our readers’ attention to provide further evidence that the ongoing support of our benefactors, volunteers, alumni, and friends contributes substantially to the outstanding educational outcomes we seek; outcomes that are increasingly being nationally recognized by others. Your investments of time, talent, and treasure in support of our educational mission are yielding impressive results. What I am most proud of is the fact that our students largely do not come from wealthy backgrounds, yet still enjoy educational outcomes that can be compared with those found at some of our nation’s most elite colleges and universities. Who knew? Perhaps this reinforces the rationale behind the new brand recently adopted for the College: WESTMINSTER COLLEGE. MORE THAN YOU IMAGINE.

Within the next 18 months, Westminster will be conducting the final phase of its $50 million comprehensive campaign, Ever Higher: The Campaign for Westminster. This final public phase will focus on four critical areas that will further enhance the education we provide, and the value of your Westminster diploma. The four areas are: Undergraduate Research, Endowed Scholarships, Campus Beautification, and Athletics and are each described in greater detail within this issue. We hope you will read about this with interest, and become an active part in bringing the campaign to a successful conclusion when contacted.

After all, successful outcomes are what we are all about.

Dr. Richard H. Dorman
President
WE THOUGHT YOU SHOULD KNOW


Westminster is one of the country’s best institutions for undergraduate education, according to The Princeton Review. The education services company features Westminster in the new 2015 edition of its annual college guide, “The Best 379 Colleges.” Westminster earned recognition (ranked 20th) in the “Best College Theater” category and was included in the “Town-Gown Relations are Great” category. Only about 15 percent of America’s 2,500 four-year colleges and four colleges outside the U.S. are included in the book.

Westminster ranked fourth among top-tier National Liberal Arts Colleges in graduation rate performance, according to the 2014 U.S. News Best Colleges rankings. The Graduation Rate Performance category measures educational outcomes based on the difference between a school’s actual graduation rate and the one predicted by U.S. News based on the students’ test scores and institutional resources.

Forbes included Westminster in its listing of America’s Top Colleges, as well as giving us spots in their America’s Top Private Colleges and America’s Top Colleges in the Northeast lists. Washington Monthly also included us in its 2014 Liberal Arts Colleges list.

GREAT AFFORDABLE COLLEGE
Westminster was identified as one of the “50 Great Affordable Colleges in the Northeast” by Great Value Colleges, a website that helps students find the best possible education for their money. Great Value Colleges considers six-year graduation rate, freshmen retention rate, student-to-faculty ratio, percentage of classes taught by teaching assistants, average entrance ACT score, number of campus organizations, number of academic programs, and Forbes ranking.

BEST VALUE COLLEGE
Educate to Career (ETC), a California-based nonprofit whose data is used by college career centers and career planners, higher education advocacy organizations, student loan servicers, corporate recruiters and employers, named Westminster a “Top 100 College Best Value 2015.” The index analyzes data for more than 1,200 four-year colleges with enrollments over 1,000 students, representing 94 percent of all students enrolled in four-year colleges. Westminster’s placement (75) puts it in the top six percent of the 1,224 schools in the data pool.

GIRLBOSS COLLEGE
Westminster College found a spot on hercampus.com’s 2014 list of “The Most #GirlBoss Colleges.” According to the website, they developed a list of schools where girls are “empowered, supported and really smart!” Westminster was ranked second in the category, citing Forbes—36 percent of 2008 graduates were science, engineering, technology and mathematics (STEM) majors, with more women than men—and Westminster statistics that show its math and computer science department is more than half female. “You might think that the best colleges for butt-kicking women in STEM fields would be in Silicon Valley or tech hubs like Austin, Texas. But look no further than rural New Wilmington, PA—the home of Westminster College.”
Thanks to First Book-Westminster (FBW) students, many area children got to embrace their very own first book last May. After FBW won a truckload of 40,000 new books for registering local teachers and community groups with the national First Book organization, campus members pulled together to determine the best way to divvy up and distribute the books. Nearly 400 teachers arrived on campus and walked away with 100 books each to share with their students. Westminster was the only First Book college organization to receive a truckload of books—eight other truckloads went to larger cities across the country. Each year FBW aims to raise at least $2,000 by the end of December to award grants for new free books to needy children in Lawrence and Mercer counties. “And what we witnessed in May—with the distribution of nearly 40,000 books—is that there is an even bigger need in our community than just $2,000 worth of books,” said Dr. Eileen Morelli, FBW adviser and associate professor of education.
$1 million grant for IQ STEM educators

Westminster College was awarded a $1.027 million grant through the Robert Noyce Teacher Scholarship Program of the National Science Foundation (NSF), a program aimed to increase qualifications of secondary educators in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (IQ STEM).

“Through this exceptional program, Westminster will significantly contribute to strengthening STEM skills and qualifications within the region’s high-need secondary schools,” said Dr. Richard H. Dorman, Westminster College president. “The grant enables us to continue our commitments to achieving outstanding educational outcomes not only at Westminster, but also in our region’s schools.”

According to Dr. Amy Camardese, principal investigator, Westminster’s program will lead to a 53% increase in highly qualified STEM teachers in western Pennsylvania with a cohort of 20 educators specialized in teaching in areas of high need at the end of five years.

Westminster’s plans include workshops, development of capstone research and experiential learning and creation of a new course designed to address the racial, cultural, and economic needs of school districts trying to narrow the achievement gap.

A central part of Westminster’s IQ Stem Grant is the Noyce Scholar Program, which supports academic scholarships for undergraduate STEM majors who commit to teaching in high-need K-12 school districts.

Noyce Scholars will receive a $15,000 grant per year during their junior and senior years and stipends to attend and present at conferences and assistance with expenses, including the cost of certification tests. In return, Noyce Scholars commit to two years of teaching in an area of high need for each year of support received.

Trustees added to Board

The Westminster College Board of Trustees welcomed two new members to the Class of 2018.

Ralph A. Dise Jr. ’74 is president and chief executive officer of Dise and Company Inc. in Shaker Heights, Ohio. He sits on the boards of Aexcel Corporation, Roots of American Music, Culver Summer School Alumni Association, and the Westminster College Alumni Association. He actively serves the Forest Hill Church and several community organizations. He and his wife, Karen, live in Shaker Heights and are the parents of three children.

Thomas K. Ritter ’78 is president and chief executive officer with A. E. Stone, Inc. in Egg Harbor Township, N.J. He is a former board member and past president of Mainland Regional High School, a board member and past chair of the Shore Medical Center Health Foundation, past board member of the Literacy Volunteers of Atlantic County, and board member of Cape Banking and the J. Wood Platt Caddie Scholarship Trust. He and his wife, Lisa ’78, live in Linwood, N.J., and are the parents of a son and a daughter.

Robin W. Gooch ’75, Wayne A. Miller ’61 and Glenn H. Thompson ’68 were elected to their second consecutive four-year terms, while Peter M. Andino ’77, Gary D. Brown ’71 and Linda W. Simpson ’81 rejoined the Board after a one-year absence.

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**New faces on President’s Cabinet**

The President’s Cabinet features two new members.  

**Dr. Jane Wood** was named vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College. As vice president for academic affairs and dean of the College, Wood provides leadership and momentum for the faculty and the College’s curriculum.

Previously, Wood was the dean for the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at Park University in Parkville, Mo. She previously held positions at the University of Missouri - Kansas City and Baker University in Overland Park, Kan.

She earned her master’s degree and Ph.D. in English from the University of Kansas. Wood received her bachelor’s degree in English from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

She succeeds **Dr. Jesse Mann**, who served as dean of the College since 2002 and has returned to the classroom as professor of French.

**Dr. Thomas H. Stein** was named vice president for enrollment and financial aid in March. Before arriving at Westminster, he served as vice president for enrollment management at Tusculum College in Greeneville, Tenn., and vice president of enrollment for nearly 20 years at Otterbein University in Westerville, Ohio. Stein also held positions of director of admissions at Bethany College in West Virginia, and admission counselor at Ohio Northern University, his undergraduate alma mater.

Stein earned a master of secondary education from the University of Dayton and Ph.D. from the University of Toledo.

**New faculty members**

- **Dr. Matthew Baker**, assistant professor of chemistry.
- **Dr. Samuel Barbara**, assistant professor of music.
- **Dr. Deanne Buffalari**, assistant professor of psychology.
- **Jamie Chapman**, instructor of sociology and criminal justice studies.
- **Dr. Robert Knop**, associate professor of physics.
- **Dr. Diana Ortiz**, assistant professor of biology.
- **Brian Petrus**, visiting lecturer of business administration.
- **Dr. Stephanie Richman**, visiting assistant professor of psychology.
- **Samuel Snodgrass**, visiting assistant professor and instruction librarian.
- **Eloise Stevens**, assistant professor and instruction and outreach librarian.
- **Bob Vucenovic**, instructor of business administration.
- **Dr. Timothy Winfield**, assistant professor of music.

**A GARDEN FOR MEG**

The Westminster College Field Station dedicated The Margaret “Meg” Rankin Memorial Garden and Nursery on Oct. 4. Ronkin, a 1986 alumna, was a fourth-grade teacher in Rhode Island. An outdoor enthusiast and avid gardener, she took her students outside the classroom as often as possible. She passed away in 2010 after a battle with breast cancer. The garden is a half-acre fenced-in plot that includes a community garden with 22 plots maintained by 35 gardeners; a children’s garden for butterflies and nature play; areas for classes to plant; and a nursery to grow seedlings for transplanting. Meg’s mother, Nancy Scarton, established the memorial with guidance from **Dr. Clarence Harms**, Westminster professor of biology emeritus and director of the Field Station.
YEAH, SCIENCE!

Dr. Thomas Oberst, center, associate professor of physics, watches as dozens of people turn out to observe a rare partial solar eclipse on Oct. 23. Oberst and astronomy students coordinated the gathering not far from campus, inviting the campus community to come and witness the phenomenon. Telescopes with solar filters were made available for safe viewing. Solar eclipses occur when the moon, Earth and sun line up in a way that the moon blocks part (or all) of the solar disk from view. With the partial solar eclipse, the moon obscured only a portion of the sun from view. A total solar eclipse will occur in 2017.

Take a book, return a book

Hannah Roscoe, sophomore early childhood/special education major, spearheaded the effort to bring a Little Free Library to New Wilmington Borough.

It’s a “take a book, return a book” gathering place where neighbors can share their favorite literature and stories.

Located on South Market Street next to Huntington Bank, the structure was privately funded. New Wilmington Borough Council accepted it as a gift from Westminster and approved its installation. It is intended for children's books appropriate for newborns through elementary students. No fees are involved and borrowing is based on the honor system.

Donations of children's books for the Little Free Library are accepted at the front desk of Westminster's McGill Library.
WESTMINSTER WELCOMED THE CLASS OF 2018 WITH THE traditional Opening Convocation on Thursday, Aug. 21. This year’s 312 new students were greeted by nearly 100 Fresh Start upperclassmen and Titan football players. The incoming students averaged a 3.6 grade point average and 1048 SAT. Complete with a Westminster beanie, Dr. David Barner, professor of broadcast communications, presented the keynote address, “1964: It Was a Very Good Year.”
Each year, Westminster hosts a reception for incoming Legacy students—those students who have Westminster alumni family members. This year, 20 students from the Class of 2018 joined the Legacy and Westminster families.

Most students entering Westminster College this fall—the Class of 2018—were born in 1996. For these students, Dean Martin, Cary Grant, Kurt Cobain, and Jeffrey Dahmer have always been dead. Here are a few other trivia points about this year’s crop of students to consider:

1. During their initial weeks of kindergarten, they were upset by endlessly repeated images of planes blasting into the World Trade Center.

2. When they see wire-rimmed glasses, they think Harry Potter, not John Lennon.

3. “Press pound” on the phone is now translated as “hit hashtag.”

4. Ralph Nader has always been running for President of the U.S.

5. The Unabomber has always been behind bars.

6. They have no memory of George Stephanopoulos as a senior White House advisor.

7. They have probably never used Netscape as their web browser.

8. Nicotine has always been recognized as an addictive drug requiring FDA oversight.

9. Hong Kong has always been part of China.

10. “Good feedback” means getting 30 likes on your last Facebook post in a single afternoon.

- Taken from The Beloit College Mindset List for the Class of 2018
WE ARE SO CLOSE.

We’ve accomplished a great deal since kicking off *Ever Higher: The Campaign for Westminster College*. We’ve come a long way in our $50 million fundraising effort, but we still need your help to bring it home.

Every gift, of every size, makes a lasting impact on our community. Help out by giving a gift to one or more of the following areas:

**UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH**

Today’s Westminster students learn by doing through collaborative research with faculty and meaningful service-learning opportunities. A gift to the Drinko Center for Experiential Learning benefits current students and helps to support these academic efforts.

**THE WESTMINSTER FUND SCHOLARSHIP**

Make a lasting impact on the Westminster community and help to reduce academic expenses for students in need. Gifts to the Westminster Fund, the College’s annual giving program, provide annual support for student financial aid, scholarships, academic departments, library resources and athletic programs.

**ATHLETIC FACILITIES & ENDOWMENT**

Show support for your Titans! A gift benefiting Westminster athletics will ensure student needs are met and will work to improve facilities and equipment. The Gary D. Brown ’71 All-Titan Endowment Fund is yet another opportunity to give, and provides supplemental funding to enhance program quality and the experience of student-athletes across all men’s and women’s sports.

**CAMPUS LANDSCAPING**

What made you fall in love with Westminster on your first visit? Help us to preserve and further beautify our campus by making a gift toward our Master Landscaping Plan.

FROM $1 TO $10 MILLION

NO MATTER HOW LARGE OR SMALL

YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE
Thanks to the funds raised to date, the following Westminster endowments have been funded and campus facilities have been improved:

- Patterson Hall renovation
- Berlin Village Phase II
- Endowments for scholarships, faculty development, and experiential education

So much has already been accomplished to help enhance the Westminster experience. You can help us wrap up our campaign by giving a gift toward undergraduate research, the Westminster Fund Scholarship, athletic facilities, endowment funds, and campus landscaping.

HOW TO DONATE

ONLINE: westminster.edu/giving. Make a one-time or recurring gift online.

PHONE: Call 724-946-7532 to use your credit card.

MAIL: Please make checks payable to Westminster College and mail to Westminster College, Office of Institutional Advancement, 319 S. Market St., New Wilmington, PA 16172.

We’ve come so far, but now is your time to make an impact. Join us in celebrating our accomplishments and help make this goal a reality.

HELP US MAKE WESTMINSTER EVEN MORE THAN YOU IMAGINE.

WHY THEY GAVE

JAMES WELTY ’91

Westminster shaped my life professionally and personally. The academic and social opportunities I had on campus were instrumental to my individual growth. I want to support others and help them experience all the benefits of such a great institution, while assisting the College in maintaining its high standard of excellence. As a legacy alum of Westminster, I hope the comes a day when I can pass along my experiences to my family and encourage them to take full advantage of all that the college has to offer.

CHARLES BREWSTER ’60

The Rev. Charles E. Brewster ’60, who passed away in July 2011 after suffering from ALS, was a proud supporter of his alma mater and a member of the Class of 1960’s Golden Anniversary Committee. Although his health was rapidly deteriorating, he was determined to join his classmates at their 50th reunion during Homecoming 2010. He returned to campus to celebrate and served as a reader at the Homecoming Worship Service. Brewster passed away nine months later, but his legacy continues: Westminster was named sole beneficiary of Brewster’s retirement account, which was applied to the Ever Higher campaign.

KATE McKENZIE GATTO ’02

I give back to Westminster because I know what an impact my education there had on my career and my life. I want to help other students to succeed and for the college to flourish. Giving back helps Westminster College to change and grow, which only increases the value of my degree.
HUNTER STEINITZ HAS HARLEQUIN ICHTHYOSIS.

It’s a rare genetic skin disorder. So rare, in fact, that Hunter is just one of 13 people in the United States diagnosed with it. It’s a puzzling condition that causes Hunter’s body to overproduce skin cells at a rapid pace. Her skin is thicker than the average person’s—her top layer of living skin is covered by five or more additional layers of dead tissue. She is covered in dry scaly patches, and her entire body is a bright pink hue, much like a terrible burn.

She stands out in a crowd.

By ELIZABETH HILDEBRAND ’92
It would be understandable if Hunter chose to live a life in the shadows, away from the stares and whispers. But, instead, she’s chosen the opposite path: She steps fearlessly into the spotlight.

On any given day, you can find the Westminster College sophomore bouncing around campus. She’s a busy girl with places to go, people to see, and work to do. She’s got papers to write, auditions to attend, and deadlines to meet. She’s your typical college student.

She’s making her mark off campus as well as a leading spokeswoman/advocate for Harlequin ichthyosis. She is active with FIRST—the Foundation for Ichthyosis and Related Skin Types. She has been profiled in print, online, and on television, including a recent interview with Katie Couric. She pretty much is the face of Harlequin ichthyosis.

“I find it ungodly bizarre that when you search Harlequin ichthyosis on Google, my face pops up,” she said.

Twenty years ago when she was born, Hunter wasn’t expected to live beyond infancy. Those afflicted with the disorder, which prevents her skin from retaining moisture, rarely did. Hunter is in constant danger of dehydration.

“I was no more than a few days old and my parents were being asked about do-not-resuscitate orders,” she said. Very little was known about Harlequin ichthyosis, and with so few living with the condition, learning to care for Hunter would be challenging for her parents, Mark and Patti.

“My generation is the first generation of real survivors,” said Hunter.

Since infancy, her daily routine begins with an hour-long soak in the bathtub to allow her skin to absorb as much moisture as possible. As her dry dead cells flake off throughout the day, she must continuously reapply a heavy ointment to keep her skin supple.

The thickness of her skin also means she is unable to control her body temperature; she experiences either extreme heat or extreme cold. Her skin is tight and constricting, preventing her muscles in her hands, fingers and feet from extending properly, which affects her fine motor skills. And, because most people affected with ichthyosis experience rapid calorie loss, she must eat many times throughout the day.

“We’re making massive amounts of skin cells and the energy has to come from somewhere,” Hunter said. “I like to say that I’ll never have to diet!”

Hunter knows she looks different and that her appearance is startling to others. Growing up was tough. But she doesn’t make excuses for her condition. Instead she uses it as an opportunity to educate others about her condition.

“Think of the alternative. What’s the alternative to being open and willing to educate?” she asked. “The alternative is ‘Oh, woe is me.’ And the alternative is something I choose not to engage in.”

“I find the more I’m willing to get out there and talk to people and explain to people and say ‘Hey, this is me,’ the more relationships get built. The more comfortable people become around you. It’s about how people experience YOU,” she said.

That was not an easy lesson to learn, Hunter acknowledged. Many days were difficult, but her parents continued their relentless fight to encourage dialogue and understanding about Harlequin ichthyosis.

“I attribute my attitude and philosophy to my parents. I wouldn’t think the way I do or have the values that I do without their influence, especially my mom, who was absolutely my advocate in every sense,” said Hunter, whose mother, Patti, passed away three years ago after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

“What I’ve learned is that I may not be able to control how other people treat me, but I can control how they encounter me,” she said.

At Westminster, the double religion and theatre major has found a place where she can thrive and fit in. She has a strong network of friends, is active with Theatre Westminster, and is passionate about her courses in religion and theatre. Her religion adviser, Dr. Kang-Yup Na, has become a great mentor to Hunter.

“Dr. Na has been so supportive of me,” Hunter said. “He helps bring a lot of things into perspective. And he makes time for his students. He pushes me to a higher standard.”

“Westminster is my home. This is where I feel I can pursue what makes me happy,” she said. “Being here and being a part of this community allows me to experiment with ideas and think freely.”
2014 Alumni Citation Recipients

Each Homecoming kicks off with the presentations of the Distinguished Alumni Citations and the Outstanding Young Alumni Award, honoring those alumni who have made significant contributions in their professional lives, their communities, or through service to Westminster.

► **GRAHAM JOHNSTONE ’66** is a recently retired orthopedic surgeon and associate professor of orthopedic surgery with special interests in total joint replacement, sports medicine and treatment for cerebral palsy. Since undertaking his first medical mission to Russia in 1999, he has participated in annual medical missions to Africa. A former member of Westminster's Board of Trustees, he earned the 2012 Physician Volunteer Award by the Allegheny Medical Society.

► **KAREN HOGUE LATTA ’67** retired in 2007 from her role as the music teacher in the Wilmington Area School District. Under Latta's leadership, the high school choir grew from 20 to 100 members. More than a dozen of her students were selected for all-state chorus and six participated in All-Eastern Honors Chorus. During her tenure, she directed and accompanied high school musicals and wrote and produced music for Christian musicals. She also served as president of the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 5, which includes Mercer, Lawrence, Beaver and Butler counties. A strong supporter of Westminster, she sang with the 2002 Birthday Bash Alumni Choir, chaired her class reunion, and has served on Alumni Council.

► **SANY SAIKALY ’92** joined PNC Bank as a customer service specialist in the credit card research department. With more than 20 years of fraud and investigative experience, he is now a due diligence specialist in PNC’s anti-money laundering and investigations department. Outside of the banking industry, Saikaly has a 12-year record as a volunteer fireman and is a long-time junior high youth leader and board member at Glenshaw Presbyterian Church. He has been honored twice with Pittsburgh’s Financial Crime Investigator of the Year Award.

► **BURT LAUTEN ’99** is the head of communications for the Pittsburgh Steelers. He joined the Steelers in 2005, after stints at Miami University and the University of Pittsburgh. In 2011 he was promoted to his current position, in which he handles media requests, media tours, and coordinates press releases. He maintains close ties to Westminster and has been a guest speaker for student groups and campus events.

President Richard Dorman, center, with the 2014 Alumni Citation recipients, from left, Karen Hogue Latta ’67, Sany Saikaly ’92, and Graham Johnstone ’66, and Outstanding Young Alumni Award recipient Burt Lauten ’99.
HOMECOMING COURT

King Blake Tyger (Theta Chi) and Queen Liza Buechele (Independent)

1964 TITANS

WINNING FLOAT
Classes celebrating reunions at this year’s Homecoming are pictured clockwise from top left: Class of 1949 (65th), Class of 1954 (60th), Class of 1959 (55th), Classes of 1983-1985 (30th), Classes of 2003-2005 (10th), Class of 1989 (25th), Classes of 1968-1970 (45th), and the Class of 1964, the Golden Anniversary 50th reunion.
WHERE THE BELL TOLLS

IN JULY, A SMALL CROWD GATHERED IN THE OLD MAIN PARKING LOT AND EVERYONE KEPT THEIR EYES FOCUSED SQUARELY ON THE OLD MAIN TOWER. IN ANY MINUTE, THE VICTORY BELL WOULD BE GINGERLY EVICTED FROM THE PLACE IT CALLED HOME FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY.

The 135-year-old bronze bell, part of the original Old Main building built in 1862, was removed that July day, and it was an emotional moment for all who witnessed it, particularly Paul ‘45 and Margaret Newcomb Musser ‘45. The bell was to be repaired, cleaned and polished—a bit of sprucing up before relocating to its new home, the Titan Victory Bell Tower, built in memory of the Mussers’ daughter, Rebecca Musser Hosea ’73, who passed away in 1992.

Standing tall and majestically just outside the entrance to the Field House, the Titan Victory Bell Tower was a gift from the Mussers, Peter and Tamara Musser, and Paul Thomas Musser ’75. The Victory Bell—dedicated during a special ceremony on Homecoming weekend—now proudly rings following Titan victories.

BELL NOTES

• The Victory Bell weighs 800 pounds, has a 33 inch rim diameter, and is the oldest working artifact on Westminster’s campus.

• After the fire of the Old Main building in 1927, the melted and broken parts of the bell were sifted from the debris and sent to the Carnegie Steel Co., Edgar Thomas Steel Works in Braddock, who used the original drawings to recast the bell.

• The first use of the bell was to signal the beginning and closing of classes and to invite the campus community to Sunday Vespers.

• The second use of the bell occurred in 1884, when students were permitted to ring out the good news of varsity athletic victories.
KARA MONTGOMERY IS NO STRANGER TO WORKING WITH COLLEGE ALUMNI. Westminster’s new director of alumni relations was most recently the director of student and young alumni programs for the Pitt Alumni Association. She hit the ground running when she arrived in July, so get ready for some exciting happenings coming out of the Alumni Office!

WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION? I look forward to expanding the reach of our office to not just local, but national pockets of alumni. I want our association to specialize in domestic and long-distance relationships with our alumni. Just because they no longer live near to campus does not mean they can’t be involved, invested, and interested.

WHY SHOULD WESTMINSTER ALUMNI GET INVOLVED WITH THEIR ALMA MATER? It is a great way to give back to the institution that gave so much to you. As a result of the education you received, the friends you made, or the lessons you learned by being at Westminster, you have become the person you are today. When you give your time or treasure to Westminster College, you are enhancing the interactions of current students and enriching their college experiences. Quite simply, it’s the act of paying it forward! It’s also FUN! Seeing old classmates and volunteering alongside of them strengthens the bond of friendship and makes the act of giving back that much better.

WHAT’S THE EASIEST WAY FOR ALUMNI TO STAY CONNECTED TO WESTMINSTER? The easiest way to stay connected is through email or our NEW Facebook page — www.facebook.com/WCAlumniAssociation. You can update your email by private messaging the group or contacting our office. Both of these options allow the alumnus to read information, events or programs they are MOST interested in and simply scan over those that don’t pique their interest. It’s an easy and resource-friendly way of staying connected!
Dear Fellow Westminster Alumni:

It is an honor to send you my personal greeting along with those of the dedicated staff serving you from Wiley Alumni House.

I encourage you to visit the College website and stay in tune with happenings in and around campus. A big part of staying involved is updating your current email, home address and information with the staff of Wiley Alumni House so they can stay in touch with you.

Many areas in the United States have regional alumni committees that sponsor events. By keeping your contact information current, you will be notified of these events and be able to join in the fun of connecting with Westminster alumni.

The Alumni Council is currently in the third year of our five year Strategic Plan and making strides to complete it on time, working to strengthen alumni relations between the nearly 21,000 alumni worldwide and Westminster College. Some of the activities that have been implemented through the plan are: Wear Westminster Day, which takes place each year on January 21; Friday night dinners with alumni; networking events hosted by various organizations and departments on campus; and soon we will initiate an alumni e-newsletter.

I want to encourage you to stay in touch with each other, the alumni relations office, and the College in general. Come back to campus when you can for a visit—it doesn’t have to be homecoming—and if possible, make a donation to the Westminster Fund. It is by our generosity that many students today benefit from a quality Westminster education.

Visit www.westminster.edu to see the new website and connect with what is going on here at Westminster College! We are working hard to stay in touch with you.

Sincerely yours,

Karen Campman Emmett ’75
President, Westminster College Alumni Council

MESSAGE FROM ALUMNI COUNCIL

“Serving as Alumni Council President was a true honor and an unforgettable experience. Westminster provided me with so much as a student, it seems only natural to take advantage of the opportunity to give back in whatever way I can. As I have already experienced, Westminster is not a four-year program, but rather a lifelong journey.”

Ashley Carnahan Downey ’09
Past President, Westminster College Alumni Council

“In order for Westminster College to thrive and continue to grow, the alumni must participate both financially and in time and effort. The alumni council serves as the focal point in bringing the alumni and the College together. It was a privilege to serve as President of Alumni Council.”

Richard X. McKenna ’84
Past President, Westminster College Alumni Council
1949
Dr. Mary Ellen Cipolla Grasso ’49, author of college English texts, has written a memoir, The Letters: The Art of Life, Love, and Opera. In this memoir, Grasso revisits her life’s journeys — through exciting adventures in Mexico and Europe and finding love with a stranger, a romantic Italian national — through over 100 letters she thought were lost forever. Word Association Publishers has released the book to Amazon for its presale.

1959
Robert Palisin was elected to the North Carolina Cabarrus County Executive Board of the Republican Party. Bob is currently the minister of congregation relations at the Poplar Tent Presbyterian Church in Concord, N.C.

1962
Ron Galbreath, former Westminster basketball coach, was inducted into the Pittsburgh Basketball Club Hall of Fame. A basketball standout while a student at Westminster, Galbreath went on to coach the Titans for 25 seasons, sending the men’s team to six regular season district titles and three trips to the NAIA Division I National Tournament. He retired from Westminster in 1997 as the school’s all-time winningest men’s basketball coach.

1971
Kathy Bell Himes retired from the Lee County School System in Ft. Myers, Fla., after teaching middle and high school students for 30 years. She and her husband, Ronald, reside in Ft. Myers.


1977
Wendy Thompson created Westport Educational Consulting, a college advising service for high school students, after 30 years in college admissions. She resides in midcoast Maine.

1980
Kathy Cupper Obert Hill was appointed chief strategy and engagement officer for Western Reserve Land Conservancy. She oversees stakeholder engagement, including development, communications and marketing, government relations, education and events.

Roommates reunite

Golden celebration
Six friends from the Class of 1964 gathered at Turtle Bay Lodge in President to celebrate their 50th graduation anniversary. From left are Mary Ann Irvine Klussman of Sewickley, Sylvia Stumm Marko of Glenshaw, Marilyn Karns of Oil City, Donna Brown Kausch of Hartford, Conn., Peggy Kubach Wight of Bethel, Maine, and Beth Wallis Hershey of Ocean City, Md.

Maine tradition
Eight Delta Zeta sorority sisters from the Class of 1969 met in Portland, Maine, in the fall of 2013 for their ninth reunion. They plan to return to Maine in 2015. Pictured from left to right are Suzanne Tesh Rice, Gail Miller Dransfield, Kathy Bovenkirk Marshall, Donna Ross Woleben, Lee Tool Satrom, Milann Ruff Daugherty, Martha Smith Mallick, and Linda Wiggins Martin.
1982
Rick Fezell was appointed vice chairman and central region managing partner for Ernst & Young. He and his wife, Molly, and their three children reside in Chicago.

1983
Loriann Hoff Oberlin Laurenzano is a licensed clinical professional counselor with private practices in Easton and North Potomac, Md. She has authored several books including Overcoming Passive-Aggression and Surviving Separation and Divorce. She resides in Queenstown, Md., with her husband and sons.

1984
David Harms, president and founder of the i58.10 Media Company, earned the 2013 Service and Support Award from Westminster College’s Audio Visual (AV) Services. Harms resides near Portland, Ore., with his wife and five daughters.

1989
Darren Dailey, artistic and executive director of the Jacksonville Children’s Chorus, was the recipient of the 2014 Celebrate Clay Extraordinary Executive Director Award from the Reinhold Foundation. For the past nine years Dailey has worked to hone the talents of each of the 280 singers who participate in one of the five choirs that comprise the Jacksonville Children’s Chorus.

1990
The Whispering Town, a picture book written by Jennifer Riesmeyer Elvgren, was published by Kar-Ben Publishing. The book is based on the true story of a family in Nazi-occupied Denmark.

1991
Julia Sampson Frankland was selected as a finalist for the Outstanding Faculty Award for teaching at Malone University in Canton, Ohio.

1992
Jacqueline Chiesa graduated from the nursing program at Mohave Community College in Bullhead City, Ariz., and is a registered nurse at Western Arizona Regional Medical Center in the surgical department.

Brian "B.J." Cross was awarded the Martin Allgöwer Trauma Fellowship through the AOTrauma organization. He chairs the department of surgery at BrowardHealth Medical Center, a Level 1 regional trauma center in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. He and his wife, Shelly, and daughter, Casey, live in Weston, Fla. Lori Hively Thomas is a National Academy of Sports Medicine certified personal trainer and works at Anytime Fitness in Murrysville.

1994
Michael Marsh was presented with the 2014 Volunteer Action Award by The Arc Alliance for substantial contribution toward the betterment of life for people with disabilities. Mike currently serves as president of The Arc Children’s Services board, treasurer of The Arc Alliance Board of Directors, and is a member of the finance and nominations committees. (See also Births.)

1996
Rob Galbraith opened The Law Offices of Robert Galbraith in Wexford in 2012. His office focuses on family law and domestic litigation.

1998
Jill Brooks Treglia is the administrator for Concordia of Franklin Park and Concordia of Wexford personal care homes. She and her husband, Joseph, reside in Gibsonia with their two children, Angelina and Dante.

DAVID F. FINNEY ’74 retired
June 30 after serving nine years as president of Champlain College in Burlington, Vt.

As Champlain’s seventh president, Finney focused on academic innovation and the spirit of entrepreneurship to create strong partnerships with Vermont employers and businesses; built centers of excellence in emerging fields of study; and brought a global citizen ethos to the student experience.

Finney earned a doctorate from Columbia University’s Teachers College. He was dean of New York University’s School of Continuing and Professional Studies and vice president of enrollment services. Prior to that, he was director of admissions at Rochester Institute of Technology in New York.

He and his wife, Sabine Zerarka, have two daughters, Lauren and Heather.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!
A call for Westminster volunteers! The Alumni Office is looking to add regional alumni volunteers to committees for the following cities: Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., and New York City/northern New Jersey areas. Please contact Cindy Dafler ’03, assistant director of alumni relations, at 724-946-7373 or daflercs@westminster.edu for additional information and if you are interested in serving.
1999
Matthew Bochkoris is a pediatric cardiac intensivist in the cardiac ICU at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh where he also is fellowship director and medical director of pediatric transport services.

2001
Jacob Smith completed a combined orthopedic/neurosurgery spine fellowship with Florida Spine Institute in Clearwater, Fla., in July 2012. An orthopedic spine surgeon, he is an attending physician at the institution. He and his wife, Stephanie, reside in Safety Harbor, Fla.

2002
Sarah Lohr McMullen is the director of alumni relations health sciences for the University of Pittsburgh. She oversees the alumni relations programs for five of the university’s health sciences schools. She resides in Pittsburgh with her husband, Kyle, and daughter, Tabitha.

2003
Christopher Nave has been named executive officer for Outer Banks Association of Realtors. He currently resides in Nags Head, N.C.

2005
Rich Marmura joined WGT Media as the company’s lead game designer. He resides in San Bruno, Calif.

2009
Danielle Rand is a physician assistant with Butler Cardiovascular Consultants, as well as Northwest Regional Cardiology. She earned a master of physician assistant studies degree from Duquesne University in August 2012 and is certified to practice nationally by the National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants.

2010
Tyler Kelley is a finance analyst with ANH Refractories Inc. in Moon Township. Tyler earned a master's degree in economics from Youngstown State University in December 2012. He currently resides in Mt. Lebanon.

Lane McFarland was named the 2012 Pennsylvania Restaurant and Lodging Association (PRLA) Restaurant Member of the Year. He was honored at the PRLA 75th annual fall membership meeting and awards gala in Harrisburg in November 2012. McFarland is chef and manager of Beechie’s Place in Meadow Lands.

2012
Sam Becherer is an accountant with Schneider Downs, one of the largest public accounting firms in the United States. He is based in Pittsburgh, where he also lives.

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Sunday, April 19, 2015
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For more information, please contact Keith McCauley at 727-733-6075 or keithmccauley@msn.com.

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DEADLINES: Because Westminster Magazine is published only two times a year, significant lead time is required. Class Notes received on or before Sept. 1, 2014, should appear in the next issue.
1969
▶ Lou Ann Campbell Webber and David Clary, Oct. 20, 2012, at Zion’s Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg. Lou Ann is the membership coordinator at the Hollidaysburg Area YMCA. The couple lives in Hollidaysburg.

1990
Mark Platek and Jennifer Fuss, June 2, 2012, in an outdoor ceremony on the Chesapeake Bay. The wedding party included Andrew Keenan ’92. Alumni in attendance included Dana Black McGrath ’89 and Jonathan Potts ’95. After honeymooning in Costa Rica, the couple is residing in Seaford, Del.

1991

1996
▶ Beth Leham and Jean Halstead ‘94, Oct. 13, 2013, on Rehoboth Beach, Del. Jean is a rating veterans service representative for the Department of Veterans Affairs and Beth is a supervisory public health veterinarian with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

1997
▶ Jill Skretny and Stephen Packard, Nov. 17, 2012. The ceremony was held at Sts. Peter and Paul Roman Catholic Church, and a reception followed at the Avanti Mansion, both in Hamburg, N.Y. Jill is an attorney with the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Buffalo, N.Y. The couple resides in Orchard Park, N.Y.

1998
▶ James Holley and Amanda Masek, Oct. 15, 2011, at the United Methodist Church of Webster (N.Y.). James is the senior manager for a small local business, serves as historian for a local Methodist church, and volunteers for Sharing Our Bread, a food distribution center at the Messianic Jewish congregation Shema Yisrael. The couple resides in Penfield, N.Y.

2003
▶ Tracy L. Gulling and Cpl. Samuel Lettwick, May 25, 2013, at The Tara in Clark. Tracy is an osteopathic physician at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland. The couples resides in Westlake, Ohio.

2004
▶ Lauren Annibale and Alex Dreisbach, June 1, 2013, at Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church. A reception at The Pennsylvanian in downtown Pittsburgh followed. The wedding party included Erica Schweiger ’04. The couple honeymooned in Turks and Caicos.

2007


2009

Ashley Carnahan and Jeffrey Downey, Oct. 27, 2012, at St. Anne Catholic Church in Pittsburgh. The wedding party included Aime Gerber, Megan Mancini ’08, Charlie Bigelow, Nathan Capello, Jordan Flaim, and Jacob Hagmaier. Jeff is a credit analyst at Dollar Bank and Ashley is an assistant marketing manager at Giant Eagle. The couple resides in Monroeville.

Bill McCallion and Renee Lawrence, Oct. 13, 2012, at Wesleyville Baptist Church in Erie. The officiant was the Rev. Mark McCallion ’78. James McCallion ’13 was best man. Bill is pursuing a master of divinity degree at Ashland Theological Seminary. The couple resides in Ashland.


Bridget Roth and Andrew Pope, May 17, 2014, in Pittsburgh. The wedding party included Katelyn Kushner Neal, Stephanie Niziol Sumner ’08, Jenna Cunningham Flaim, Jordan Reinhart ’11, and Nicole Roberts.

2011


2012

Chelsea Gallo and Derek Fredrickson, April 5, 2014, at the Marriott Pittsburgh North in Cranberry. Jenna Aldom Hoffer, Kristen Fedon Weidner, David Merrick, Will Armentrout, and Ryan Carr ’13 served in the wedding party. Other Westminster guests in attendance included Dr. Scott Mackenzie and Paula Ferguson, as well as Aleya Tylinski, Nicole Nickoloff, Molly Sharbaugh, Liana DeFuria, Chloe Stanczak, Genevieve Siecowski Morgan, Ashley Bishop, Bradford Arrick, Caitie Fleckenstein, Brian Chinchilla, Christian Hasley, Andria Alessio, Chris Bodle, Amber Rex Bodle, Jeff Finafrock, Nate Kronnewater, Megan Hoffman, Tim Lynn, Todd Slobodnyak, Janelle Grasso, Nick Dalessio, Kaitlyn Schmidt, Tim Skero, Robert Wherie, Andrew Wasil, Alessandra Martino, Maria McTighe, Rob Brooks, Aaron Walters, and Becca Shuster.

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Recognizing Accomplished Alumni

Think of the Westminster alumni you know. What contributions are they making to their profession, in their community, or to their alma mater? Some may be very visible, others behind the scenes. There are many alumni worthy of recognition, and the Alumni Council encourages fellow alumni to help identify accomplished alumni for recognition through the presentation of Westminster Alumni Citations and the Outstanding Young Alumni Award. Nominations are confidential and remain active for five years.

Serve on the Westminster Alumni Council

Alumni Council members work to engage fellow alumni in a variety of events and activities while serving as ambassadors for Westminster and key volunteers for the alumni office. Do you know someone willing to support Westminster and alumni activities in a leadership role, returning to campus to work with fellow alumni, students and faculty? Please nominate him or her for consideration to serve a four-year term. Nominations are confidential and remain active for three years.

Submit nominations for Board of Trustees

Alumni are welcome to submit nominations for service on the Westminster College Board of Trustees. Nominations by be submitted to JoeAnn Miller in the President’s Office at millerja@westminster.edu.

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Westminster College
319 S. Market St.
New Wilmington, PA, 16172

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724-946-7366

Email:
alumni@westminster.edu

On the web:
An online nomination form is available on the Alumni Relations web page at www.westminster.edu.

For more information, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 724-946-7364.
NEW ADDITIONS

1991
► Suzette Golden Tasik and her husband, Karl: a daughter, Sierra Grace, on Jan. 4, 2013. She joins big brother Reid Donavan. Suzette is a tax manager for Sodexo. The family resides in Hagerstown, Md.

1993

1994
► Michael Marsh and his wife, Kristine: a son, Patrick, on Oct. 8, 2013. They joins twin sister Kathryn and Lauren at home in King of Prussia. (See also Class Notes.)

1996

1998
► Gina Groznik Steiner and her husband, Rob Steiner: a daughter, Natalie Jane, on May 28, 2013. She joins brothers Adam and Robby at home in Churchill.

2001
► Pamela Schrag Trentini and her husband, Jason: a son, Samuel James, on Aug. 13, 2013. He joins big sister Emily at home in Cecil.

2002
► Jennifer Bigelow Call and her husband, Jason ‘98: a son, Ian Matthew, on Aug. 9, 2012. Jennifer is a fourth-grade teacher for Amherst Schools in Amherst, Ohio, and Jason is the elementary principal for Avon Local Schools in Avon, Ohio. The family lives in Avon Lake, Ohio.

2003
► Janeen Griffith Bentz and her husband, Jeffrey Bentz ‘02: a daughter, Elliana Marie, on Oct. 18, 2013. Janeen is a seventh-grade reading teacher with Hampton Township School District and Jeff is a chiropractor with Genesis Medical Associates in Pittsburgh. The family resides in Gibsonia.

2004
► Alicia Roberts Pizon and her husband, Thomas Pizon ‘03: a daughter, Kara Grace, on June 22, 2013. She joins big sister Lucia at home in Parma, Ohio.

2005
► Jaime Carter Dray and her husband, Steven: a daughter, Brooklynne, on Dec. 5, 2012. The family resides in Coraopolis.

► Stephanie Hitchcock Baker and her husband, Jeremy Baker: a daughter, Madilyn Ryan, on Dec. 5, 2012. The family resides in Columbus, Ohio.

► Jennie Ohl Bechtel and her husband, John: a son, Keith Raymond, on July 2, 2012. He joins big sister Noelle at home in Hubbard, Ohio.
2006

2007

2007
▶ Kristan Kohley Allen and her husband, Andrew: a daughter, Olivia Rose, on July 21, 2012. She joins big brother Drew at home in Saxonburg.

2008
▶ Ashley Santarsiero Sylvester and her husband, Randy Sylvester: a daughter, Reagan Jesse, on Dec. 5, 2013. The family resides in Monaca.
Regional events are open to all alumni and friends of Westminster College. The Office of Alumni Relations works with volunteers to plan events in cities and regions across the country. Get connected with alumni in your area!

1. CHRISTMAS LANE — On Dec. 14, 2013, 108 alumni and guests from the Lawrence-Mercer-Clarion areas joined alumna host, Penny Rice Kraynak ’75, and her husband, George, for the second year of a special private tour of the Kraynak’s Holiday Display in Hermitage.

2. ALL ABOARD — On April 12, 21 alumni and guests from the Tampa Bay area enjoyed an evening dinner cruise aboard the StarLite Majesty ship out of Clearwater Beach, Fla. The cruise was hosted by alumnus and trustee, Keith McCauley ’68. Another cruise is set for April 19, 2015.

3. HAVING A BLAST — Sara Surgenor Arblaster ’02 and her husband, Mark, welcomed nearly 60 alumni and guests to their home for a picnic before the annual July 3 concert and fireworks display at Westminster’s Brittain Lake. Sara is a member of the Lawrence-Mercer-Clarion-Youngstown Regional Alumni Committee.

4. BATTER UP — Summertime means baseball, and 44 alumni and guests from Pittsburgh and Lawrence and Mercer counties gathered for a pre-Pirates game tailgate on July 20. The group watched the Pirates win over the Colorado Rockies.

**SUNDAY, DEC. 7**
Christmas Vespers Luncheon for parents, families, and local alumni before the annual Christmas Vespers service.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 2015**
5th Annual Westminster Dinner-Dance Cruise, Tampa Bay, Fla., out of Clearwater Beach. For more information, please contact Keith McCauley ’68 at 727-733-6075.

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MORE THAN 330 DIPLOMAS WERE AWARDED AT WESTMINSTER’S 160TH COMMENCEMENT CEREMONIES ON MAY 17.

An honorary doctor of public service degree was presented to Dr. Thomas R. Kepple ’70, president emeritus of Juniata College. Kepple shared his thoughts on “Leadership 101” with the graduates.

The College honored retiring faculty members Dr. Camila Bari de López (Spanish), Dr. Robin Lind (music), and D. Scott Renninger (physical education), awarding them emeriti status.

Dr. Daniel Fischmar, professor of economics and business, received the annual Distinguished Faculty Award, given to the faculty member who has demonstrated intellectual vitality, effective communication skills, the ability to motivate or inspire compassion, and concern for student success, collegiality, and leadership.

Joseph Ligo, a broadcast communications major, was the senior class speaker.

“At Westminster, a professor will call you on a Saturday morning in July to ask how your summer internship is going,” Ligo said. “At Westminster, your capstone adviser doesn’t roll her eyes when you ask for another letter of recommendation. You can spend two hours in somebody’s office talking about options for grad school. The registrar knows you by name, and the department chair will even give you a pound of home-grown bacon as a housewarming gift for your first apartment.”

“The Class of 2014 isn’t going to change the world during our first week out of school, and that’s OK,” Ligo said. “Deep down inside of us, we know what it takes to make a difference. We’ve learned what really matters, because we experienced it first hand, right here at Westminster. Don’t get so caught up in the daily grind that you forget the big picture. We must work for the future. We must use what we know to positively impact the lives of others in the next year, the next decade, even the next century.”
2014 LEGACY GRADUATES

Sean Christofferson with mother Kim Killmer Christofferson ‘81

Gregory Polcha with mother Heidi Polcha ‘88

Elizabeth Frambes with father Ted Frambes ‘84

Jason Garay with father Stephen Garay ‘85, M’92

Travis Kelly with father Timothy Kelly ‘07

Michael Pandolph with mother Nancy Roney Pandolph ‘79 and aunt Janet Roney ‘86

Alexandra Taylor with mother Elaine Hopkins Taylor ‘86 and grandfather Dr. Joe Hopkins ‘40

Joe Ligo with parents Jesse ‘82 and Amy Klipa Ligo ‘84 and brother Rich Ligo ‘12

Sierra Bell with father Duwayne Bell ‘79 and sister Simmone Bell ‘13

Krista Ulisse with grandfather James O’Donnell ‘63

Alyssa DeSantis with parents Jennifer DeSantis ‘08 and Chuck DeSantis ‘11

Jonathan Hartner and mother Kelly Hartner M’05

Allison and Julie Rice with father Paul Rice ‘79

Nathan Huber with mother Jill Twentier Huber ‘82

Alexander Lelansky with mother Debby Wheat Lelansky ‘83

Kory Gribbin with parents Kevin ‘88 and Judy Mack Gribbin ‘86

Ashley Moon with parents Kevin ‘83 and Susan Holzer Moon ‘83

Robert Brooks with parents Owen ‘82 and Margaret Grose Brooks ‘83

Alessandra Martino with grandfather Daniel Martino M’60

Jeffery Huff with parents Jeff ‘85 and Laurel Lugaila Huff ‘84

Nicholas Holiday with parents Erin ‘86 and Danielle Linnert Holiday ‘89, grandfather James Holiday ‘59, and sister Jacquelyn Holiday ‘17
ALUMNI

Harriette Robinson Cochran ’33 of Chardon, Ohio, June 1, 2014.
Virginia Welch Harro ’33 of San Jose, Calif., Nov. 22, 2013.
Charlotte Melhorn Allen ’35 of Hudson, Ohio, June 1, 2013.
Virginia Bell Lyon ’37, formerly of New Castle, May 15, 2013.
Florence Sando Manson ’39 of Bronx, N.Y., Nov. 25, 2013.
Emily Mehaeffey Daubenspeck ’40 of Meadville, Jan. 15, 2012.
Beatrice Hamblin Wing ’40 of Youngsville, Jan. 29, 2005.
Helen Pierce Cornell ’40 of Bethesda, Md., July 11, 2013.
Mary Potter Canning ’40 of New Wilmington, Dec. 10, 2013.
Elizabeth Rogers Ridl ’42 of Cranberry Township, Nov. 18, 2013.
Felix DeMoise ’44 of Wyomissing, March 20, 2013.
Eileen Gandy Gorby ’44 of Springfield, Ohio, March 27, 2013.
Victoria Bertza Moldovan ’44, M’49 of New Castle, Jan. 18, 2013.
Bette Smith McNamary ’44 of Butler, Nov. 15, 2013.
Anna Johnston Spera ’45 of Pittsburgh, June 30, 2013.
Elizabeth Roessing Miller ’45 of North Huntingdon, Aug. 16, 2014.
Evelyn Hill Mallick ’47 of Fort Myers, Fla., June 12, 2013.
Jean Garrett Blake ’48 of Blue Ash, Ohio, May 9, 2013.
James A. Masl ’48 of Findlay, Ohio, Jan. 20, 2014.
Christine Masterson Peterson ’48 of Columbus, Ohio, March 3, 2013.
J. Wallace Wiggins ’48 of McKeepost, April 2, 2013.
Ramon Ray Smith ’50 of Berlin Center, Ohio, Aug. 21, 2011.
Francis M. Akstulewicz ’51 of New Castle, April 21, 2014.
Richard E. Lyon ’51 of Strasburg, Ohio, Nov. 7, 2013.
Nancy McCaw Cintron ’51 of Willoughby, Ohio, Jan. 16, 2013.
Gerald Tallarico ’51, M’53 of Farrell, June 12, 2013.
Edward J. Halas ’52 of Pittsburgh, March 23, 2013.
Mary McCoy McCracken '52 of Pittsburgh, Aug. 8, 2013.
Joyce Rowe Abraham '53 of Bethel Park, Nov. 7, 2008.
James A. Bowser '54 of Manhattan Beach, Calif., Apr. 26, 2014.
Elizabeth Crout Eckhardt '54 of Williamsburg, Va., Nov. 12, 2012.
Robert L. Merwin '54 of Frederiksted, Virgin Islands, Aug. 21, 2013.
Janet Peden Vogan '54 of Pleasant Gap, June 17, 2013.
Jean MccGeech Cutler '55 of Indiana, April 8, 2014.
Eric L. Wilson '57 of Rugby, Tenn., April 18, 2013.
Mary Conti Serra M'58 of Campbell, Ohio, May 5, 2010.
James L. White '58 of Wheaton, Ill., Nov. 24, 2011.
Janet Clawson Dreer '59 of White Oak, March 17, 2013.
Patricia Disney Watson '60 of New Bethlehem, Nov. 1, 2013.
Carol Polandick Neely '61 of Blacksburg, Va., Aug. 21, 2013.
Sue Bltzengarn Hart '62 of Pittsburgh, April 23, 2013.
Dean A. Forsythe '62 of Washington Township, June 19, 2013.
David B. Brenneman '63 of New Wilminton, March 8, 2013.
Margaret Gregely Spadyn M'63 of Camp Hill, March 8, 2013.
Linda Hileman Giordano '63 of Vienna, Va., June 17, 2013.
Edward McIntosh Jr. '63 of Brookfield, Ohio, April 1, 2013.
Lois McMurray Myers '63 of Heath, Ohio, April 25, 2013.
Linda Ruth Thomas Staff '63 of Brenham, Texas, Nov. 27, 2012.
Bruce A. Boyle '64 of Denver, Col., Feb. 8, 2014.
Sanford J. Dalglish '64 of McDonald, Feb. 24, 2013.
IN MEMORIAM

FRIENDS

Debora Swatsworth Foster ’74
March 11, 2013
Debora “Debbie” Swatsworth Foster, chair of the Westminster College Board of Trustees from 2006-2009. In honor of Foster’s contributions to her alma mater, the Foster Art Gallery in Westminster’s Patterson Hall was established in 2012.

Kathy Koop
March 5, 2013
Kathy Koop, professor of art emerita, was professor of art at Westminster College from 1973-2010.

Phillip A. Lewis
March 7, 2013
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THE MEMORIAL FIELD HOUSE, completed in August 1951, was formally dedicated on Dec. 15, 1951, as a memorial to the Westminster men who served and died in World War I and World War II. Dr. Milton S. Eisenhower, then president of the Pennsylvania State University and brother of Dwight D. Eisenhower, was the speaker at the dedication ceremony. Surviving family members of the war dead listened as the names of the fallen soldiers listed on a bronze plaque were read. The plaque still resides in the Field House.

The Field House was built during the expansion program of President Will Orr (1949-67), who arrived on campus in 1949 in the midst of a floundering fund-raising campaign. He immediately rose to the challenge and searched for wealthy contributors, and on Oct. 10, 1949, just 10 days after he was inaugurated, the Board approved three building projects: the Memorial Field House, Freeman Science Hall, and Russell Hall.

These projects would become the core of the Centennial Campaign. Orr assumed leadership of the $1,245,000 campaign and personally solicited most of the gifts. The students initially had raised $12,000 for a Student Union War Memorial, but when they secured pledges for an additional $10,000, the Board voted to proceed immediately with the construction of the Field House.

The cost was $250,000, with seating for 3,500 for basketball, and 5,000 as an auditorium. An additional $75,000 was spent in 1950-51 to build new football and baseball fields and a new track.

The building was extensively remodeled in 1975 and was expanded to include a varsity gymnasium—named for former coach Charles “Buzz” Ridl ’43—with a capacity for 2,300 spectators, a collegiate-sized natatorium, faculty offices, classrooms, locker rooms for men and women, trainers’ complex, four basketball courts for recreational and intramural use, and two racquetball courts. Two basketball courts have synthetic floors suitable for tennis, volleyball, badminton, and indoor track practice.

In 1994 the College added a new fitness center with equipment for strength and cardiovascular training. The Thomas V. Mansell wing of the Field House was completed in 1999 at a cost of $1.5 million, financed partly with a $500,000 gift from the New Castle-based Hoyt Foundation. The James F. Edwards wing was completed in 2001.

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JANUARY 21, 2015
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IN HONOR OF THE FOUNDING OF WESTMINSTER IN 1852.

WEAR WESTMINSTER DAY CHECKLIST

☐ Show your **TITAN PRIDE** by wearing or using your favorite Westminster spirit gear!

☐ Get together with Westminster friends and share your Titan Pride together!

☐ Share pictures of yourself or with a group of Westminster friends showing off your White and Blue at [www.facebook.com/WCAlumniAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/WCAlumniAssociation) or tweet us @ WCTitanAlumni #WearWestminster2015.