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While many universities around the country face a number of challenges when it comes to their graduate enrollment, West Chester seems to be bucking the trend. As Darla Spence Coffey, the Associate Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies, points out in this issue's cover story, the University is not immune to these problem, but enrollment in West Chester's postbaccalaureate programs continues to exceed expectations. She notes that "people recognize the value of graduate education and the quality of our programs."

As we looked at this year's support from alumni, parents and friends of the University, there too, West Chester is bucking a trend. Despite the economy's continued poor performance, WCU has seen increases not only in the amount of funds raised in support of the University, but in the total numbers of donors, which this past year grew by 17%.

Eight percent more alumni made gifts to their alma mater; the number of parents who contributed to the University increased by 13%, and the number of friends giving to WCU rose by an impressive 104%. Parent contributions increased by almost 11%, and the amount of pledges and gifts made during the University's annual phonathon raised 2.2% more than last year. In this annual report issue of the West Chester University Magazine, it seems only fitting that we recognize the many individuals and organizations that have continued to make WCU's achievements possible, including anniversaries such as the one we celebrate this year.

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It was 50 years ago this year that the University awarded its first graduate

degree. Since 1959, when the Commonwealth authorized what then was West Chester State College to establish graduate studies, the number of graduate certificate and degree programs at WCU has grown to 70 areas of post-baccalaureate study throughout five colleges.

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Lessons Learned Since 9/11



During a day-long program of panel discussions, presentations and group projects, members of the University community reflected on lessons learned and perspectives gained since the tragic events that occurred ten years ago on September 11.

Four panel discussions organized by Political Science Chair Peter Loedel and Professor of History Lawrence Davidson included presentations by three WCU alumni who talked about the impact of 9/11 on their professions and careers.

Panelist Daniel Blomquist '08, remembers very clearly where he was on September 11. "I was sitting in a high school sociology class when the first tower was hit," he recalls. "We were let out of school early, and as soon as I got home, I started recording the television reports." Blomquist refers to himself and his peers as the "9/11 generation" and says events that day further fueled his childhood interest in law enforcement and foreign affairs. "As far back as I can remember, the thought of being a state trooper was my 'dream job,'" he says. After earning a political science degree in international relations at West Chester, Blomquist pursued a graduate degree in security and intelligence studies at the University of Pittsburgh, focusing on counterterrorism. During his graduate work, he completed an internship with the New York City Police Department's counterterrorism bureau.

Today, Blomquist is working for the Delaware State police. He believes police work is increasingly focused on domestic security. "Police departments have become better equipped and better trained to handle a litany of situations – situations deemed 'out of the normal' or 'extraordinary.'"

For panelist Bob McCreight '69, what occurred that September morning was as significant as Pearl Harbor had been for his parents. "It was an historical event," he says, "And, I guess because of my professional experience, the attacks that day in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C. convinced me that we were as vulnerable as ever."

During his 35-year career with the State Department and other federal agencies, Mc-Creight served in a number of capacities in intelligence and military affairs, treaty negotiations, arms control and counter-terrorism.

Until his retirement in 2004, McCreight continued to work on improving America's assessment of foreign threats – threats, he believes, continue to evolve and become more complex. "We need to develop very smart crisis management leaders," says McCreight

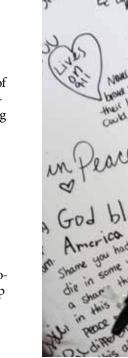
"Despite our commanding presence in the world and as ready as we are, it's critical that we educate a new generation of leaders who are prepared for anything," concludes Smith.

In 2001, panelist Chip Smith '70 was the chief security officer for the Bank of New York Mellon, headquartered not far from the World Trade Center. On September 11, he was headed to a meeting at One Wall Street when the first plane crashed. "Those towers were so tall that it just looked like a small plane had hit the building, but in the back of my mind, I thought, 'This isn't right. Something's wrong here.' While I was conducting the meeting, the second plane struck."

After overseeing the bank's evacuation, Smith worked nearly non-stop for several months helping the company relocate and re-start its operations. This included working with the technology staff to carry out the bank's data bases from the building's twenty-second floor.

"While most companies had business continuity plans around issues like staff relocations, they generally did not have back-up for their data. A lot changed after 9/11," says Smith.

Prior to joining the bank in 2000, Smith spent 24 years with the Secret Service, retiring as the special agent in charge of the New York field office. His experience included both Presidential and Vice Presidential details and the coordination of several high profile venues. After 9/11, he saw a number of changes both in private and public sector security, including the start of greater cooperation between agencies and departments on the federal, state and even local level. Smith, himself, formed a group of chief security officers from 19 financial service companies in New York, who agreed to share information routinely with one another on security issues and concerns. It has since become a model program around the country.



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— Panelist Bob McCreight '69



On Sept. 11, before a wall of 3,000 flags on the front lawn of Sykes Student Union building, the campus community took part in a candlelight vigil memorializing the victims of 9/11. Several participants wrote commemorative messages on a nearby poster board. The program began with members of the Golden Rams marching band performing "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Amazing Grace" and concluded with a single trumpeter playing "Taps."

Panel co-organizer Peter Loedel: "The program was designed to reflect on the lessons learned and perspectives gained ten years after 9/11. For example, what have we learned in regards to national security over the last ten years?"

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ALUM WINS PRESTIGIOUS MACARTHUR FELLOWSHIP



2011 MacArthur Foundation Fellowship recipient, Kevin Guskiewicz '89 (photo courtesy the John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation).

When Kevin Guskiewicz graduated from West Chester University in 1989 with a degree in athletic training, he couldn't have imagined that a couple decades later, he would receive the call he got on September 9. "It was quite a call. One I will never forget," says Guskiewicz.

A neuroscientist who is credited with making major advances in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of sport-related concussions, Guskiewicz is among this year's John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation Fellows - a highly prestigious honor that carries with it a \$500,000 "nostrings-attached" award.

"Being selected a MacArthur Fellow is a tremendous honor for me, my family, and my colleagues. Our success has been the result of developing a strong research team with common goals in mind," says Guskiewicz.

"It is especially gratifying to know that a group of non-peers determined that our concussion research is influencing society in such a positive way.

"I couldn't be more proud of my upbringing, which obviously started with my parents, but continued shortly thereafter with my mentors at West Chester University. "I'd like to think this recognition is a trib-

ute to them as well."

His accomplishments and recent recognition were no surprise to those who knew him as a student at West Chester, including WCU Vice President for Student Affairs, Matt Bricketto, who recalls Guskiewicz as "one of our stars."

"He was a leader in the Friar's Society, as well as an officer in the student athletic trainers club," says Bricketto. "He was news and later co-editor of The Quad and in 2005 was inducted into our Legacy of Leadership."

Last December, Guskiewicz shared some of his professional experiences with West Chester's mid-winter graduates during their commencement ceremony. In his address to the undergraduates, he described the skepticism and challenges he and his research colleagues faced when results of their findings on head injuries were released in 2005 and 2007.

"Our four-year study identified a high probability of developing later-life cognitive impairment and depression once a player had sustained three or more concussions during their NFL career," explained Guskiewicz. "It was the last thing the NFL wanted to hear."

While the NFL aggressively attacked the researchers' findings - hiring other doctors and scientists to discredit their reports - Guskiewicz and his colleagues decided to expand their research and eventually corroborated their findings through longitudinal studies.

Today, the Guskiewicz research team is leading the NFL's research in this area. As he noted in his take-home message to the graduating seniors: "When you know you are right and your integrity is intact, you will persevere."

A member of the faculty at the University of North Carolina since 1995, Guskiewicz followed his West Chester degree with a master's in exercise physiology and athletic training and a doctorate in sports medicine from the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Virginia, respectively.

Today, he holds the Kenan Distinguished Professorship and oversees the Matthew Gfeller Sport-Related Traumatic Brain Injury Research Center at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. He also chairs the Department of Exercise and

Sport Science and holds joint appointments in the Department of Orthopaedics, the UNC Injury Prevention Research Center, and the doctoral program in Human Movement Science.

Over the past 18 years, he has researched the effect of sport-related concussion on balance and neuropsychological function in high school and collegiate athletes, as well as the long-term neurological issues related to playing sports. While engaging clinicians, coaches, parents and athletes in recognizing the immediate and long-term effects of concussions, Guskiewicz is contributing significantly to state and federal policy discussions concerning development of more stringent return-to-play guidelines and head-gear investigations that will improve the safety of athletes of all ages.

His work has been published in more than 75 journals and textbooks on concussion in sport. He has been awarded fellowships by the American College of Sports Medicine, the American Academy of Kinesiology and Physical Education, and the National Athletic Trainers' Association. Last year, Guskiewicz was named to the NCAA's Concussion Committee, the NFLPA's Mackey-White Committee, and the NFL's Head, Neck and Spine Committee.

Guskiewicz was a featured speaker at WCU's midwinter commencement ceremonies in 2010.





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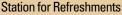
LEAVING A LEGACY

Students, faculty, staff, and administrators were invited to leave their legacy on what will be part of the new recreational center due to open in August 2012. Approximately 125 members of the campus community signed small tiles that will become a permanent collage on the 72,575-square-foot facility, which, among other features, will include a fitness center four times the size of the current fitness facility in Sykes Student Union building.

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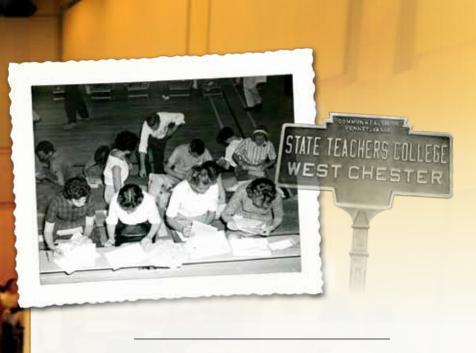




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Celebrating A Major Milestone in the New Millennium:

50 Years of Graduate Studies at WCU A COLOR

In 1959, the State Council of Education of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania authorized West Chester State College to establish a program of graduate studies. Two years later, Ben Coren crossed the stage to receive the College's first master's degree in education

(see profile of first alumnus on page 11).

By 1970, the College had established a master of arts and of science and was finalizing plans to offer a master in music education. A decade later, graduate enrollment had almost tripled; West Chester was granted university status in 1983; and over the next ten years, its graduate programs continued to flourish.

By the early 1990s, WCU had the largest number of graduate programs within the 14 Commonwealth-owned institutions of higher learning. In 50 years, WCU's graduate studies had evolved from one master's degree in education to advanced studies in over 80 areas within the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Visual and Performing Arts, Business and Public Affairs, Health Sciences and Education. This fall, 2,200 students enrolled in graduate degrees and certification programs.

WCU Bucks the Trend

Every year, U.S. News & World Report releases its much anticipated rankings for best graduate schools in the United States. In the latest issue featuring the 2012 rankings, several articles outlined the challenging climate universities are facing during the continuing economic downturn. Rising tuitions, reduced employer support, fewer fellowships, a stagnant job market and global competition are affecting graduate programs across the country.

While WCU is not immune to these problems, enrollment in its postbaccalaureate programs continues to exceed expectations.

"This past year was difficult for most graduate schools in the country, but we have had steady growth," notes Darla Spence Coffey, associate provost and dean of graduate studies. "People recognize the value of graduate education and the quality of our programs."

Coffey cites the University's master's program in social work as one example of this trend.



When she arrived at the University in the late 1990s, the master's in social work was brand new. "West Chester was the first school in the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) to offer an M.S.W., and from the outset, it has been a very popular program," says Coffey, who has a master's in social work from the University of Pennsylvania and a Ph.D. in social work and social research from Bryn Mawr College.

According to Coffey, as demand continues to grow, the University is looking at ways to provide more access to its graduate programs through various models of delivery such as hybrid, online and distance learning courses. Several programs already are online, including the University's M.Ed. in special education and the M.B.A. program. The University is in the early stages of developing a collaborative online master's degree with Millersville University, and there are plans to work with pharmaceutical companies to support science programs through S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) educational initiatives.

"We continue to develop strong and current programs in public health, public administration, psychology, the humanities and applied professional degrees such as communicative disorders, counseling and nursing," she adds.

"Of course, it all started 50 years ago with the master's in education, which we continue to be well-known for today."

Connie L. DiLucchio, Associate Professor of Early and Middle Grades Education, works directly with Darla Coffey and other colleagues on the University's Graduate Council to enhance, build and promote post-baccalaureate offerings. DiLucchio serves as the

"A master's degree in the 21st century remains more important than ever."

council's secretary and the graduate coordinator representing early and middle grades certification programs and the M.Ed. in Applied Studies in Teaching and Learning. From both professional and personal perspectives, DiLucchio says that the value of obtaining a master's degree in the 21st century remains more important than ever.

"Earning a master's degree has a lot of personal value, and it shows drive and initiative," says DiLucchio. She also believes that graduate programs help professionals with credentialing and certifications, making them more marketable or providing them with new competencies to change careers.

Forging Ahead – Planning for WCU's First Applied Doctoral Program

As WCU commemorates a 50-year milestone, another achievement in the University's history of graduate education is closer to realization. WCU is awaiting legislative authority to award applied doctoral degrees. If the state legislation is approved, WCU is preparing a proposal for a doctoral program in nursing practice (D.N.P.) as its first doctoral degree.

Part of the University's desire to offer the D.N.P. stems from a recommendation by the American Association of Colleges of Nursing that all advanced practice nurses be required to have a doctorate. The University also identified the potential demand for such a program in the region.

WCU began educating undergraduate nurses in1974 and, in 1992, offered a graduate program. Today, it attracts nurses from the entire region, including Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland. Currently, about 50 graduate nursing students are enrolled in one of the program's three functional tracts: nursing education, nursing administration and integrated health.

"We have an excellent reputation in the community for a wellestablished program," says Charlotte Mackey, Associate Professor of Nursing and Chair of the Department of Nursing.

Recitation Hall, home of the College of Education.

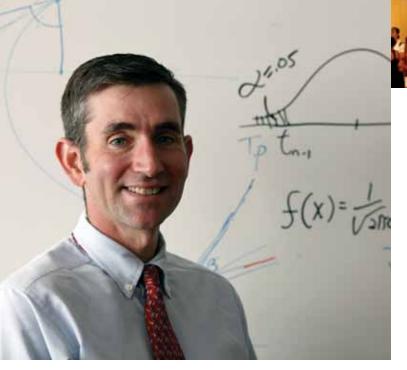




all nurse practitioners in Pennsylvania live within a 75-mile radius of the University, and 48 percent of all hospitals are located within the same area," claims Mackey.

Associate Professor of Early and Middle Grades Education, Connie L. DiLucchio.





Professor of Mathematics Randall Rieger.

Training Applied Statisticians for the High-Tech World

Professor of Mathematics Randall Rieger directs the graduate program in applied statistics and the West Chester Statistics Institute, which provides statistical support, analysis, and education for the University community and for regional business, industry, and academic institutions.

Rieger, who earned his master's and Ph.D. degrees in biostatistics from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, designed and implemented the graduate program. He also established an advisory board of business leaders to recommend specialized coursework, provide guest lecturers, discuss the latest topics and secure internship opportunities. Students combine their coursework with

"What we're seeing is a national trend of increasing computational power with incredible amounts of data being generated in all fields and all sectors."

areas of specialization, including biology, mathematics, computer science, psychology, health sciences, business or pharmaceutical product development.

From the outset, the applied statistics program has grown very quickly, attracting students from around the world, including China, India, South Korea and Kenya. Classes consist of professionals who have worked for more than 20 years and others who have just completed their undergraduate degrees.

"The original impetus to establish this program was because many companies use statisticians and biostatisticians in the Greater Philadelphia area," he explains. "From the beginning, we established a niche. We were careful to meet the needs of local and regional companies."

Since then, Rieger has seen WCU graduates find employment at major institutions such as GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, AstraZeneca, Vanguard, Fox Chase Cancer Center, Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania.

While the economic picture is uncertain for many other disciplines, Rieger believes the applied statistics program has an advantage. "What we're seeing is a national trend of increasing computational power with incredible amounts of data being generated in all fields and all sectors.

Laurie Bernotsky, who directs the University's Master of Public Administration (MPA) program.



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"Many companies are turning to statisticians to make sense of the data," he notes, "And, there is an increasing demand to hire people who are trained to work with and interpret data and explain the results."

Advanced-Level Careers in Public Service Sector

So, what's in a name? Plenty, according to Political Science Professor Laurie Bernotsky, who directs the University's Master of Public Administration (MPA) program.

"About a year and a half ago we changed our program's degree designation to Master of Public Administration which allowed us to pursue accreditation with the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA)," explains Bernotsky.

Accreditation by NASPAA demonstrates a program's commitment to value, its reputation, continuous improvement and quality in public service education.

MPA candidates train for advanced-level careers in the public service sector and specialize in public administration, nonprofit management or human resource management. Students also can obtain graduate certificates, combined with the MPA general concentration, in urban and regional planning and sport management and athletics.

According to Bernotsky, who also directs the University's Center for Social and Economic Policy Research, national trends indicate increasing demand for qualified employees working within all levels of government or in the nonprofit and private sectors as consultants to governmental organizations or as governmental service providers.

"We offer a practitioner's degree," she explains. "That puts the University in a good position to respond to regional and national needs."

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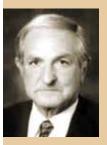
About a quarter of the University's undergraduates over the last few decades have returned to WCU to pursue graduate studies. Some, like John Villella '76, M'82 and more recently, Chibu Anyanwu '10, are also serving in positions to advance future West Chester graduate students.

Last year, Chibu Anyanwu earned a bachelor's in pharmaceutical product development at West Chester. Today, she is pursuing a master's in public health at her alma mater and serves as president of the Graduate Student Association, representing graduate students on various University committees. The Association also sponsors a number of professional, social and education programs for graduate students and lets them know about University resources that are available to them.

"WCU has done quite a bit to enhance opportunities for graduate education in this region and deserves to celebrate its 50th anniversary," says Anyanwu. "And," she adds, "the University is making further efforts to accommodate graduate students by offering online courses in addition to in-class courses."

First Master's Recipient Scores a Lifetime of Achievements

Benedict "Ben" Coren, B.S. '48, M.Ed. '61, Ed.D.



Dr. Ben Coren, 87, of Ventnor, N.J., knows a lot about winning – both in the classroom and on the football field. The distinguished alumnus received the University's first master's in education in 1961. But Coren's playbook for success could stretch the length of the gridiron.

At West Chester, he became the first football player named All American in 1947

by The Associated Press. "I transferred in 1945 from the University of Nevada because I wanted certification to teach in Pennsylvania," recalls Coren, a hall of fame guard and linebacker who earned his bachelor's in health and physical education in 1948.

"I had excellent role models," adds Coren, "especially Dr. Russell Sturzebecker. He was the catalyst. He always pushed me to do my best." Sturzebecker led the Health and Physical Education Department while Coren was a student.

The College of Health Sciences inducted Coren into the Sturzebecker Hall of Fame in 1998 for his exceptional career and commitment to the University. By 1970, he earned a doctorate in education from New Mexico University. He taught and coached football at Dickinson College and Henderson High School and established Indian Springs Day Camp in Chester Springs. Later, he became professor of recreation and coached football at Cheyney University. Coren is in the Philadelphia Jewish Sports Hall of Fame, the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame, Killinger Foundation Football Hall of Fame and honoree of the Chapel of the Four Chaplains.

But when he reflects on his success, Coren gives WCU extra credit. "My happiest days were at West Chester. When I graduated I was really prepared to teach."



Graduate student Chibu Anyanwu '10.



Swope music building.

As associate dean for the College of Visual and Performing Arts, John W. Villella, coordinates the College's curriculum, advising, assessment, faculty development, the performance calendar, equipment, and budget. He earned his bachelor's and a master's degree in music education from West Chester and later a doctorate from Widener University. He taught music in public schools for several years before returning to WCU in 1983 as a member of the music faculty.

During his 28-year tenure with the University and as a undergraduate and graduate student, Villella has seen a number of changes in music education both in what has been required of music teachers by the state and the University's own curriculum.

"Most music teachers pursue a master's in music education as part of their continued professional growth and because Pennsylvania has mandated that they acquire a certain number of hours of instruction over a five-year period," explains Villella.

According to Villella, one of the biggest changes over the years has been the opportunities for specialization in graduate music education programs that don't exist at the undergraduate level. As examples, he cites WCU's certification programs in conducting and in Orff Schulwerk and Kodaly, techniques of teaching musicianship and musicianship skills - skills often used by elementary and secondary school music teachers.

Changes also are on the horizon when it comes to how graduate music classes are delivered at West Chester. Villella notes that the College is considering offering three core courses as hybrid classes in

the music education master's program. "This would translate into a limited amount of time required on campus with most class discussions, projects and requirements conducted through a distance education model," he explains.

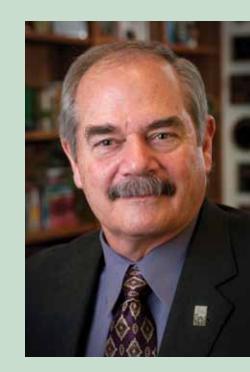
"Given that most of our grad students are fulltime teachers, it would be a positive and necessary change."

Associate Dean for the College of Visual and Performing Arts, John W. Villella.



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A Message from President Greg R. Weisenstein



I want to express my appreciation to each of you - to the alumni, friends and partners, students and their families, faculty, and staff whose gifts are contributing to an outstanding present and future for West Chester University. Your generosity has helped WCU to earn a national reputation for excellence, value, and student success.

Reflecting that strong reputation, West Chester University is accredited by more than 30 national Much as WCU alumni are leaders in their careers and communities, our students make signifi-

and regional associations, and for the fourth consecutive year, Kiplinger's magazine has rated WCU among the 100 best buys in American public higher education. Also reflecting our excellence are the more than 22,000 first-time applicants we annually attract. The regularly admitted students who entered WCU this fall brought a grade-point average of 3.56, were in or near the top quarter of their high-school class, and have combined SAT scores that exceed the Pennsylvania average by 120 points. We are committed to the success of all of our students, and we're proud that our graduation rates surpass the national average for similar institutions by more than 15 percentage points. cant contributions as undergraduates. For example, last year, through service learning and other volunteerism, they gave a record 282,662 hours to the community. For the fifth year in a row, WCU has been selected for the President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll. In addition, WCU is among the 115 universities and colleges - out of about 4,000 - to earn the Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification this past year.

The work of a great university such as ours demands excellent facilities for its students and pro-We are now telling the great story of West Chester University and our exceptional programs

grams. Currently on campus, construction for the Student Recreation Center is well underway; our art and theatre-and-dance programs have moved into the newly renovated and expanded E.O. Bull Center, and we anticipate breaking ground for the Business and Public Affairs Center in 2012. In the near future, we will move ahead with the next phase of student housing on north and south campus. through effective marketing. Our new "Learn More" campaign was designed with the help of WCU Council of Trustees member Eli Silberman, one of the country's foremost marketing experts. "Learn More" focuses on the University's impressive quality. The campaign includes five television commercials and several ads that are appearing throughout the region on billboards, on public transportation, and in other venues. With "Learn More," we have achieved professional-quality advertising on a truly barebones budget.

Like all of higher education, WCU has not been immune from economic challenges. As a percentage of our total budget, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania funding has been declining for 20 years. Nevertheless, in spite of the reduced state support, including an 18% reduction for the current fiscal year, the University's outlook is strong. Among the reasons for the optimistic picture is our tremendous enrollment demand. To help us accommodate more of the students who want the benefits of a West Chester University education, we will be expanding our development of off-site locations, co-located programs, and particularly distance education.

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In closing, I again want to express my gratitude for all that you do to ensure access to WCU for qualified students and to advance the strength of our programs. You are contributing to the University's ongoing success - enhancing the quality of life for our students and alumni and serving com-

I look forward to seeing you on campus throughout the year!

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ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE

College of Business & Public Affairs

DR. CHRISTOPHER FIORENTINO, DEAN



Highlights of the year included the following:

• The Undergraduate Social Work Department was successfully reaccredited by the Council of Social Work Education.

• Eight new tenure-track faculty were hired to replace retirements and fill new positions. The faculty were hired in the following departments: two faculty in Criminal Justice, two faculty in Economics and Finance, one faculty member in Graduate Social Work, two faculty in Management, and one faculty member in Political Science.

• The MPA program was granted membership and eligibility in NAS-PAA (The National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration). The program is now preparing for the self study by finalizing accreditation assessment procedures and establishing advisory boards.

• At the Delaware Valley Geography Association meeting three undergraduate and two graduate students presented research posters.

• The CBPA has hired a new lab manager to help support the GIS labs (in Anderson Hall and Ruby Jones). This new hire will allow one person to be in the labs full-time to better help support the needs of the students and faculty in the College.

• Marketing students in a market research class completed projects for various companies/organizations in the fall semester. The organizations included Tastykake, Aramark, Ace Hardware, Green Lawn Fertilizing and PA Liquor Control Board.

• The Department of Criminal Justice hosted two nationally-known speakers throughout the year: Father Greg Boyle, a Roman Catholic priest involved in stopping gang violence and nationally-known former and now reformed Skinhead member, Frank Meenik, delivered his message of celebration of differences. In both presentations WCU student groups, faculty and local government agencies were in attendance.

• The Department of Political Science initiated the first WCU-Mayor Internship Program with Mayor Comitta acting as mentor and host.

• Five economics seniors presented their research at the Eastern Economics Association (EEA) conference.

• The Cottrell Center started an Entrepreneurship Fellows Program which includes workshops, mentoring, coaching, and experiential learning for a cohort of aspiring entrepreneur students.

• Three graduate social work students served as editors for the first issue of the student-run peer-reviewed journal for that department.

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ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE

COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES Dr. Donald E. Barr, Dean

Highlights of the year included the following:

• Last summer the Dean commissioned a study by the WCU Center for Social and Economic Policy Research to answer the question – what economic opportunities are lost by the Commonwealth by not allowing the College of Health Sciences (CHS) to grow? The results of the study were dramatic. According to the research findings, "The estimated economic statewide impact of the physical expansion of the CHS by 70,000 square feet is significant, ranging from \$25 million to \$28 million (or higher if existing space deficiencies are maintained)." In addition, the report concludes that the projected economic impact is sustainable for the foreseeable future due to the pressing need for expansion of many existing CHS academic programs and the need to design new ones.

• The College submitted a letter of intent to PASSHE for delivering of a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree.

• The Department of Nutrition and Dietetics was created. Prior to creating this new academic department, the nutrition and dietetics programs were housed in the Department of Health.

• The Department of Sports Medicine completed an agreement for graduate students to serve as athletic trainers in the West Chester Area School District.

• New funds were established: Gerontological Nursing Scholarship, Mary Kline Day Lecture Series, Dr. Elise Triano Pathophysiology Award, and Student Dietetic Association Scholarship.

• CHS & ACEER – ACEER's University Outreach Program ran 7 workshops, taking 78 participants (students and faculty) to the Amazon and the cloud forest. ACEER's outreach to Peruvian universities included sending 6 students from Peruvian universities to participate with the groups from the USA. One of the workshops was a group from Russia: the University of Moscow, led by the WCU faculty member, Daria Nikitina. Also, with funding from a National Geographic Conservation Trust grant, ACEER partnered with the Stroud Water Research Center to extend the Leaf Pack program beyond Puerto Maldonado to two regions-Iquitos and Pucallpa. Staff from the Stroud Water Research Center and ACEER partnered to offer workshops to 50 participants, training them how to use the Leaf Pack data to analyze the health of local streams.

• A new M.S. program in Exercise and Sport Physiology was approved by the PASSHE Board of Governors in August. This program was formerly a concentration in the M.S. program in physical education.

• Melanie Ferrick and Midori Rodriquez, students in the Department of Communicative Disorders, won the NSSLHA, ASHA essay competition and were awarded a scholarship to attend the 2010 ASHA Convention in Philadelphia.

• Fifteen seniors who are adapted physical education minors completed their senior projects focused on community involvement – a new initiative. Some of the projects included working with the YMCA "Sports for People with Physical Disabilities Program" (Dana Smee), implementation of the Rammies soccer team (Lindsey Lightcap & Lauren Chicciocippo), and planning physical activities for a three- day summer camp for Children with Albinish and Hyperpigmentation (Shane McManus).

• Kristina Early, MPH student, has had a presentation accepted for the National Environmental Health Association's Annual Educational Conference & Exhibition, June 18-20, 20111 in Ohio, PA.

• The creation of the Center for Healthy Schools was supported with \$24,500 in start-up funds, and the Mind-Body Institute was created with \$7000 in start-up funds. The Center for Healthy Schools is directed by Dr. Bethann Cinelli of the Department of Health while the Mind-Body Institute is directed by Dr. Ed Mackey of the Department of Nursing.

• The Department of Kinesiology signed an articulation agreement with Arcadia University between the WCU exercise science program and their Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. In addition, the department's exercise science program has a signed articulation agreements with the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia for their Doctor of Physical Therapy degrees.

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DR. DARLA SPENCE COFFEY



Highlights of the year included the following:

• Under the leadership of Dr. Kevin Dean, the Honors College and the Honors Student Association experienced a record year of accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, service and leadership. With its curriculum and programming built around the theme of leadership development for the purpose of community enhancement, the over 250 members of the WCU Honors College hold over 50 different majors. Sixty percent of the members earned a minimum 3.75 grade point average for the spring 2011 semester, and students clocked over 1000 hours of community service.

Included in the service were the spring signature service programs of the Graduate School Fair (bringing representatives from over 40 institutions of higher learning to campus for students interested in professional and graduate education,) and Aid to South Africa, a campus/ community event that raises funds and awareness of South African children suffering from HIV-AIDS. This event gained recognition as the "2011 Outstanding Student Program of the Year," and the Honor Student Association earned commendation as "2011 WCU Campus Organization of the Year."

• The Office of Graduate Studies has been restructured. Larry Walsh began as the Director of Graduate Enrollment in July to oversee the recruitment, admission and retention efforts to ensure increased responsiveness to our graduate students. All academic issues will be addressed by Dr. Coffey, in her new position of Associate Provost and Graduate Dean.

• Graduate enrollments remain strong, in spite of the challenging economic times and the discontinuation of federally subsidized loans for graduate students. In fact, twelve programs exceeded last year's numbers of admitted students, with considerable growth in enrollments in the Master of Public Administration, Master of Public Health and the Master of Social Work.

• A new online graduate program in Special Education started this summer, and additional new graduate program development is underway in a number of areas: pharmaceutical product development, languages and cultures, and nursing, to mention a few.

• The Graduate Student Association has been revitalized with new leadership. The President, Chibu Anyanwu (Master of Public Health), and her executive council kick started the academic year with a student orientation program that attracted a record number of students.

• Finally, 2011 marks 50 years since West Chester University awarded its first graduate degree. Faculty, staff and students will be discussing ways in which to commemorate this important milestone.

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Highlights of the year included the following:

• The E.O. Bull Center for the Arts opened in August of 2011 providing beautiful new space for the Department of Art and the Department of Theatre and Dance. With the completion of this \$16 million project, the College of Visual and Performing Arts now has two outstanding buildings to support art, theatre, dance and music for our fortunate students, faculty and staff.

• The College of Visual and Performing Arts hosted numerous international visiting artists throughout the past year, including visual artists from China and percussion faculty from the University of Costa Rica.

• The Department of Art had an outstanding year with numerous stellar exhibits.

National Sculpture Society.

• The Department of Theatre and Dance production of Athol Fugard's Sorrows and Rejoicings was selected as a regional representation at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival. Several WCU students won individual recognition at the Festival including a Special Award in Performance. In addition, the Department of Theatre and Dance won first prize in the Fringe Performance Challenge, and at the American College Dance Festival, WCU was represented by 20 students who participated in workshops and performances.

• Department of Theatre and Dance faculty continue to serve in leadership positions for national organizations. Professor Juliet Wunsch completed her third year as regional chair for the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival and received the Gold Medallion for Excellence in Leadership. Professor Emily Rogge received a grant to study during this past summer in Reggio Emilia, Italy, at the International School of Commedia dell'Arte, and Professor Liz Staruch received a grant to continue work on her dance film project, The Camera Betrays You, winning an award for best editing from the Dance Films Association of New York.

• School of Music faculty member Dr. Jan C. Dobrzelewski received a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts that made possible a new recording, Shadowcatcher, featuring School of Music artist faculty together with our WCU Wind Ensemble under the direction of Dr. Andrew Yozviak.

• School of Music faculty member Dr. Robert Maggio was selected to receive the WCU 2010 Lindback Distinguished Teaching Award, and Dr. Mark Rimple was selected to receive the WCU 2010 Council of Trustees' Achievement Award.

• A new educational partnership was recently established between The Philadelphia Orchestra and the WCU School of Music for the purpose of master classes and concerts by members of The Philadelphia Orchestra to be presented for the benefit of our students and regional audiences. The partnership was launched with a master class by Concert Master David Kim followed by a performance of The Philadelphia Orchestra String Quartet in Philips Autograph Library.

• The Department of Music Education, under the leadership of Dr. Bryan Burton, established an educational partnership with Valley Forge Educational Services and The Vanguard School for Special Needs Pedagogy for our WCU music student teacher seminars in special education. The Department also successfully hosted the acclaimed Soundbeam Music Technology Workshop for WCU music students and regional public school music teachers.

• During winter term, 2011, Dr. Christopher Hanning led a group of WCU's School of Music Percussion Ensemble students to the University of Costa Rica, and Dr. Marc Jacoby together with Dr. Jan C. Dobrzelewski led another group of music students to the Puerto Rico Conservatory of Music in San Juan.

• During May 2011, Dean Blair led WCU art and music students with CVPA artist faculty to Guizhou University in the city of Guiyang, China. It proved to be a highly dynamic and successful student/faculty exchange. Dean Blair was honored by the mayor of the Huaxi District with the key to the city and was granted honorary citizenship which Dr. Blair accepted on behalf of WCU. Dean Blair then traveled to the ancient city of Xi'an, China, to meet with officials of the Xi'an Conservatory to develop additional new student/faculty exchange possibilities in music and dance between the Xi'anConservatory and the College of Visual and Performing Arts.



• Art professor Dr. Ginger daCosta received a Fulbright and Professor Richard Blake was also honored by the

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ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES Dr. Lori A. Vermeulen, Dean



Highlights of the year included the following:

• CAS hired 18 new faculty: 3 in Languages and Cultures, 1 in Anthropology and Sociology, 2 in Biology,1 in Geology and Astronomy, 4 in English, 2 in Philosophy,1 in Mathematics, 1 in Communication Studies, 1 Chemistry, 1 in Computer Science, 1 in Psychology.

• Dean Vermeulen invested in international education by awarding 8 faculty members The Dean's Special Award for Internationalization. Faculty members Chris Awuyah, John Hanson, Matthew Waite, Daria Nikitina, Cecilia Chen, Marcos Campillo, Cheer-sun Yang, and Zhen Jiang traveled to England, China, Russia, Ghana, and Argentina to develop academic partnerships for students and faculty.

• Associate Dean Pettipiece coauthored (with Associate Dean Munro, COE) a successful Urban Education Minor grant obtained through AASCU. Only five such grants were awarded nationally. This new minor prepares students to work with diverse populations in urban environments.

• The Dean's office supported renovation of space and relocation of the Department of Philsophy to the 1st and 3rd floors of Anderson Hall.

• Dean Vermeulen funded 12 graduate assistantships for the academic year. Additional graduate assistantships such as these fully support strength and growth in graduate programs.

• Dean Vermeulen invested in potential new revenue streams and supported the University's strategic goals for distance education by awarding 11 summer grants to CAS faculty to develop 10 new hybrid courses and one fully online course.

• Kim Bridgford, Director of the Poetry Center and faculty member in the English, published the book collection *Take-Out: Sonnets about Fortune Cookies*.

• Martin Helmke, Department of Geology and Astronomy and Russell Losco, M'11 published the book chapter "Water, Soil, and Human Health."

• For their innovative research, Frank Fish, Department of Biology, and Anita Foeman, Department of Communications, are featured in the new university campaign, "Learn More."

• The Dean traveled to Buffalo, NY to visit with an alumna who has demonstrated a deep affinity for WCU and a willingness to make major financial contributions.

• The Dean hosted a breakfast for CAS faculty at Longwood Gardens which included a private tour of the grounds. All in attendance enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with former colleagues and to hear news on the college and University from the Dean.

• The Dean supported a rare exhibition of works by famed artist Romare Bearden. On loan from Russell Goings, a friend of the WCU Poetry Center, the exhibition featured the entire Odysseus Suite of paintings. The showing was an extension of the Poetry Conference.

• The major gifts officer for the College planned and executed a poetry salon in NYC featuring five poets and over 60 guests. Many new people turned out for the event and several were identified as potential major donors.

• During the summer, \$48,400+ in gifts were received featuring:

- A \$15,000 gift to grow the Charles Garber Endowment
- An \$8,000 to support the Celia Esplungas Hispanic Scholarship
- A \$5,000 gift for the Myong Cha Son Award Haiku Endowment
- A \$2,500 gift from an alumna to help bring the Romare Bearden showing to WCU

– And \$2,000 gifts in support of The Michael Peich Scholarship Endowment, the Mathematics Endowment and The Philip Rudnick Pre-Med Scholarship

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NEWLY ESTABLISHED ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS & AWARDS

from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011

The following is a listing of endowments, scholarships and awards that were created in the last fiscal year. The funding of an endowed scholarship by the donors listed below demonstrates confidence in West Chester University and a strong commitment to education, which is valued and greatly appreciated. A special thank you to our donors who are helping WCU students to thrive!

John Holingjak and Kathleen Wheeler Endowed Scholarship in Education

was established by John Holingjak and his wife Kathleen Wheeler. John was a professor at WCU for 47 years before retiring in 2009. Before coming to WCU John was in the Army stationed in Korea. Kathleen has a successful career in banking and investment management. The recipient will be an undergraduate student in the College of Education who has demonstrated financial need.

HELEN MANN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

was established by WCU foundation trustee May Van '89 in memory of her mother. Helen obtained her education and training in accounting during WWII in China. Education in a war-torn environment was extremely difficult, but Helen was able to complete her training and worked in the field of accounting. She later stayed home to raise her four children. Her interest in finance and accounting stayed with her even though she did not work outside of the home. She helped manage the finances of her husband's publication of accounting text books and of her household. Because she received her education in the most challenging environment, she appreciated the challenges some students face to access higher education. This scholarship is established to fulfill Helen's wish to help students meet their dream for higher education. The scholarship will be given to an accounting major who has demonstrated need and is a minority student.

Kildare's Scholarship for Irish Music

was created by Kildare's Irish Restaurant in West Chester and will be given to an undergraduate or graduate student with proven interest in studying and performing Irish music.

NATALIE AND MARC VIRTUE ENDOWED Scholarship

was created by Natalie Fekete Virtue and her husband Marc Virtue both of whom are alumni of West Chester University. Natalie graduated with a BS in business management and a minor in religious studies in 2000 and completed an MA in applied ethics in 2011. Marc completed the MPH program in 2007. Both Natalie and Marc appreciated the quality of education provided by West Chester and want to allow others the opportunity to attend a master's program at the University. The scholarship will support a student accepted into either the master's program for applied ethics or public health.

DOROTHY M. CHERI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

was established in memory of Dorothy Cheri who, came from a family of nine children and lived through the Great Depression. She completed high school, which was a real achievement during that time. Therefore, even though she did not attend college, she was a life-long student who always wanted to learn more and to give to others. She was a volunteer reading tutor for many years and always gave her time and love without expecting anything in return. Dorothy had Parkinson's disease for many years and even during her years of suffering, she was always reading and learning. The student recipient will be a second or third year student who has a minimum GPA of 2.8 and has demonstrated a dedication to serving the campus and the community.

ELISE TRIANO PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AWARD

was established in memory of the late Dr. Elise Triano, who from 1985 to 2002 was a professor, assistant director, and later director of the pre-medical program at WCU and taught upper-level classes in histology, animal physiology, drug interactions, and pathophysiology, before her untimely death. Dr. Triano taught the BIO 307 pathophysiology course required of all nursing majors. The student who has the highest grade in the WCU's pathophysiology course will receive the award.

GERONTOLOGICAL NURSING SCHOLARSHIP

was established by a gift from Sheila Molony, R.N., M.S.N, Ph.D., keynote speaker for the 2010 Mary Kline Day lecture on the topic of "Nurses, Architects, Engineers and Gerontologists: What Happens When They Get Together?"

Inspired by the awarding of the Starr Scholarship in maternal/child nursing, Dr. Molony donated a portion of her speaker's honorarium to start a scholarship in geron-tological nursing.

An assistant professor in the Yale School of Nursing and the Claire M. Fagin Postdoctoral Fellow, she served as the director of research for the Masonic Health Systems (MHS) Institute, a training and research center for best practices in nursing home care and an exemplar of 'small house model' care. There, she collaborated with site designers, civil engineers, architects and gerontological consultants to design small houses to work in partnership with clinical teams, to maximize staff and resident opportunities for thriving.

She also worked with engineers who design "smart home" technology to research and improve opportunities for more independent living. Dr. Molony has authored/ co-authored a geriatric nursing textbook and articles on pain management, HIV in older adults, "best practices" in geriatric medication management, and a metasynthesis of "the meaning of home" to older adults. Dr. Molony's research focused on the therapeutic potential of "athomeness" to prevent "failure to thrive" and to promote thriving in all long-term care environments (including nursing homes). The scholarship will be given each year to a nursing student who has a desire to pursue gerontological nursing.

STUDENT DIETETIC ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

was established through the fundraising efforts of the West Chester University Student Dietetic Association (SDA). The student group's mission is to further the individual welfare of its members, service the West Chester community, broaden knowledge in the field of dietetics, and facilitate the exchange of information and experience by promoting camaraderie among students, educators, and professionals throughout the community. The recipient will be a member of the SDA with a commitment to the field of dietetics and have at least a 3.0 GPA.

DENNIS FLYNN ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

was created in honor of Dennis M. "Mickey" Flynn. As a founding board member, past president and first board chair of Pennsylvania Bio, Flynn served as a spokesman and advocate for the Commonwealth's bioscience industry. Flynn had more than 30 years of executive management experience in both pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies. Immediately prior to joining Pennsylvania Bio, Flynn served as president of Malvern, Pa. based Puresyn, Inc., and prior to that, was the executive vice president and chief operating officer of Berwick Corporation, a life sciences company, and president and CEO of Legend Pharmaceuticals, a nationwide cooperative for independent drug retailers.

Flynn lent his talent and knowledge of the industry to many boards that served the biosciences community. Former co-chair of the Greater Philadelphia Life Sciences Congress, he serves on the boards of the Pennsylvania Cancer Control Consortium, Chester County Economic Development Council, the Chester County Keystone Innovation Zone, and the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau. He also served on the Hubert I.P. Schoemaker Golf Advisory Board, the Thomas Jefferson University Department of Health Policy Strategic Planning Advisory Committee, the Philadelphia Education Fund Advisory Board, the Greater Philadelphia Senior Executives Group Advisory Board, and the WHYY Advisory Committee. The scholarship will be awarded to an incoming freshman in the Pharmaceutical Products Development program.

R. WALTER SUPPLEE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

was created by R. Walter Supplee, who earned both a bachelor's degree in elementary education in 1964 and a master's degree in 1970 from West Chester. He went on to a career in the Downingtown School District. The scholarship will be awarded to a third year elementary education student who is in good standing both academically (minimum of 3.0 GPA) and judicially.

R. GODREY STUDENMUND SCHOLARSHIP

was created in memory of former director of admissions and dean of student affairs at West Chester University by his family. A graduate of Germantown High School, Godfrey served his country during WWII in the U.S. Navy from June of 1943 until May of 1946 as a pharmacist mate aboard the USS Namakagon and the USS Samaritan in the South Pacific. After his tour of duty, Godfrey married Louise Bedger on June 4, 1948. Louise survives at their home in Rebersburg.

In 1950, Godfrey completed as undergraduate degree from Shippensburg University and began his career as an elementary teacher in New Castle, Del. Godfrey later received a master's degree from Temple University and began working toward his doctorate. In 1953, he became the first principal of the newly built Carrie Downie Elementary School in New Castle, Del.

Godfrey joined the faculty at West Chester University in 1956, teaching and supervising in the Education Department. He was the director of admissions at West Chester for 15 years and retired in 1986 as dean of student affairs. Upon his retirement, he was honored by being awarded professor emeritus of the University.

In 1985, Godfrey received the Distinguished Service Award in recognition of his contributions to APSCUF, his faculty colleagues and the cause of public higher education in Pennsylvania. He also received the "Who's Who Award in Public Education." Godfrey was a member of the St. Peters United Church of Christ in Rebersburg where he was an elder and president of the church council. He was a volunteer for the Pa. Fish Commission as an education information officer, and in 1998, received the "Volunteer of the Year Award" for his service to the Fish Commission. Godfrev served as president of the West Chester Fish, Game and Wildlife Association for many vears and was chaired the board of the Chester County Parks and Recreation for 10 years. Godfrey's interests were many and varied and included reading, history, the environment, travel, and fly-fishing. The scholarship will help a student with demonstrated financial need.

TOM SCHAFER '83 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

was established in memory of Tom Schafer who was a member of the 2006 West Chester Football Hall of Fame. A 1979 graduate of Upper Merion H.S. where he lettered in football, boxing and lacrosse, Schafer was the starting center on the school's 1978 undefeated football team, which was ranked the number one team in Pa.

In 1983, he received his undergraduate degree from West Chester University where he became All East and All Conference. Over the years, he coached high school football throughout the Delaware Valley area, including Malvern Prep, Phoenixville High School, St. Pius X and Perth Amboy, N.J.

Schafer was successful both as an athlete and in business.

In 1984, he signed a NFL contract with the New England Patriots, later the Philadelphia Eagles and the upstart league USFL. A year later, he signed with the New York Jets, where in pre-season he suffered a career ending injury.

In 1986, he joined a national asbestos removal firm and opened a branch in Philadelphia. Three years later, he started his own business in Pennsylvania and in Europe and in 1996, sold the European firm and started a new company. Over the next ten years, he bought, expanded and sold a number of companies eventually becoming a



THE CHESTER COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY WILLIAM DARLINGTON, M.D. SCHOLARSHIP

was created to honor Botanist, Banker and Physician William Darlington (b. 1782 - d. 1863). Dr. William Darlington was born in Birmingham Township, April 28, 1782. His ancestors followed Penn to Pennsylvania. He was raised in a Quaker family, later becoming an Episcopalian. Dr. Darlington studied medicine, and was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1804 - the first native of Chester County to obtain an M.D. Degree. He practiced medicine for a short time on a merchant ship. Later, he practiced medicine in West Chester. He had many different interests. In 1812 he assisted in establishing the West Chester Academy. He helped organize the Bank of Chester County, and was president from 1830 until his death. He aided in forming a Cabinet of Natural Science in West Chester, and in forming a County Medical Society. He was especially noted for his study of botany, and wrote several books on the subject. Recipient of this scholarship junior or senior will be in the pre-med program, reside in Chester County, and have the aptitude to be a medical school candidate.

BIOLOGY STUDENT RESEARCH AWARD

was established by Lynette Saunders '96 to honor her mentor at WCU who was a very humble person. The fund will benefit student research (undergraduate and graduate).

JOHN BAKER MUSEUM EXPERIENCE ART ENDOWMENT

was created by Kean Spencer and Marc Graver to permanently fund the art department's museum experience program – transporting the students to art museums to view important exhibitions that they might not otherwise see. The Museum Experience Program supports the bus travel, admission costs, lunches and related materials (audio guides, books, etc.) for approximately 50 art majors who are chosen by lottery to participate in the program each spring. Since the Program's inception, students have visited the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Barnes Foundation in Philadelphia, the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, and the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. They have seen exceptional exhibitions such as the Salvador Dali and Van Gogh exhibitions at the Philadelphia Museum of Art. The students are accompanied by two or three art faculty members who divide the students into smaller groups and then act as tour guides for the students, offering instruction and answering questions about the artwork they see. The Museum Experience Program also enhances classroom teaching by providing direct interaction with world class art unavailable in the classroom. And, after attending one of the Museum Experience exhibitions, many students have reported that their exposure has led them to return to that museum for additional visits.

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Alumni Participation in Giving by Decade

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1930's	1.3%
1940's	9.3%
1950's	18.0%
1960's	12.0%
1970's	9.0%
1980's	6.6%
1990's	3.5%
2000's	2.6%

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ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE

COLLEGE OF **EDUCATION** DR. KENNETH D. WITMER, JR., DEAN

Highlights of the year included the following:

• During the academic year, an online version of the Masters of Education in Special Education and the Graduate Certificate in Universal Design for Learning were approved by the WCU Curriculum and Academic Polities Committee. In summer 2011, a cohort of students enrolled in the first online courses in the program. Initial reports from students indicate the course work is demanding, but the flexibility of time allows them to complete the work thoroughly.

• The College of Education initiated new partnerships with Chester Community Charter School, Collegium Charter School in Exton, Kensington Urban Education High School in Philadelphia, and Downingtown STEM Academy. Each of these partnerships involves faculty members who collaborate with school personnel and students in an area of need or concern related to student achievement.

• The College of Education, in partnership with the College of Arts and Sciences, received a "proofof-concept" grant from the American Association of State Colleges and Universities for design of a new undergraduate minor in urban education. The design team includes faculty, personnel from the School District of Philadelphia and students. The program of studies will incorporate servicelearning experiences and coursework in urban studies.

• The 3E Institute, an outreach organization of the College of Education, established a partnership with the Project Management Institute Educational Foundation to design and implement professional development experiences for K-12 educators in the area of project management.

• The Department of Literacy received the International Reading Association Certificate of Distinction for their programs in early grades preparation with a reading minor. The Certificate of Distinction honors outstanding reading and language-arts preparation of elementary, middle, and secondary teachers. This certificate, which will be in place for seven years, is awarded on the basis of six standards of program excellence.

• During the academic year, the College of Education hosted two visiting scholars from Turkey. Drs. Lutfu and Sengul Ilgar conducted work on their research agenda related to classroom management, student behavior and early childhood education. Faculty of the college mentored and hosted the Ilgars throughout the year.

• The Literacy department hosted a regional conference titled "Literacy and Literature: Research into Practice." The program featured breakout sessions led by faculty and area classroom teachers as well as keynote presentations by Joan Bauer, a children's book author and Lesley Mandel Morrow, Professor of Literacy at Rutgers University.

• In April, the Early and Middle Grades Education department sponsored the 2nd bi-annual Conference on Teacher Research and Classroom Teaching for area classroom teachers who are interested in conducting action research projects. Funding for the conference was from a WCU Pedagogy for Engagement grant.

• The College of Education awarded seven faculty members grants for initiatives that involve undergraduate or graduate students. Four faculty received seed grants for research projects and nine additional faculty received WCU grants for research projects.

• During the year, the College of Education worked with the offices of the President and Provost to design a new staff position for coordination of WCU initiatives in Philadelphia. Robin Bennett, who has served as Associate Director of the college's Teacher Education Center, was named to the new position. Her work includes two grant-funded projects, Gear Up and Jump Start.



1950s

Gloria Krug '53 of New Oxford, Pa., competed in the USA Master Throw Competition and set a few records in the "Women's 80 Year" category. She has been participating in these competitions for several years. Some of the categories she's competed in include the Pentathlon, the Ultra Weight Pentathlon, the 2k Hammer, 2k Shot Put, 4k Weight Throw and the 16 Lb. Super Weight.

Janice Etshied '50: An Appreciation

Janice Etshied, former Alumni Association President and a Board member for more than 50 years, passed away in August 2011. Knowing Janice was one of the greatest experiences in my life. Herb Lee, another Association luminary, called Janice, "my finest teacher." To me Janice was not only a teacher in the guise of a mentor, but also a part-time mother and sister, depending on the circumstances. Those of you who have been privileged to be Association presidents know what a tough job it is.

I first met Janice in 1983 when I joined the Board. I told Janice, who was wearing a class nametag, that I was born in 1950, which was the year she graduated. She choked me. This was the beginning of a wonderful friendship, which I will warmly remember for the rest of my life. Janice's love for our West Chester could not be made clearer than by the more than half-century she devoted to the Board. Her devotion is aptly memorialized in the scholarship named for her.

Janice displayed a love of life that was infectious and she had a terrific sense of humor. I was fortunate to be able to tell her in our last phone conversation that I loved her, and she responded the same. Among the many good things that come our way by serving on the board is making friends with other WCU grads from not just other majors and geographical regions, but from other generations. I will always be grateful that I became Janice's friend, a wonderful person from my parent's generation.

- Submitted by Karl Helicher '72, M'82, M'87 President Emeritus, WCU Alumni Association

Three 1959 Graduates Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage

Fraternity brothers (Alpha Phi Alpha - Psi Chapter) Sidney Douse, Ed Green and Jim Williams recently celebrated 50th wedding anniversaries. These freshmen "Roosevelt Barracks" roommates married in July and August 1961. Sidney and Ed married West Chester graduates Joyce Odem Douse '61 and Tina Miles Green '62.



Sidney and Joyce Douse.

trict. He earned a master of education in 1973 and served as Instructor in Educational Testing for Antioch-Putney Graduate School of Education. He later was a program management assistant for the Philadelphia Follow Through Expansion Program, administrative assistant to several Philadelphia district regional superintendents and consulting administrator to the Lincoln Cluster Regional Director until full retirement in 2006. His wife, Joyce, graduated from West Chester in 1961 with a bachelor of science degree in education and later earned a master of education from Arcadia University. After teaching for 35 years in the Philadelphia School District, she joined the Penn State University Brandywine Campus faculty as an instructor in education and retired in 2006.

Upon gradua-

tion, Ed Green was

commissioned a

2nd Lieutenant in

the United States

Marine Corps

where he served

for 21 years. While

on active duty, he

served two tours of



Ed and Tina Green.

duty in Vietnam, taught Leadership and Military Law at the U.S. Naval Academy, commanded a Marine Corps Infantry Battalion and served on the staff of the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff. He retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1980 and joined Eastern Airlines as vice president of their Northeast region. After serving in several other executive positions in the aviation industry for the next 20 years, he left to establish a practice in executive coaching in the Washington, D.C. area in 2005.

Green's wife, the former Lilian (Tina) Miles, is a 1962 graduate of West Chester with a degree in elementary education. She worked as a teacher and school counselor. Later as a clinical social worker, Tina practiced marriage and family therapy. She now serves her church as a counseling minister and founder of Wives' Club, a regional ministry building strong marriages.



United States Army for 25 years in field artillery and infantry, completing two tours of duty in Vietnam. He retired as a full colo-

Jim Williams

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Jim and Lois Williams.

nel. His post-military career was in human resources for Montgomery Ward and Company, the American Bar Association and Penn State Hershey Medical Center. He retired from Hershey in 1999 and started Jim Williams and Associates, a human resources and cancer patient advocacy consulting firm in Camp Hill, Pa. Lois was the former Lois Collins of Ardmore, Pa.

1960s

Richard M. Heller '66 of Media, Pa., was named a 2011 Pennsylvania Super Lawyer in a magazine published by Thomson Reuters, Pennsylvania Super Lawyers[®], in the real estate law section.

James H. Keil '66 of Westbrook, Maine, is a published author and speaker. He currently serves on several American Arbitration Association commercial and arbitration panels. He is a member of AAA's New England Construction Advisory Council, a member of the Building Futures Council, SPIDR International and an associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.



Thomas Roy '67 of Lebanon, Pa., can be seen in the HBO miniseries "Game Change" as a campaign worker for John McCain and in recent feature films Night Catches Us and The Answer Man. He has been an actor since he was a boy growing

up in Upper Moreland, Pa. He worked for 25 years as a professional broadcaster and is a member of the Screen Actors Guild and the American Federation of Television and Radio Artists.



WCU president, Dr. Greg Weisenstein, visited with Starla Gable '73 during the summer.

Mary Beth McCov Sharbaugh '69 of Russellville, Ark., was awarded the Teacher of the Year award at Russellville Middle School where she has taught language arts for 22 years. She's been teaching for a total of 40 years.

1970s

George Roberts '76 was inducted into the Pennsylvania Athletic Training Hall of Fame on June 11, 2011, at its annual convention in Lancaster, Pa. Roberts served Edinboro University as an associate professor and head athletic trainer (1985-2004). He currently teaches numerous skills courses at Edinboro University in addition to applied human anatomy and physiology.

Lance Anderman '77 of Glen Mills, Pa., joined AmeriHealth Administrators as vice president of finance. He is responsible for all AmeriHealth Administrators' accounting, reporting and budgeting. Most recently, Anderman was vice president of finance and corporate treasurer for PRHP, Inc., formerly known as La Cruz Azul, San Juan, Puerto Rico. Anderman is a certified public accountant and a member of the American Institute of CPAs and Pennsylvania Institute of CPAs.

Judith Faust, MBA, BSN '79 of Springfield, Pa., was recently elected to serve as a board member for the Maternity Care Coalition in Philadelphia, Pa. She is currently the Service Line Administrator and Clinical Director of Women and Children's Services at Albert Einstein Health Care Network in Philadelphia, Pa. Prior to her tenure at Einstein, Faust was the Vice President of Corporate Services at Founders Health Care Inc, a start-up corporation that involved acquiring physician practices in the tri-state area, and Pennsylvania Hospital as an administrator and registered nurse. She is currently a member of the events and education committee for the Health Care Leadership Network of the Delaware Valley (local chapter of American College of Health Care Executives), the American College of Health Care Executives, as well as the Ameri-

Timothy D. Murphy '79 of Pepperell, Mass., was named by USA Swimming to the Olympic coaching staff for the 2012 Olympic Games in London. He will lead the open

can Organization of Nurse Executives.

water squad. He was most recently named the open water head coach at the summer of 2011's FINA World Championships. He has also been a part of team coaching staffs at other national level meets, including the World University Games. Murphy has been the men's head coach for Harvard University's swimming and diving program for the past 13 seasons, winning six Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming League championships and six undefeated seasons.

1980s

Michael Dever '81 of Thornton, Pa., has published a book with Ignite Publications entitled, Jackass Investing: Don't do it. Profit from it. Dever started his investment career while a student at West Chester University in 1979. He also founded Brandywine Asset Management in 1982 and continues to serve as its CEO and director of research.



Josh M. Greenbaum '81 of Maple Glen, Pa., has been elected to Cozen O'Connor's board of directors for a three-year term. Greenbaum's practice concentrates in construction law litigation, product liability, casualty defense, commercial litigation and complex tort litigation. Cozen O'Connor is ranked among the 100 largest law firms in the U.S.

David C. Porter '83 of Boston, Mass., was installed as a member of Elon University's board of trustees at their April meeting. Porter and his wife, Jen, are the parents of Elon senior Tim Porter, and have served on the university's Parents Council and are members of the Founder's Circle of the Elon Society. Porter is owner and manager of Baystate Financial Services, LLC. Baystate was named one of the top 100 places to work by the Boston Globe and Boston Business Journal in 2009. Porter was recently named one of the three most admired CEOs by the Boston Business Journal and was one of the first inductees into the New England Financial Hall of Fame.



Gary M. Samms'84 was named to the Pennsylvania Super Lawyers[®] list as one of the top attorneys in Pennsylvania for the sixth consecutive year. Samms is

also named for the third year as one of the Top 100 Philadelphia attorneys and top 100 Pennsylvania attorneys.

Robert Davis '85 of Philadelphia, Pa., is now an advisory council member of the Master of Science in Information Technology Auditing and Cyber-Security program at Temple University in Philadelphia. The Fox School's new program prepared students as entry-level IT auditors who have the skills and knowledge needed to pass the certified Information System Auditor exam.

Anne Giardino McCormick '88 of Milford, N.J., participated in the Walk MS event for the third year, raising money and awareness for multiple sclerosis. Anne says she walks "because I am not ready to give up and I still CAN walk...for now".

1990s

Sharon Fehlinger '92 of Allentown, Pa., recently accepted the position of high school principal at Lehigh Valley High School for the Performing Arts in Bethlehem, Pa. Most recently, she was employed at JDS of the Lehigh Valley as head of school and principal.



Shanese I. Johnson '92 of Philadelphia, Pa., has been selected by Pennsylvania Super Lawyers® as a Rising Star. She was also honored by West Chester University as one of the Philadel-

phia Stars. She is immediate past chair of the Family Law Section of the Philadelphia Bar Association.

Kathleen Sweeney-Pogwist '92 of Mt. Laurel, N.J., was promoted to vice president of leasing with Brandywine Realty Trust in February 2011. Sweeney-Pogwist has been with Brandywine since 1997 and has been overseeing Brandywine's King of Prussia and Southern Chester County assets and has completed more than 600 lease transactions during her tenure with Brandywine, generating \$500 million in gross revenues.

Rosemary DeFlavia Sutkowski '94 of Havertown, Pa., received a master of science degree in Organization Development and Leadership from St. Joseph's University in May 2011.

Ryan Monaghan '96 of Spring City, Pa., received a doctorate in Educational and Organizational Leadership from University of Pennsylvania in August 2011.

Jennifer Hilt Rinehimer '96 of Boyertown, Pa., received a master of education degree in Educational Leadership from Edinboro University in May 2011.

2000s

W. Chase Buckner '06 of Doylestown, Pa., has been living in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, for several years. He was selected for a new campaign by the Mexican Tourism Board to help combat the negative image about Mexico being portrayed in the media. He has been providing first-hand accounts of the positive sides of Mexico through his online blogs. You can read his articles at www.journeymexico.com/blog.

Elisabeth Gattullo '09 of Bethlehem, Pa., received her master's degree from Pratt Institute in New York City, N.Y. in Library and Information Science in May 2011. She is employed by the Darien Public Library in Darien, Conn. as a children's librarian. She currently resides in New York City.

MARRIAGES



Emily Myren '09 to Salvador Gomez '08 on August 5, 2011.



David Sears '05 toShannon GaffneyJennifer Lorine on'04 to Judd StraussJuly 16, 2011.'04 on July 1, 2011.

Stephanie Milazzo '02 to Matthew Clinger on May 27, 2011.

IN MEMORIAM

- 1936 John A. Rockwell
- 1936 Mae Grammes Walter
- 1937 Serita Pereira Spadoni
- 1943 Ruth Winther Herold1943 Flores Skinner Nowicki
- 1944 Hazel Windle Moore
- 1944 Jeanne Bundy Tomlinson
- 1945 Ruth Brown
- 1945 Mary Wilkin Heffner
- 1945 Pauline Johnson Martin
- 1945 Louise Evans Miller
- 1945 Carol Hecht Montgomery
- 1945 Rosalind Kahn Scisco
- 1945 Marinruth Umholtz Tehson
- 1945 Sonia Klishevich Smith
- 1945 Iean Troutman
- 1948 Clarajane Stauffer Becker
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- 1948 John Brierly
- 1949 U. Berkley Ellis
- 1949 Jane Fisher Williams
- 1950 Janice Weir Etshied
- 1950 P. Banks Harclerode, Sr.
- 1952 Charles H. Schisler
- 1952 Louann Scheetz Sylvester
- 1953 Emma King Casbeer
- 1959 Theondrus Hunter Anderson
- 1962 Audrey Nemchick Mulhall
- 1966 Phyllis Jo Marchesse Ryan
- 1967 Diane Calio Harvey
- 1969 Martin Berndt, Lt Gen (Ret.)
- 1977 Robert W. Woodeshick
- 1980 J. David Mustin
- 1989Joseph Szczerba1992lames D. Dallett
- 2004 Christopher M. Jackson

Faculty/Faculty Emeriti Margaretta A. Carey Seymour S. "Sy" Greenberg Jack White

FUTURE ALUMNI

Jared A. '05 Washburn and Jen of Etters, Pa., a son, James Alan, on March 1, 2011.

Amy Snukis Stankavage '99 and Brian of Pottsville, Pa., a daughter, Ava Brielle, on April 12, 2011.

Joy Leinbach Daugherty '97 and Brad of Johns Creek, Ga., a son, Andrew Bradley, on September 30, 2010.

Abbé Society

Calling all Abbé Society Alumnae! If you have not heard from our chapter recently, it is because we do not have your current contact information. Please email the chapter directly at **abbealumni@gmail.com** to be included on upcoming updates, service projects, socials and more!

Alpha Phi Omega

There is a group forming to reunite alumni who were initiated into Alpha Phi Omega at WCU. Please contact Megan Pascarelli '10 at **Mapascarelli@gmail.com** if you would like to be added to the list.

ALUMNI DANCE CHAPTER

If you are interested in getting involved in the Alumni Dance Chapter, please email **DPWAlumni@yahoo.com**. We are gearing up for our 4th Winter Dance Festival, which will be entitled, "Poetry in Motion." Our concert will feature alumni dancers and outside groups on January 21, 2012, at 8 p.m. and January 22, 2012, at 2 p.m. in Asplundh Concert Hall. Tickets are available at Sykes and the proceeds will benefit the Barbara J. Lappano Scholarship. We also are in the process of establishing a service committee that will provide service projects for the chapter.

BALTIMORE AREA CLUB

There is a group forming in the Baltimore area. Please contact **www.wcualumni.org** if you are interested in joining.

BLACK ALUMNI CAUCUS

In 1965, the Black Alumni Caucus (BAC) was established to keep black alumni connected with West Chester University. The chapter continues to do so by extending reconnection opportunities to current black students and alum via networking events. The BAC needs you to keep the connection going. Volunteer with the BAC Board and help make the caucus an official chapter. Do you have ideas to connect current students and alumni? Share your ideas today. Email us at **bacwcupa@yahoo.com** or message us on Facebook: WCU BAC.

Alumni news: Kenya Peterson Karnga, BSW '00, MSS '02 married Dyukon Karnga on March 7. The newlyweds currently reside in Quakertown, Pa. Happy Holidays to all!

CAPITAL AREA CHAPTER

Please visit us on Facebook: West Chester University Capital Area Alumni Association or join www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ WCUCAPAREA to be added to the chapter.

CHESTER COUNTY CHAPTER

- President & Membership, Jacqueline Sowa Colyer, 610-383-4794, email alnwyck@ verizon.net
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- Treasurer/Scholarship, Joseph Kienle
- Programs/Events, Carmen Evans Culp

Meeting and event information is posted on the Chapter page of the alumni website: **www.** wcualumni.org.

The Chester County Chapter is holding its annual Winter Holiday Concert and Dinner event on December 3rd. We will attend the 3:00 p.m. concert at Asplundh Concert Hall which will be followed by a dinner (elevator service is available). This event is reservation only. If you are interested in attending, please contact an officer of the Chapter. Reservations are limited to 50 persons and are \$23.00 per person.

The Chapter is always interested in having new members and volunteers. Visit our website at the Online Community to see our list of meeting dates and events. Contact Jacqueline Colyer for information.

DELAWARE COUNTY CHAPTER

The chapter is off to a good year with an event planned at Linvilla Orchards in the fall for family fun. We will have another Happy Hour at



Members of the International Military Alumni Chapter (IMAC) display their new banner. (L to r): BGen. Dick Merion'59, Member-At-Large; Lawrence Davidson'10, Director WCU Veterans Center; Lt. Col. Jim Williams'59; Secretary-Treasurer; Col. Vanessa Barron, Regional Director Troops To Teachers Program; Dick Yoder'59, Vice President; and Col. Len Bieberbach'62, President.

Carrie Coremin '05, M'10 to Ryan Parkin '05 on July 30, 2010.



Barnaby's in Havertown in early December for a holiday celebration. Chapter members will be tutoring for the DelCo Literacy Council and will assist with parking for a fund raiser for the Literacy Council in November. We are continuing to welcome suggestions for activities to be developed for the members. Our next meeting will be at Rocky Run Y on Baltimore Pike in Media at 7 pm on Wed, Nov. 16. Interested alumni are welcome to join by accessing our Yahoo Group Page: groups.yahoo.com/group/ wcudelcoalumni. We also are on Facebook: WCU Delaware County Alumni Chapter.

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The Friars' Society Alumni Association would like to congratulate alumni brother and Executive Director of the FSAA, John Nickolas, for being featured in West Chester University's new extensive marketing campaign. Many of you may have seen the new billboard off I-95 by the Philadelphia Airport featuring John. Congratulations, John!

The chapter sponsored a bus trip and its second annual brunch for veterans in October. All veterans and those currently serving in the United States Armed Forces are invited to join the Chapter. You may view the chapter's minutes and bylaws by joining: www.groups. yahoo.com/groups/wcuimac.

LAW ALUMNI CHAPTER

Meeting locations rotate between West Chester and Philadelphia. If you are interested in learning more about this growing national group, please email **alumni@wcupa.edu** and/or join the WCU Law Alumni group on Linked In.

LGBTQA ALUMNI CHAPTER

The WCU LGBTQA Alumni Chapter had a tremendously successful end-of-summer family picnic on September 10 at the Alumni House. Thirty-five LGBTQA alumni and their children attended the event, including our Board members and friends. According to those who responded afterward "everyone had a great time." A silent auction was held, desserts and fresh accompaniments were brought by the group. A huge thank you is extended to those dedicated members of our board of directors who took this picnic and ran with it.

If you have any interest in learning more about our chapter, please find us on Facebook: West Chester University LGBTQA Alumni.

UNIVERSITY THEATRE Alumni Community

A group of graduates has been coordinating events to reconnect those who were involved in University Theatre as students. This growing group is open to anyone who was involved in theatre at WCU. If you'd like to be added to our contact list, please email **wcutalumnicommunity@gmail.com** with your name, class year and any other contact info. Check out our blog: http:// wcutalumnicommunity.tumblr.com/.

YORK COUNTY CHAPTER

You may join us by visiting: www.groups. yahoo.com/group/wcuyorkcountyalumni.