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Goals. We all have them. Some of us strive to accomplish a life-long dream. Many of you come to the University to achieve your goal of obtaining a college education. For some of you, that degree is a stepping-stone to a larger career goal.

Goals are sometimes developed in the classroom, like those of four University students who received national recognition for winning first place in a digital forensics challenge. Not only did these students compete and excel against hundreds of teams from around the globe, they also recorded the third highest score worldwide (read more on page 28).

Goals sometimes get their creative spark from the minds of our faculty, who are continually searching for new and innovative ways to educate. Our new Bachelor of Science in Game Design and Development, offered in the College of Technology, started out as a goal and has been transformed into a reality. The degree will offer students a chance to learn every aspect of graphic imaging, from medical imaging to videogame design (page 38).

Sometimes, you don’t have to look too far to discover your goal – sometimes it lies within you. After being diagnosed with MS, one of our staff members took action against her illness by raising awareness and raising funds for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. You can read more about her story on page 11.

So think about some of the goals you may be striving to achieve right now. Have you paused to reflect on all the seemingly smaller goals you may have accomplished along the way?

Sincerely,

Dr. Jack P. Varsalona
President
"When I graduated from Delaware Tech in 2008 with an A.A.S. in Computer Information Systems, I felt my options for affordable education were limited, but Wilmington University was there for me. Wilmington University has provided me with something no other college or university in the region would—a scholarship. Thank you, Wilmington University."

— Jason Eubanks
A WELCOME SPRING

We have had quite an exciting winter here in Delaware, weather wise. Record snow totals took many of us back to our childhood. This was not just because we remember winters having more snowstorms but because, for me at least, the last time I stood knee deep in snow was when I was a child!

Nevertheless, spring has arrived just as it always does and as I look about the campus, signs of it are everywhere. I don’t think I have ever seen as many tulips here at New Castle as we have enjoyed this year. I feel it is time to recognize the grounds crew that works with Bill Quinn. They work so hard all year round and put forth an outstanding effort each and every day. It seems to me that with each passing year the grounds at New Castle become more beautiful. Thank you all for making the place we work, study and learn such a pleasant place to be.

Enjoy the spring and enjoy your summer!

Christopher Griffin Pitcher
Assistant Vice President

Dear WilmU Staff,

I just wanted to send you a note to tell you how much I liked the cover of the last issue of the University magazine dedicated to the Green and White Ball. You really went all out! The cover had a lot of style and looked very professional. The design had all the qualities of a publication you would see on the newsstand. Keep up the good work! I look forward to the next issue. One suggestion though: I would like to see some articles written by members of the faculty on subjects that are current and in the news. It would be interesting to see the opinions of our experts at Wilmington commenting on areas they know.

Sincerely,
Barton A. Reed
Wilmington, DE

Dear Mr. Reed,

Thank you for your kind words about the cover. We work every issue on trying to improve your magazine and make it the best it can be. As for faculty contributions, I agree. We are working on bringing that to you in upcoming issues. C. Pitcher
Any exhibit can move you. But at the American Visionary Art Museum, many exhibits move themselves. There’s Fifi, the pedal-powered poodle, a three-story tall whirligig and a school bus decked out entirely in mosaic. The eclectic museum is full of one-of-a-kind artwork by self-taught visionaries. Or come visit Baltimore’s more stationary masterpieces at The Walters Art Museum, the Contemporary Museum, and the Baltimore Museum of Art, where you will find the world’s largest collection of works by Matisse. To learn more, call 1-877-Baltimore or visit us at Baltimore.org/art.

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“Did Mommy win again?” asked little AJ as his mother walked across the stage to receive her Wilmington University degree. “No,” laughed his dad, “She is graduating today.” Amanda Shepard, AJ’s mom, was still reeling from a great win the night before: she was named Mrs. Delaware 2010.

“I set goals for myself throughout my life and so when I found out about the Mrs. Delaware pageant, I thought it was a worthwhile endeavor,” says Amanda, who graduated with a master’s degree in Elementary and Special Education. On the day of the pageant, she felt prepared and calm. Across the dressing room, Amanda saw a familiar face: it was Cacia Batts, Mrs. Delaware 2009 and current Wilmington University student. The two started chatting and soon realized that they were both graduating the very next day. “We were so excited,” recalls Amanda. “And so proud to be receiving our graduate degrees.” Cacia would be earning her Master of Science in Administration of Human Services.

When Amanda was announced the winner of the Mrs. Delaware pageant, her children AJ and Harper jumped up and down and clapped as loud as their little hands could. It was a rough road but she had achieved her two main goals: earning a master’s degree and the title of Mrs. Delaware.
Seven Students Receive Literacy Scholarships

For the second year, Wilmington University has awarded single-course scholarships toward courses in literacy. In the first year of the program, the University awarded two one-course scholarships; this year, the University is awarding seven. The first year scholarships were presented as part of the 40th Anniversary celebration and in conjunction with Delaware Division of Library’s Annual Book Festival, whose commitment is to promote the growth of literacy. The Office of Alumni Relations underwrites these scholarships.

Students were notified of the availability of these scholarships via plasma screen announcements, flyers, or postings on Blackboard. Students responded anonymously regarding their beliefs about reading, literacy, leadership experiences outside of WU, as well as participation in literacy-based events, and a need for financial support.

We are pleased to announce this year’s winners. Our seven recipients are:

MICHELLE BURRIS, MARY E. JONES and CYNTHIA WILLIAMS, who are in the Master of Education, Elementary Education Program; SONYA BARKLY, a Master of Arts in Secondary Teaching candidate; ALEXANDRIA ALLEGRA, a Master of Education ESOL Literacy major; LINDSAY OSIKA, who is pursuing a certificate of advanced study in Reading; and DENISE KNESTAUT, who will graduate this spring with a Master of Education in Reading.
Alumnus Debuts First Short Film

2008 graduate G. Lloyd Morris is originally from the City of Angels. Spending his life surrounded by movies, music, and the glistening lights of Hollywood, it was only natural that he was attracted to the entertainment industry. G. Lloyd spent the early 90s exploring his love for music. In 2001, the East Coast music scene inspired him to leave Los Angeles. That same year, he enrolled at Wilmington University in the Behavioral Science program.

After the first month, G. Lloyd realized he was in the wrong major. “I had a lot of great professors at Wilmington University and after talking to one of my teachers he said to me, ‘You can take this education and create your own space...you can use the knowledge you have acquired to do whatever you want to do.’” So he took what he learned from the Behavioral Science program and used it to pursue his new passion: film. “I learned about the human brain and psychology and it fit so well in my screenwriting and films.”

This year, G. Lloyd produced his first film, entitled 20 Minutes. “The film is a story about change, recidivism and the real world,” explains G. Lloyd. “When the lead character, Evan, gets out of jail, he has 20 minutes to get home to his older brother or not come home at all. On the way home, he is faced with his past – drugs, money, a married woman: all the trappings that lead him down his life of crime in the first place.” To learn more about the film visit http://www.iamfilmworks.com/.

Masters Degrees Will be Offered in New Jersey

Starting this fall, residents of the Garden State will have the chance to earn a master’s degree from Wilmington University without having to drive across the bridge. The master’s degrees that will be offered at Wilmington University’s Burlington and Cumberland locations are listed below.

BURLINGTON COUNTY COLLEGE
(Mt. Laurel Campus)
Master of Education in School Leadership
Fall 2010
Master of Science in Nursing
Early 2011
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Fall 2011

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COLLEGE
(Vineland, New Jersey)
Master of Education in School Leadership
Early 2011
Master of Science in Nursing
Fall 2010

These new program options will be an added convenience to those students who may be commuting to class. To learn more, visit www.wilmu.edu/newjersey.
New Doctoral Program Concentration

The Doctor of Education in Innovation and Leadership program at Wilmington University will soon offer a new field of study: a concentration in Higher Education Leadership. Upon approval from Faculty Senate, the Doctoral staff announced the new concentration, which will begin in the fall of 2010. The concentration in Higher Education Leadership is specifically designed for students who currently work in higher education or who are planning on entering a new career in higher education. Courses for the degree concentration will be available at the University’s Dover, Georgetown and Wilson Graduate Center sites.

“We have noticed a trend over the past five years: more and more of our applicants were coming into the program from environments other than the K-12 education sector,” said DR. MICHAEL CZARKOWSKI, Director of the Doctor of Education programs at Wilmington University. “We also found that many of our doctoral students were already adjunct faculty at Wilmington University or at other institutions. Based on this and other data we collected, we decided a concentration in Higher Education Leadership would be incredibly beneficial to our students.”

The program features five core courses and fourteen additional courses for a total of 57 credits. Students attend class just one night a week and can complete the degree in three and a half years. To learn more or to submit an application, please call Dr. Michael Czarkowski at (302) 295-1124 or email michael.s.czarkowski@wilmu.edu.
George is a Rising Star

Congratulations to Simone George,
Assistant to the President, for being an exceptional leader and a role model for women across the state. The American Council on Education’s Office of Women in Higher Education recently honored George with the Rising Star award at their Annual Fall Dinner. The Rising Star award is presented to a woman in higher education in Delaware who demonstrates a commitment to higher education, community service and overall leadership.

George began her career at the University in 2004 in the College Relations department, where she was responsible for handling Media and Public Relations. In 2007, she became Assistant to the President where she remains today. George is a member of the United Way of Delaware’s Young Impact Professionals Society, a program aimed at promoting and facilitating “the spirit of civic-mindedness and philanthropy among the young leaders of the state of Delaware.”

“I was immediately attracted to the Office of Women in Higher Education because the message was that as women in Higher Education, or any field for that matter, we have an obligation to encourage each other, to support each other and to help each other to succeed,” said George as she accepted the award.

Over $2,000 Raised for M.S. Society

Wilmington University participated in the Multiple Sclerosis Walk on April 17 for the third year and raised over $2000 to help find a cure. The team walked in support of NICOLE ROWE, Administrative Assistant to Chris Pitcher, Assistant Vice President of Public Relations. Rowe has battled the disease since 2007.

"After a long road with a lot of pain, struggles and hardship I am finally in remission,” said Rowe.

"Although feeling pretty well, every day is a struggle due to the lasting effects of M.S. I am truly blessed to have a lot of friends, family and strangers who walked and raised money for me." University staff also participated in Rowe’s M.S. fundraiser, which helped gather more money for Team Nicole. "I am so happy and feel so loved by everyone who has taken the time to help me fight Multiple Sclerosis,” said Rowe.
Welcoming the Class of 2010

Each year, over a thousand students graduate from Wilmington University and go on to become successful leaders and innovators. The following pages are devoted to the most recent graduates of Wilmington University. The class of 2010 joins a group of 26,000 individuals who make up the WU Alumni population. This group continues to grow with each passing year and has become as diverse as humanity itself. The faculty and staff of Wilmington University would like to wish them every success in their future endeavors.
Class of 2010 Stats

Winter Commencement

1,420 Graduates

Furthest graduates:

Oldest graduate: 69 Youngest graduate: 20

Honorary Degree Recipients:
This winter, Wilmington University bestowed two honorary degrees to people in our community who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and promise: Dr. Orlando George, Jr., President of Delaware Technical & Community College and Dr. Robert Messina, Jr., President of Burlington County College. Dr. George and Dr. Messina received honorary doctoral degrees from Wilmington University.

Spring Commencement

1,024 Graduates

Furthest graduates:
Arizona, California, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Minnesota, Wisconsin, West Virginia, North Carolina, Ohio and Oregon.

Oldest graduate: 70 Youngest graduate: 21

Honorary Degree Recipients:
This spring, Wilmington University recognized the President of Salem Community College, Dr. Peter B. Contini, with an honorary doctoral degree for his leadership and service. Dr. Contini has served with distinction as President of Salem Community College since June 1987.
Winter Ceremonies

January 31 may have been a frosty winter’s day but that didn’t stop Wilmington University graduates from braving the cold for graduation day! The University welcomed graduates from its New Jersey locations including the Burlington County College and Cumberland County College sites. Additionally, two students (Lt. Col. David LaPanne, Jr. and Lt. Col. Joseph Bartel) were the first students to graduate in the University’s Master of Management degree with a concentration in Military Leadership, which was introduced last year.
Spring Ceremonies

Hundreds of proud parents, along with excited friends and family gathered at the Chase Center on Wilmington’s Riverfront on May 16 to congratulate Wilmington University’s Class of 2010. Some grads continued the tradition of decorating their mortarboards with messages like “Thanks Mom & Dad” and “Hire Me.” Graduates dressed up in their best clothes, wore their favorite flashy shoes and when the moment came to walk across the stage, felt a huge sense of accomplishment.
Academic Awards

Winter Commencement
January 29, 2010
Chase Center on the Riverfront

Commencement Award Recipients
Student Speaker Graduate
Margo Hardy

Student Speaker Undergraduate
Suzanne Streeter

Trustees’ Award for Service Graduate
Tawnya Dennis

Trustees’ Award for Service Undergraduate
Caren Sydnor

Audrey K. Doberstein Award for Leadership Graduate
Robert Rescigno

Audrey K. Doberstein Award for Leadership Undergraduate
James Cregan

Academic Awards Graduate Program
Master of Science in Business Administration
Daniel Petrin

Master of Science in Business
Susan Mayer

Master of Science in Information Systems Technologies
Darrin Raetsch

Graduate Behavioral Science
Katherine Nett

Master of Science in Nursing
Karen Micale

Academic Awards Undergraduate Program
College of Arts and Sciences
Caren Sydnor

College of Business
Yanina Bimber

College of Education
Oliday La Ragione

College of Health Professions
Maryellen York

College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Colleen Baker

College of Technology
Dawn Blanche

Spring Commencement
May 10, 2010
Georgetown

Commencement Awards
Student Speaker
Krystine Schiding

Trustee’s Award for Service
Shani Murray

Audrey K. Doberstein Award for Leadership
Janet Mercer

Academic Awards Undergraduate Program
College of Health Professions
Pam McCarthy

College of Social and Behavioral Science
Margaret Yaeger

College of Business
Michael White

Spring Commencement
May 16, 2010
Chase Center on the Riverfront

Commencement Award Recipients
Student Speaker Graduate
Dana Roman

Student Speaker Undergraduate
Denise DeVary

Trustees’ Award for Service Graduate
Kimberly Watson

Trustees’ Award for Service Undergraduate
April Gray

Audrey K. Doberstein Award for Leadership Graduate
Carol Birnbohm

Audrey K. Doberstein Award for Leadership Undergraduate
Michael Holley

Academic Awards Graduate Program
Master of Science in Business Administration
Carol Johnson

Master of Science in Business
Marilyn Deen

Master of Science in Information Systems Technologies
Yawei Zhao

Graduate Behavioral Science
Todd Grande

Master of Science in Nursing
Deborah Sexton

Master of Education
Laura Slater

Master of Arts
Drew Chambers

Doctor of Education
Tina Sander-Loftus

Academic Awards Undergraduate Program
College of Arts and Sciences
Denise DeVary

College of Education
Kerry Thompson

College of Technology
Craig Stewart
Commencement Speakers

Winter Commencement Ceremonies
January 29, 2010

Graduate Ceremony Speaker
Margo T. Handy
Dr. Margo Handy completed her doctoral studies with a 4.0 grade point average. An exceptional student, Dr. Handy spoke to the class of 2010 and encouraged them to reflect on their journeys thus far. “We know that the first step in our desires to enhance our personal and professional lives was to understand and define ourselves as individuals who were not ready to settle for worldly mediocrity,” said Dr. Handy in her speech. “But instead, search for new horizons that would make significant differences for ourselves and others. Ultimately those desires led us to the doors of Wilmington University.”

Georgetown Commencement Ceremony
May 10, 2010

Krystine A. Schiding
Dr. Krystine Schiding earned her doctoral degree with a 3.85 grade point average. A self-starter, she motivated the crowd saying, “Graduates, today we are about to walk through a new threshold of our lives. In our hands we will hold a new degree, an accomplishment that we have achieved through dedication, hard work and great tenacity.” She went on to say, “As we walk through that threshold, remember that success is not achieved as a spectator.”

New Castle Commencement Ceremonies
May 16, 2010

Graduate Ceremony Speaker
Dana Roman
Dana Roman graduated with a 4.0 grade point average while completing her Master of Business Administration degree. Dana explained her progress saying, “I began my journey to get my MBA about 8 years ago. Between relocating to a new state, a new job and family obligations, I needed to put my aspirations on hold... but then I learned more about Wilmington University and the flexibility they provided to working students. I decided this program was what I needed to continue my goal to achieve my MBA. Today we can finally celebrate our accomplishments. We did it!”

Denise DeVary
A Dean’s List scholar and a member of Delta Epsilon Rho, Denise DeVary graduated with a degree in Legal Studies and a grade point average of 3.97. “As we forge onward on our journey, let us not forget the people that have helped us achieve our goals,” said Denise. “We, the graduating class of 2010, are grateful to everyone in this room. We are grateful to our husbands and wives, our sons and our daughters...our parents and in-laws...our employers and our friends. All of these people believed in us, even when we did not believe in ourselves.”
Author and former presidential campaign manager David Plouffe spoke this past winter.

What does it take to run one of the most successful presidential campaigns in American history? Well, for one, it takes a brilliant behind the scenes man to help direct the show: a man like David Plouffe, Barack Obama’s former campaign manager and a Wilmington, Delaware native. Plouffe visited Wilmington University to speak about his book, The Audacity to Win, which details the mechanics of a campaign from start to astounding finish. The Wilmington University Library, the Government and Public Policy Program, the Delaware Center for the Book and the Delaware Division of Libraries were all proud sponsors of the event.

When David Plouffe signed on to

Faculty and Alumni Update

Johanna L. Adams is now Dr. Johanna Adams after successfully defending her doctoral dissertation.

Dr. Adams’ doctoral degree is in Educational Leadership from Argosy University Sarasota, Florida. She is the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Congratulations to alumnus James Cregan who was honored with the Audrey K. Doberstein Award for Leadership at this year’s winter commencement ceremony. The award is presented for outstanding leadership and dedication to the philosophy and mission of Wilmington University. James earned his Bachelor of
become Barack Obama’s campaign manager, he had very little faith in an Obama victory. “We defied conventional political wisdom in ways large and small,” said Plouffe, explaining the beginning of this political journey. “We started with the longest of odds, no assets and against the strongest frontrunner in the history of the Democratic party.” Plouffe spoke to the crowd about how the Obama campaign worked in small steps, first setting sights on defeating Hilary Clinton and gaining a victory at the Iowa Caucus. Next, the campaign focused on winning the key red states: Pennsylvania, Ohio and Virginia. The landslide win came as a result of three things, said Plouffe: the candidate (who had a unique set of ideas to run the country), targeting states that no democrat had won in the past 15 years, and a group of grassroots volunteers that were “the heart of the campaign.”

“We couldn’t have done it without the volunteers,” said Plouffe, who spoke passionately about the grassroots volunteers who gave time, money, blood, sweat and tears in support of Barack Obama. These volunteers used social networking and face-to-face communication as a way to encourage others to vote. This was the first time in history that social networking was used in a presidential campaign. “Most people under the age of 30 get the news through social networking sites,” said Plouffe. “That is how we reached these people.” Plouffe went on to stress the importance of using technology in this campaign. “Technology allowed us to build a campaign,” said Plouffe. “We reached over 400 million contributors through digital media like cell phones, social networking sites and YouTube.”

During the event, Wilmington University used various forms of technology to broadcast it. David Plouffe’s speech, along with the University’s information session on Government and Public Policy, was simulcast on a streaming website known as Livestream. The website allows people from all over the world to log on and watch the presentation and ask questions. Thanks to this technology, 80 people from around the country were able to watch this event and one online viewer got a chance to pose a question to Plouffe. Livestream and the Delaware Division of Libraries set up a Twitter hash tag so that people could update on the Plouffe event from their Twitter accounts.

**Science degree in General Studies.**

James served in the Air Force for 20 years and received numerous military decorations. He decided to come back to school to earn his bachelor’s degree. “I was hesitant about going back to school because of my age, but after making the commitment to pursue my degree I soon realized that I had made the right choice,” he recalls. “I felt like Wilmington University provided the environment and staff to make my experience not only possible but enjoyable.”

Read more updates from the College of Arts and Sciences on its Facebook page http://www.facebook.com/wilmuartandsciences or check out the latest newsletter.

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**No More First Year Jitters**

**FYE, FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE**, is a new class currently being piloted to orient freshman to college life, help them to get to know themselves as learners and increase the sense of community at Wilmington University.

Freshmen come to college and look around, confused. They are not sure where to go to ask questions about financial aid, potential work-study opportunities, or how to get tutoring if they need it.

FYE 101 addresses these issues. Students learn about university resources, activities and about themselves. They also learn about the intersection of the two: why being here at Wilmington University is going to help them reach their potential and later success. In addition, all FYE students have a Common Read: *Persepolis*. *Persepolis* reflects the goals of FYE. It is the story of a young woman making difficult decisions in response to her own feelings and the politics around her.

We are glad to offer FYE and encourage students to join us for activities on campus!
Sigma Beta Delta, the Business Honor Society, welcomed several new inductees this spring.

Sigma Beta Delta, the International Honor Society for Business, Management and Administration, at a special dinner-ceremony on the New Castle campus.

Sigma Beta Delta was established in 1986 to honor students who have attained superior scholarship in business programs in schools and colleges with regional accreditation. To be eligible for membership, a business student must rank in the upper 20 percent of the junior, senior, or master’s class and be invited to membership by the faculty officers. Membership provides recognition for a lifetime and is well recognized by employers throughout the country.

Currently, there are more than 46,000 members in 310 chapters of Sigma Beta Delta in 47 states and one international chapter. Wilmington University congratulates all the inductees.

Dr. Edelson Steps Down As Dean
After five years of service, Dr. Robert Edelson officially stepped down as Dean of the College of Business on May 2, 2010. Dr. Don Durandetta, Director of the Doctor of Business Administration Program, has been named the new Dean of the College of Business. Dr. Edelson will remain with the College of Business in a new role, which, besides teaching, will include responsibility for the oversight of the College’s outcomes assessment efforts, International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) accreditation renewal and some new program development.
The Bottom-Line
College of Business students, graduates and faculty continue to do newsworthy things.

- Dr. Clint Robertson, coordinator MBA program, and Audrey Parajon, adjunct professor and DBA student, attended the 2010 Annual International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) Conference in Newport, Rhode Island. The theme was “Emerging Trends in Business Education.” IACBE is an accrediting body for WU’s College of Business.

- Lisa A. Dunning, DBA student, received the 2009 Rising Star Award from the American Council of Education Office of Women in Higher Education.

- Adjunct professor Catherine Rossi resigned her public affairs position at AAA to become Director of Communications for Delaware Governor Jack Markell.

- MBA student Amos Songor authored Persistence: The Way To Success in America, a 179-page paperback that tells the story about his immigration from Liberia to the USA.

- Dr. Steven Leshay, coordinator of the Marketing program, participated in a one-day focus-group conducted by McGraw Hill/Irwin at the textbook publisher’s headquarters in Chicago, Ill.

- Gail Piazza, marketing adjunct instructor, took her Design for Marketing students to Times Square in New York City to complete an extensive research project involving photographing, videotaping and identifying every touch point of brands they had previously discussed in class.

In the Press Box
Sports Management majors got close to the action at a recent Philadelphia 76ers game from the press box as part of a Sports Media Relations class. In addition to guest speakers from the world of sports, the course included a field trip to the Mickey Vernon Sports Museum, and the opportunity to see a Philadelphia Wings lacrosse game and a women’s basketball game. Students have been recording their experiences as sports public relations officials and media personnel on a blog, Twitter, and other social media formats. For more information about SPM, contact Janice.e.wardle@wilmu.edu.
THE A+ STUDENT TEACHER

Education graduate Kristina Kearney is not just an excellent student but also an excellent educator.

Kristina, from Pennsville, NJ, began the Elementary Teacher Education program in fall 2008 and graduated in May 2010. During her student teaching experience, she made such an impression, that Sylvia Brooks, Coordinator for Clinical Studies at Wilmington University, received a raving email from Maria Petro, her Cooperating Teacher. “I wanted to make you aware of the exceptional work that my student

WilmU Now in MD

The College of Education at Wilmington University is proud to announce a new venture that was recently approved by the Maryland Higher Education Commission. Beginning in September 2010, Wilmington University’s Bachelor of Science in Middle Level Education will be offered at Cecil College’s Elkton Station site. Students who are Middle Level Education majors will now be able to complete their coursework at this new location and receive a bachelor’s degree from Wilmington University.
teacher, Kristina Kearney, is doing with my first grade class. [Her] dedication, organization and creative lesson planning is truly above and beyond.” As a student-teacher, Kristina, along with Maria Petro and two other teachers, helped organize a project called Read Across America. Organized by the National Education Association, the project encourages students to read and promotes reading awareness. “I feel that she is to be commended for her willingness to get involved on this level to benefit all students, not just her assigned class,” wrote Ms. Petro.

Mark Zoppina, Principal of the Penn Beach Elementary School and a graduate of Wilmington University, also commended Kristina. “Ms. Kearney has demonstrated success in the classroom and has gone above and beyond her student teaching responsibilities to ensure that she would have a lasting impression and positive impact on the entire school community. Her involvement in our school’s Read Across America 2010 events is an example of the dedication and determination she has put forth during her assignment.”

inspired by instructors in the M.Ed. School Leadership Program, Mike Ritzius and Christian Galietta, two graduate students, initiated and collaborated with Camden County Technical High School staff and faculty to design and implement the school’s Innovative Studies Program. The project is in its second year of operation. Hybrid instruction as well as face-to-face instruction is combined with a contemporary curriculum that empowers high school students to determine their modes and styles of learning. Students decide how academic time will be expended.

The student-teacher ratio is 100:5. Students in grades nine through 12 work side by side identifying areas of interest and learn to utilize resources for research. The school supplied over 50 computers for faculty and student use. Barriers to learning are minimized or eliminated and students determine their classroom culture, environment and governing bodies.

Partnerships are built with community businesses and organizations. Rapport is established between students and teachers, who are empowered to make decisions traditionally made by administrators.

The project is aligned with the M.Ed. School Leadership Program which addresses research, theory and practice related to effective schools, teaching and learning and school reform. Translating theory into practice is a primary emphasis.

Above, from left to right: Monroe Gerhart (WilmU Program Coordinator), Christian Galietta (CCT Guidance Counselor), Nicolae Borota (CCT Mathematics Teacher), Michael Ritzius (CCT Science Teacher), Dr. John Gray (WilmU Dean), Dr. Teri Stallone (CCT Principal), Frank Williams (CCT English Teacher), Dr. Dan Poorman (WilmU Assistant Program Coordinator), Peter Hooke (CCT Social Studies Teacher) and Robert Shappell (CCT Director of Curriculum).

While the program is primarily dedicated to those seeking a degree in Middle Level Education, many of the courses offered through this partnership will be applicable to K-6 majors and Birth-2 majors. Many education core courses and all clinical courses will be offered at the Elkton Station location. Any Wilmington University Education student can enroll in these classes.

Current Wilmington University faculty will teach all the Middle Level Education courses offered at the Elkton Station location.

To learn more, please call the College of Education at (302) 356-2468.
IN JULY 2009, DR. SHEILA Sharbaugh was appointed Dean of the College of Health Professions. Prior to accepting this position, Dr. Sharbaugh, had been with Wilmington University since 2000 as faculty and coordinator of the RN to BSN program. The College welcomed Dr. Sharbaugh while wishing the best of luck to former dean, Dr. Tish Gallagher, who accepted a position at the University as the Distance Learning Liaison.

Before coming to Wilmington University, Dr. Sharbaugh taught for Delaware Technical & Community College. Her nursing experience includes many years of working in various specialty areas at St. Francis Hospital in Wilmington, Delaware and working at the Millville satellite Emergency department of Beebe Medical Center.

Dr. Sharbaugh received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Delaware, her Master of Science in Nursing Leadership from Wilmington University, and her PhD in Nursing from Widener University. Sharbaugh’s doctoral research focused on factors influencing nurses’ intent to stay in the profession. Her teaching interests include research, leadership and community health. Dr. Sharbaugh enjoys mentoring graduate students, particularly those who are interested in teaching careers.

“This is an exciting time to assume the role of Dean in the College of Health Professions,” said Dr. Sharbaugh. “The faculty is always busy seeking new and innovative ways to educate our students and to promote the profession of nursing throughout the region. With further expansion of our programs into New Jersey and online, we are excited for the opportunities presented to us.”

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**WU Hosts the Delaware Nurses’ Association Spring Conference**

The College of Health Professions was honored to host the Delaware Nurses’ Association Spring RN/APN Conference on Friday, March 12. The conference was held in the Doberstein Admissions Center of the University’s New Castle campus, and was attended by approximately 200 current nursing students, alumni, nurse educators, Registered Nurses and Advanced Practice Nurses.

This year’s keynote speaker was Susan Hassmiller, PhD, RN, FAAN. Dr. Hassmiller is the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Senior Advisor for Nursing. Over the years, she has been “tasked with shaping and leading the Foundation’s strategies to address the nurse and nurse faculty shortages in an effort to create a higher quality of patient care in the United States.” Dr. Hassmiller is a member of the Joint Commission Nursing Advisory Council and the New York Academy of Medicine. She is a fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and has received numerous awards for achievement, community service and excellence. In 2009, she was honored with the Florence Nightingale Medal, the “highest international honor given to a nurse by the International Committee of the Red Cross.”

Wilmington University’s Nursing Program faculty acted as guides and representatives of the University at this busy event. They were easily recognized by the scarves they were wearing in support of the Susan G. Komen Foundation for breast cancer research.

Topics covered at this year’s conference included the future of nursing, weight loss surgery, managing the difficult patient, substance abuse treatment in the 21st century and more. Attendees had the opportunity to review and analyze current healthcare trends and their impact on the practice of nursing. The conference also provided participants with the opportunity to network and collaborate with nursing professionals from around the region.

**Where in the World ... Are WU Nursing Students?**

One of the hallmark signs of a true nursing professional is the ability to care. This has never been more apparent than in the recent contribution of BSN student, Lori Worthy. This past September, Lori and professional colleagues travelled to El Salvador to donate their time and talents in providing cardiac surgery for children born with congenital heart problems.

Working through the cooperation of two agencies, Group Heart Care International and Sana Mi Corazon (Heal My Heart) the mission entailed a three-week schedule of triage, surgery and recovery. During this time, 25 cardiac surgeries and 25 cardiac catheterizations were provided to children ranging from 16 months to 17 years. Operating on a 13-hour a day schedule, the venture provided much needed medical services to children who lived in impoverished areas. This effort makes a special impact on a country with only one remote pediatric hospital.

Not surprisingly, Lori, a cardiac ICU nurse at Children’s Hospital in Philadelphia, felt the need to do even more and is planning on returning in May to assist those still in need.
Colonel Marian McGovern received in her career in law enforcement was, “to remain true to who you are and let the values that have guided you in the past pave the way for future success.” Col. McGovern, the first woman Superintendent of the Massachusetts State Police, shared this recommendation with 200 attendees at the fifth annual Women in Criminal Justice Leadership Seminar sponsored by Wilmington University’s Criminal Justice Program with generous support from the Delaware Criminal Justice Council.

Col. McGovern, a 30-year veteran, described her ascent through the ranks of a law enforcement agency, which was not very hospitable to female troopers in 1979 when she joined the organization. But she earned the respect of her fellow troopers by doing her job well. She helped develop the DNA Index system and the AMBER Alert missing child notification system. She also was responsible for internal affairs investigations and trooper education at the state police academy while serving as a lieutenant colonel.

Col. McGovern offered the crowd of mainly female criminal justice professionals her best advice as they travel their career paths: “Take care of the tasks ahead one step at a time. Never underestimate the wise lessons you will learn each step of the way. While it’s very important to set goals and move to achieve them you cannot forget that hard work and determination will put you on the right path to reaching them.”

The seminar included panel presentations on grants and planning, critical
incident stress management and leadership and promotion. Panelists included senior members of regional law enforcement agencies and the legal community, the Criminal Justice Council and the Federal Bureau of Investigations. The coordinator for the seminar, State Police Captain Melissa Zebley, who currently serves in the capacity of Criminal Justice Program Assistant, commented, “The panelists and keynote speakers inspired and challenged seminar participants and offered them tools to be effective leaders in their organizations. If our registration for this event and the waiting list for this seminar is any indication, there is a real need for this type of information in the criminal justice field.”

Pennsylvania State Police Lieutenant Douglas Burig, the incident commander at the West Nickel Mines Amish School shooting in Lancaster County, PA, gave a riveting description of the incidents of October, 2006 when five young female students were killed by a lone gunman, who committed suicide. Lt. Burig emphasized the law enforcement and emergency personnel responses focusing on the leadership skills necessary to manage a tragic event of this magnitude. He focused not only on the operational handling of the school massacre, but also the human side of attending to families and a community devastated by this violent act. His moving account garnered a standing ovation from the participants.

Wilmington University looks forward to partnering with the Delaware Criminal Justice Council in the future to offer high quality programs and training seminars to regional criminal justice system practitioners.

Online Newsletter and Facebook Friends

One are the days of printing and mailing out newsletters by the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences – our news is now online! With regular updates from faculty, staff, students and graduates, the newsletter is available to our readers via http://www.wilmu.edu/behavioralscience/index.aspx. Check out the stories and photos currently available:

- View a photo gallery of the Women in Criminal Justice Leadership Seminar.
- Read about the recent honor society induction ceremonies held by the Administration of Human Services graduate program and the Criminal Justice programs. View the photo gallery of new inductees.
- Read Dr. Deb Berke’s article she co-authored entitled, “Advocacy and Service Learning” which was published in the Family Science Review.
- Learn about new course offerings in Child Abuse Studies.
- Hear from members of our Community Counseling program faculty who were feature presenters at the “Resilience Across the Lifespan” conference, which was held on May 1 at the New Castle campus.
- Friend us on Facebook - the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences hosts a Facebook page for students, faculty and graduates. Join us! http://www.facebook.com/WilmuSocialAndBehavioralSciences.

NEW HOMELAND SECURITY ONLINE GRADUATE DEGREE

After consulting with professionals in the field who provide leadership to state and federal homeland security agencies, the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences is pleased to announce its new Master of Science in Homeland Security degree. Courses will be offered for the first time in Fall 2010 for this 33 credit, multidisciplinary online degree. In addition to six core courses, students in the Homeland Security master’s program will opt for one of three concentrations to meet their professional goals and interests. Students will complete specialized coursework in Safety and Security, Organizational Leadership or Information Assurance. The final requirement for the degree will be a Capstone project developed to enhance and complement the coursework in the student’s chosen concentration. Information about this dynamic new degree will be available in the fall course catalog.
Our College of Technology students are sitting in Governor Jack Markell’s boardroom, a lavish, carpeted suite perched on the 11th floor of the Carvel building overlooking the city of Wilmington. These gentlemen are receiving the honor of a lifetime: they are being personally congratulated by Governor Jack Markell and Senator Tom Carper for winning the undergraduate category of DC3 Digital Forensic Challenge. The past few weeks have been a blur for Enjolokee Jones, Roman Sheriff, Michael Escobar and Clay Batchelor. Thrust into the media spotlight, they packed their bags for an all-expense paid trip to the Department of Defense Cyber Crime Conference to meet the Governor and Senator as proud friends and family look on.

It all began when Mark Hufe, program coordinator of the Computer and Network Security program, came across the DC3 challenge website. The challenge is an international competition sponsored by the Department of Defense, the

**IRM BECOMES ISM**

After extensive review and consideration of the Information Resource Management (IRM) program, the staff at the College of Technology have decided to give the program a facelift. Based on focus group meetings, research and interviews with information technology professionals, the staff have decided to rename the program the Information Systems Management program. Effective this fall, the Information System’s Management (ISM) bachelor’s degree will take
SANS Institute and the International Multilateral Partnership Against Cyber-Threats (IMPACT). Launched in 2006, the challenge encourages participants to solve a hypothetical forensic issue.

“I thought to myself, I should encourage some of our students to apply for this,” said Hufe. “So I passed the word along and we created this team based on students who were excelling in the program.”

The team was lead by Chris Shanahan, an adjunct faculty member and a New Castle County Police Detective specializing in Computer Forensics. They registered only two months before the deadline and worked feverishly from then on.

Entries poured into the challenge from around the world. Government, military and civilian teams all tried to crack the hypothetical case that involved a terrorist group hacking into a computer system. The team was asked to solve the case using a computer hard drive and produce a police report to help investigators track down these terrorists.

Roman Sheriff described the challenge as an incredible experience. “We learned the importance of communication. We stayed in contact through email and met two to three times a week to discuss our progress.” Clay Batchelor, agreed saying, “It was the real thing. We learned how to do a complete forensic investigation, extract data and write a legible report. Towards the end, we had meetings every week and delegated the tasks. It was because of those meetings that we were able to cooperate with each other and work through this challenge.”

After the report was submitted, the students sat back and waited for the results. Then came the great news—the team had won first place in the undergraduate category! Of the 1153 entries from over 56 countries, the Wilmington University team was one of only 44 teams who were able to solve the challenge. The team was first nationwide and third overall in the world.

“I am so proud of this team,” said Hufe. “I cannot express what a great achievement this is and how hard these gentlemen worked to get here. Congratulations to the Wilmington University New Castle team!”

**Digitizing the Studio**

The College of Technology’s Television Studio has been upgraded with the latest high definition (HD) TV equipment. Three Panasonic HDTV studio cameras have replaced the earlier Sony analog cameras. These are linked to a Panasonic HD digital switcher that enables the TV producer to select an individual camera to record while setting up the scenes on the others. The switcher can also add sophisticated digital special effects (SFX), such as cross fading, checkerboards and many other transitions between shots. In addition, the latest greenscreen technology has been added which will give backgrounds the effect of a location production.

The switcher feeds into an HDTV recording system, the AJA KiPro, which records digitally to a hard disk. All this new equipment is compatible with the existing analog and digital recording equipment, some of which has been retained so material can be produced for standard definition (SD) TV.
Leading
While Walking Around

A Conversation with President Jack Varsalona

Jack Varsalona has a passion for education, instilled in him as a young boy growing up in Trenton, New Jersey. “From the day I was born, there was no doubt in my father’s mind that I was going to go to college,” recalls Varsalona. “At that time in my neighborhood, going to college was unheard of, but my parents were certain that I was going to go.” A curious child with no siblings, Varsalona was fascinated by books. “I grew up surrounded by books, all kinds of books,” says Varsalona. “So I would read them and immerse myself. I loved to learn.”

WilmU sat down with President Varsalona to take a look back at his journey from childhood in Trenton to the Office of the President at Wilmington University. Along the way, Varsalona has been honored for his commitment to education, community and leadership, most recently receiving the J.H. Beauchamp Volunteer of the Year Award from Goodwill Industries.
WilmU: Take us back to your high school years. We’ve heard you were captain of the football team and president of the senior class. What were your favorite subjects in high school?

Jack Varsalona: I really enjoyed challenging myself, so I took on a lot. My favorite subject was physics, but I also gravitated towards history and the social sciences. When I graduated, I brought my interest in math and history together by enrolling as a History major with a minor in Economics at the University of Delaware.

After earning your bachelor’s degree, you found yourself back in the classroom again, but this time as a teacher. Tell us about your experiences there.

My first job out of college was as a teacher in the Appoquinimink School District. I really enjoyed seeing my students learn, that look on a student’s face when he or she finally got it. Over the years, I moved around within the school district from teaching to administrative positions. I soon realized that I needed to get back to school and earn my certificate in special education and school administration. That’s when I decided to earn a Master of Education degree, and at the same time, I was promoted to assistant principal. It was quite a juggle, balancing schoolwork and my assistant principal job.

Over the years, you have worked as an educator and in the Delaware General Assembly as the Education Advisor to Governor Pierre S. du Pont. With all this experience under your belt, what observations have you made along the way about education needs in the state of Delaware?

Working for Governor Pierre du Pont was one of my favorite jobs. I learned so much and he was a great mentor. While working for the State, I began to pick up on the need for access to higher education in Delaware. The state needed more affordable higher education options, programs that accommodated working adults and programs that were relevant to the changing times. I constantly kept this in the back of my mind as the years passed.

So how did you learn about Wilmington College? And what brought you to the College’s doors?

I had earned my doctoral degree in 1984, and during Governor duPont’s last term, I knew I needed a new direction to my career. A friend of mine introduced me to a small, up-and-coming school named Wilmington College. Reading about the school and the mission, I found myself drawn to it and soon became an adjunct faculty member there, teaching courses in the MBA program and other leadership courses. Teaching students at Wilmington College really gave me a look into how students have to balance schoolwork, children and full-time employment and that reminded me of my own college experiences.

When did you become part of the administrative team at Wilmington College? Do you remember your first day full-time?

I still remember that day very clearly. It was April Fools’ Day 1987 when I started full-time with the College as Vice President for Academic Affairs. From the start, I loved the people, loved the school and loved the mission. One of the first orders of business former President Audrey Doberstein and I discussed was to start a quality Master of Education program. From my time in the Governor’s office, I had found that teachers in Delaware were in dire need of access to higher education that also fit around their busy work schedules. When we planned this program, I kept that in mind. We designed programs aimed at teachers who wanted to be better teachers. We also guaranteed a sequence of courses. We wanted to ensure that a student who enrolled in September and wanted to graduate in precisely two years was able to do so, even if it meant having some classes with only five students. We wanted our students to graduate on time.

What do you think contributed to the success of the College?

I’d have to say the success of the College comes down to a number of key factors: the first was the outstanding leadership of Audrey Doberstein, President of the College from 1979 to 2005. Dr. Doberstein touched the lives of 20,000 students; she gave this school the personal touch that remains here today. The second factor was, and is, the commitment of the Board of Trustees, headed by Irénée du Pont, Jr. The Board...
Some of our board members have served us for over 30 years. President Doberstein and the Board set the tone, compelled all of us to fulfill the mission, and provided us with high-level direction.

Your relationship with faculty and staff seems to be very positive. What makes the relationship click? Our faculty is the heart of this institution and why we are so successful. I really believe in our faculty and care about them. The faculty members, both adjunct and full-time, are serious about teaching and learning and it shows every day. It is important to note that a superb leadership team, headed by Dr. Betty Caffo, guides our faculty members. And, of course, success in the classroom would never be possible without the dedication of our staff at every level. Our maintenance team, the advising department, the Information Center, recruiters, Admissions – all of the departments cooperate for an optimal learning environment.

Everyone at Wilmington University knows how much you care about the students here. Tell us about that.

I love talking to students. Very often you will find me walking around campus popping into classrooms. I think you get the best advice from the people in the classroom, the students. I ask them what they like; I ask them what they dislike. A major thing I have learned from the students is that they like our small class sizes, and those small class sizes will never change.

I knocked on their doors, they dressed up in their caps and gowns, and we had an impromptu commencement ceremony. It was a really gratifying experience.

The institution has already gone through so many changes, going from a college to a university in 2007, offering online degrees and now offering degrees in New Jersey and Maryland. What is next?

My biggest goal has always been to provide the best possible product at the best possible price. Going forward, I want to make sure that we are providing the programs that people need. As society changes, I hope that we, too, can stay at the forefront. We can do this by creating more locations, each of which is still within 30 minutes of the other. This will help keep our class sizes low. I want to keep that personal feel that our students love. I’m still amazed at how far we’ve come. Every now and then I will bump into one of my former students. It’s great to see where they are now and it makes me miss being in the classroom. But my favorite time of day is still when I can walk around campus and talk to students. I enjoy every day I work here.

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Healing HAITI

By Suki Deen
It is the end of another excruciatingly hot day in Jacmel, Haiti. The temperatures have soared above 100 degrees Fahrenheit and the flies are relentless. Joya is sitting under the shade of a makeshift tent as an older woman carrying a child enters the clinic. The woman explains through an interpreter that her grandchild is dehydrated and Joya picks up the child to give her water. Before she knows it, Joya has been playing with the adorable two-year-old for almost 10 minutes. The baby is giggling and gurgling, her big brown eyes twinkling in delight. Joya turns to look at the grandmother, who has a very serious look on her face. “Will you take her?” says the old woman through the interpreter. “Take her away from this place. You can give her better life.” Joya responds, “No, no, we can’t do that. I can’t...” But the woman insists. “Please, take her with you back to America. Her mother has died in the earthquake and I cannot take care of her. Please take her with you.” Joya looks at the woman’s face. Her brow is heavy, her eyes are moist with tears and her lip is quivering. She looks exhausted, worn out and alone. Joya looked back at the giggling baby in her arms before shaking her head again, “No. I’m sorry.” She will never forget that moment.

As she turned the lights out that night, she lay asleep thinking about the people of Haiti. She was determined to help. The next morning at work there was a buzz around the hospital as colleagues talked about sending medical aid to Haiti. She was barraged with a flutter of emails about Haiti: “Nurses Volunteer,” “Give to Haiti,” “Team A Needs Help,” “More Christiana Doctors on Their Way.” “I was in a patient’s room and Dr. Reynold Agard told me he was going to Haiti,” recalls Joya. “He said to me, ‘Yeah we are going and we need more nurses – are you interested?’ and I said, ‘Of course! When can I get started?’” Dr. Agard made arrangements and soon Joya was preparing for a long journey to a small, shattered town called Jacmel. Jacmel, also known as the Culture Capital or the “City of Artists,” is a city in southern Haiti best known for its historic architecture that dated back to the nineteenth century. It is a port town that was founded in 1968 as part of the French Colony of Saint-Domingue. Due to the French influence, many of the streets were lined with lavish cathedrals, elegant artisan shops and historic mansions. That all changed on the evening of January 12.
**HEALING THE AFTERMATH.** “I packed my bags, got my immunizations and then explained to my Wilmington University professor, Dr. Wilbur, why I would be absent from our last class,” says Joya, who is a Master of Science in Nursing student at the University. “I was nervous about what she would say because it was our last class but she was so understanding and I sincerely thank her for that.” On February 3, Joya boarded an American Airlines flight out of Philadelphia along with four doctors, three nurses and one medical student. Amy Gemmill and MaryAnne O’Neill, fellow Wilmington University graduates, were also part of the medical crew. After a hectic, exhausting 48-hour journey, the crew finally arrived in Jacmel.

“We had been mentally preparing ourselves throughout the flight,” says Joya, “but I have really never seen such devastation. People were living in tents and entire buildings were diminished to piles of rubble.” Some of Joya’s team stayed in tents outside a busted motel. Joya spent her night in a small motel room nearby. “I would wake up in the middle of the night and nervously look up at the big crack in the wall right by my door,” recalls Joya. “I thought to myself, if there is a second earthquake, I’d be the first to go.”

The next morning, Joya and her teammates set up a makeshift clinic in a broken down building in the center of town. Within four hours they had everything they needed: water, medical supplies, equipment, tables and chairs. The air was hot and the team was quickly drenched in sweat and covered by a thin layer of dust. Almost immediately a crowd began gathering outside the spontaneous clinic. Many patients were asking for food and water, others were suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder complaining of heart palpitations, cold sweats and intense fear. “It was so hot,” remembers Joya. “All the doctors and nurses were so dehydrated and wanted nothing more than to drink some water but there was not enough to go around. And we couldn’t turn people away and then drink water ourselves.”

The parched practitioners found themselves using crude, provisional medical equipment. A torn mattress became a doctor’s table, a piece of clothing replaced a surgical mask and hand sanitizers replaced gloves. “Every day we would see between 100 and 120 patients,” Joya says. “We really learned to think on our feet. I think that was something I took from my learning at Wilmington University and that was how to make accurate physical assessments. Dr. Wilbur always taught us the importance of deciding between urgent care and less serious care. Being a nurse practitioner sometimes means you won’t have the equipment to make a diagnosis but you have to improvise.”
SMILING THROUGH THE TEARS. Joya learned immediately to be quick on her feet. One morning a mother and daughter walked into the clinic and the girl was crying out in pain. She explained through the interpreter that she had severe pain in her stomach. “I realized pretty quickly that it was appendicitis and she was going into peritonitis. The doctor came over and we rushed the girl to the nearest hospital. Luckily, she recovered but we needed to make instant decisions,” says Joya.

Another thing Joya noticed was how well the Haitian people endured pain. “The Haitians seem to have an incredibly high threshold for pain,” remembers Joya. “A lot of the time we had a tough time trying to figure out what was ailing them because they would handle the pain so well.” One sweltering morning Joya saw a woman enter the clinic carrying a baby wrapped up in layers and layers of cloth. The baby was wriggling and screaming and Joya’s first reaction was to take off the layers of cloth that were making the baby so hot. When she asked the woman why the baby was wrapped in so many layers of cloth the woman solemnly replied, “Because I have walked for 6 hours to get here. I left when it was still dark and cold outside.”

As Joya’s time in Haiti began to wind down she decided to travel to the outskirts of the city to see how the Haitian people were living. “They had nothing,” explains Joya. “They were living in tents the size of a computer desk. There were flies and the sun was very draining. It was so sad to see people living like this, and yet they were always so humble and welcoming. Every time they would come to the doctor they would dress up in their best clothes, even when they had nothing. It is a cultural difference but it is a sign of respect. They respected the doctors and the American teams that were there to help.”

Joya and the medical crew stayed in Haiti for 10 days. “Haiti looks like a very beautiful country and I wish that I had visited sooner,” Joya recalls. “I was very saddened when I had to come home because I just still wished I could do more.” On the last night in Jacmel, the crew sat down and had drinks under the vast starry sky. The air was warm and the dust and flies no longer seemed to bother them. Joya thought about all the patients she had treated over the past 10 days. She remembered the woman who had wanted to give up her grandchild and the look in her eyes. But most of all she remembers that precious, beautiful baby she held in her arms and wonders what that little girl is doing now.

WU RAISES MONEY FOR HAITI

Following the magnitude 7.00 earthquake that ripped through the city of Port-au-Prince, Haiti, there was an outpouring of support from people across the nation. Wilmington University also lent a helping hand in the support efforts by raising $2,057 for the American Red Cross. The Student Government Association supported the effort by encouraging students to donate in any way they could.

Ways You Can Help Haiti:
National Nurses United
http://www.calnurses.org/rmm/
American Red Cross
http://american.redcross.org/
Clinton Bush Haiti Fund
http://www.clintonbushhaitifund.org/
Yele Haiti
http://yele.org/
UNICEF
http://www.unicef.org/
You’ve been to arcades. You’ve played your fair share of Mario Kart and you may even remember the golden years of Atari. But do you really know what goes into designing, planning and implementing a video game? This fall, Wilmington University will introduce a new program within the College of Technology that gives you a glimpse into the world behind the game.

By Suki Deen

CONNECT Learn more about the Game Design and Development program: http://www.wilmu.edu/itac/index.aspx.
Follow the College of Technology on the following social networking sites:
Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/wilmutechnology; Myspace: http://www.myspace.com/wilmu_technology;
The Bachelor of Science in Game Design and Development, a 120-credit program being offered at the New Castle campus, gives students an understanding of the workflow involved in designing and developing a game or training simulation environment. From courses in Scriptwriting to 3D Modeling Techniques to Character Creation and Texturing students will learn how to create a digital story filled with characters, scenarios and environments.

“This program is geared towards current Media Design students, high school students or people who are generally interested in the field,” said Scott Shaw, the faculty member in charge of teaching the program in the College of Technology. “We want to stress the fact that game design and development is very much a cross-disciplinary field. Many game developers will find employment in fields like the military, nursing, business and education.” In the past, video games were thought of as just a youth pastime. Recently, many industries have used the technology to improve workflow and practice. “Flight simulation has been an extremely useful tool to our military since we started flying,” stated Shaw. “Hospitals use game design in laparoscopic surgery training, law enforcement uses scenario games to help train cops, and even sports managers use video games like Madden to test out playbooks. This is an ever growing field.”

Shaw, Susan Gregg, program coordinator and Dr. Ed Guthrie, Dean of the College of Technology, have been working on creating the Game Design and Development Program for the past several months. “I really think that this is going to put us on the map,” said Gregg. “This program will provide well rounded individuals with multi-disciplinary skill sets.”

Students who enroll in the Game Design and Development program will learn to design and plan a two-dimensional and three-dimensional game, an educational training game and a 3D animation, which can be deployed to personal computers or game consoles. Upon completion of the program, students will be able to see the greater picture within the game development industry and possess skills in video design, typography, programming, algorithmic sense, self-management and planning skills.

“There is not a program like this in the state of Delaware,” said Shaw. “We did a lot of research and spoke to competing schools, talked to current students, and asked people that are currently working in the game design industry. We asked them, What do you look for in a new hire? What skills and qualities are important in an employee? We also reviewed current job postings online to see what various industries are looking for. What’s unique about this program is that it is a direct response to a need in the current job market.”

There are no prerequisites to enrolling in the program and Shaw encourages students to apply from all walks of life. “You should have a love for games, but that should not be your only interest. Playing video games is a very different experience from creating them. Students interested in enrolling in the program should pay attention to detail, have an interest in design, an understanding of software, have math and science skills, be tech-savvy and unafraid of programming.”

The Bachelor of Science in Game Design and Development begins this fall and courses will be offered mainly in block, semester or modular format. Some courses will be available as a hybrid.

GAME DESIGN FACTS

$38,980 to $70,050
Average annual salary according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Halo 3, Super Mario Bros, Pac-Man, Wii Sports, Tetris, and Sonic the Hedgehog
Best Selling Video Games of All Time

Link Trainer in 1929
First Flight Simulation developed by Edwin Link of Binghampton, NY

110,000
Projected Number of Multimedia Artists and Animators by 2016 according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Augmented Reality: incorporates 3D objects with real-life to create a unique experience for the user
A new avenue for game designers
Simmons is Honorable Mention All-American Team and Player of the Year

Congratulations to Wilmington University Wildcat, AMELIA SIMMONS (Concord HS/Wilmington, DE). Simmons was named to the Women’s Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Honorable Mention All-American Team for her performance this past season. The selection committee chose the 10-member team from a group of 40 finalists.

Simmons, a senior forward, led the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) and ranked third nationally in scoring this season. She finished her career with over 2,000 career points and 1,000 career rebounds and graduated as the all-time leading scorer in Wilmington history. The native of Wilmington, Del. is a three-time All-CACC First Team Selection and was the 2006-07 CACC Rookie of the Year. She led the CACC with 21.8 points per-game.

Earlier this year, she was awarded CACC Player of the Year honors, along with being named to the NCAA Daktronics All-East Region First Team. A Second-Team selection the past two seasons, she has also been a two-time member of the CACC All-Academic Team. Simmons becomes the first Lady Wildcat to earn All-American honors in the sport of women’s basketball since Wilmington made the move to NCAA in the fall of 2004.
Wildcats Named Academic All-Stars

Thirty-five Wilmington University student-athletes were named Wildcat Academic All-Stars at the inaugural Academic All-Star Banquet in February. In order to be named a Wildcat Academic All-Star, recipients must have participated in intercollegiate athletics at Wilmington and have achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or higher.

The Academic All-Star program is in its first season, and Wilmington University will continue to honor these hard-working student-athletes every spring at a dinner banquet.

Wildcats Named Academic All-Stars

**Men’s Soccer**
- Joe Stant
- Duhan Malali

**Women’s Soccer**
- Angelica Appold
- Brooke Eveler
- Brittany Rhodes
- Amanda Walters
- Megan Whalen
- Alli Williams

**Cross Country**
- Danielle Burcham
- Stacey Hamilton
- Danielle Riley
- Lauren Jean Slaughter

**Volleyball**
- Michelle Boyd
- Meghan Frick
- Sheri Hunley
- Brittani Leathern
- Paige Norvell

**Women’s Basketball**
- Jamee Bush
- Shantel Brown
- Jamie Hensley
- Amelia Simmons

**Men’s Basketball**
- Andrew Corrigan
- Mike Sammons

**Baseball**
- Nick Galinsky
- Justin Quinn

**Softball**
- Brooke Berger
- Heather Bush
- Amanda Cordrey
- Jessica Hassman
- Erin Tingle
- Kristin Tomlinson
- Lindsay Watson

**Women’s Lacrosse**
- Liz Case

**Golf**
- Nick Mafale
- Sam Sachs
Danielle Burcham is Runner of the Year, Bill Steele Wins Rookie of the Year

Senior DANIELLE BURCHAM won the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Championship and earned CACC Runner of the Year honors for the second consecutive year, while freshman BILL STEELE captured the Men’s Rookie of the Year award at the Conference Championships.

Burcham finished the 5K race in 19:52, while sophomore DANIELLE RILEY came in 11th place with a time of 21:49. Both runners claimed All-CACC honors, and KEITH JONES was named CACC Women’s Cross Country Coach of the Year.

Steele placed third in his race in a time of 27:48, followed by senior MATT O’BRIEN (28:27/7th place), senior CHAD DARLINGTON (28:47/10th place), sophomore RODNEY ROSARIO (28:56:28/11th place), senior KYLE BARNUM (28:56:83/12th place) and freshman VINNIE TROTTA (29:02/14th place). All six runners earned All-CACC honors.

The teams also competed well at the NCAA East Regional Meet in Boston, Massachusetts. Burcham completed the 6K race in 23:19:10, good for 10th place. Her stellar finish earned her the second United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) All-Region recognition in the Wilmington program’s history. The first came last season, when she finished 14th.

WUSPORTS BRIEFS

Student Athletes Collect Toys for Tots

Members of the Wilmington University Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) collected over 70 toys for the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots program throughout the holiday season.

The SAAC members set out boxes around the New Castle campus and asked other student-athletes, students and staff members to contribute new, wrapped toys. On December 15, two members from Bulk Fuel Company B, 6th Engineer Support Battalion located in Wilmington, came to the University to collect the toys.

Juniors HEATHER KARASEK, PAUL RIGGIO and AMANDA CORDREY of Wilmington’s SAAC helped organize the drive, which was deemed a huge success after collecting triple the number of toys collected last year.

“Student athletes give back and know that they can contribute on and off the playing field,” Wilmington’s Athletic Director, FRANK AIELL0 stated.

Five Wildcats Win Soccer Honors

Wildcats SARGBAH TARPEH (Overbrook HS/Philadelphia, PA), FATOMA TURAY (Bartram HS/Philadelphia, PA), NICKALUS MCDONALD (Martin Luther King HS/Philadelphia, PA), JAMAL WIGGINS (St. Anthony’s HS/St. Thomas Central, Trinidad) and DAVE DEASE (Delsea HS/Newfield, NJ), have earned NCAA Daktronics All-American Men’s Soccer Honors for their performances this past season.

Tarpeh, a senior forward, and East Region Player of the Year,
Wildcat cross-country runner Danielle Burcham was chosen as the inaugural Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Student-Athlete of the Month. She earned the honor for September 2009, while Amelia Simmons was awarded the accolade in January.

Burcham, a member of the Wilmington Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, took part in an “Adopt a Highway” clean-up program with her cross-country teammates and helped organize “A Day in the Life of Wilmington University,” an online slide show. The Studio Production and Broadcast Journalism major graduated in January with a 3.94 grade point average.

Burcham has been a CACC Runner of the Year and Scholar-Athlete of the Year, a three-time CACC All-Academic Team Selection and a two-time All-East Region award-winner. She has been named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District team and is a two-time member of the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic team.

Simmons is the all-time leading scorer in the Wildcat women’s basketball program, finishing her career with more than 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds. She was named the CACC Player of the Year this past season, was a WBCA Honorable Mention All-American and has been a three-time All-East Region award-winner.

The Behavioral Science major was a six-time member of the Dean’s List and graduated in January with a 3.54 grade point average. She participated in numerous service initiatives, including two Breast Cancer Walks and five Light the Night/Lymphoma Leukemia Society walks. A member of the Wilmington Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, she has helped with various activities like the Make-A-Wish Foundation fundraiser, Toys for Tots program and Wilmington Silent Auction.

Simmons earned a spot on the 2008-09 and 2009-2010 CACC Winter All-Academic team and is a member of the Wilmington Delta Epsilon Rho Honor Society.
Meet the Current Alumni Association

The Alumni Association Executive Board

JOSEPH PRO '98 M.B.A., President
BRIAN ADAIR '07 M.S., Vice President

The Alumni Association Chapter Chairs

PATRICIA BURRELL '05 M.S., Community Counseling Chapter Chair
STEVE FLAHERTY '00 M.S., Sussex County Chapter Chair
THOMAS GAYNOR '01 M.Ed., Middle Level Education Chapter Chair
CHEYANN GILROY '06 B.S., Athletic Chapter Chair
FRANK INGRAHAM '96 M.S., Business Chapter Chair
JOHNA-LEE INGRAHAM '95 B.S.N., Nursing Chapter Chair
DALIA NICHOLS '02 M.S., Public Administration Chapter Chair
JULIE MARQUETTE '08 M.S., Human Resource Management Chapter Chair
DOLORES SZYMANSKI '08 Ed.D., New Jersey Chapter Chair

Join the Alumni Association

The Wilmington University Alumni Association encourages you to get involved with your Alumni Association. Email alumni@wilmu.edu to find out more.

From left to right: Frank Ingraham ’96, Johna-Lee Ingraham ’95, Patricia Burrell ’05 and Tom Gaynor ’01.

From Left to right: Brian Adair ’07 and Joseph Pro ’98.
Alumni Benefits

Being a WU alumnus comes with a variety of benefits. Some of the benefits help to generate revenue for scholarships that are awarded to students yearly. Visit our Alumni website for further information: http://www.wilmu.edu/alumni/index.aspx.

- CAREER SERVICES
  No matter when you graduated, we invite you to call upon Career Services to help you in your employment search or job preparation.

- INSURANCE BENEFITS
  Liberty Mutual will offer a minimum 10% discount to WU alumni on auto, renters and homeowner insurance. Visit www.libertymutual.com/wilmingtonuniversity for a quote.

- WU LICENSE TAGS
  (Delaware residents only) email alumni@wilmu.edu for more info.

- TRAVEL PROGRAMS
  A World of Travel will offer alumni a chance to save on personal travel or pre-arranged package trips.

- MOVING SERVICES
  Hawk Vision Wheaton Moving Company. Call 1-800-932-7799 and inquire about alumni discounts.

- BJ’S DISCOUNT DAYS
  Twice a year the Alumni Association will sponsor a two week BJ’s fundraiser. Get a 15-month membership for only $35. All new memberships and renewals are welcome. Call Stefanie Whitby at 302-356-2469 for more details.

- SOCIAL NETWORKING
  Alumni can now keep in touch with WU and their fellow alumni on Facebook. Add us at www.facebook.com/wilmualumni.

- LIBRARY SERVICES

Students and Alumni Enjoy Bowling Night

On Friday, March 12, over 30 Wilmington University students and alumni came together for a great night of bowling at the Bowlerama Center in Newport, Delaware.

Florida Chapter Alumni Reunion

Approximately 30 WU alumni and friends gathered at La Cigale restaurant in Delray Beach, Florida on February 20 for the University’s 2nd Annual Florida Chapter Alumni Reunion. The evening, which was hosted by President Dr. Jack Varsalona, saw friends and classmates come together to reminisce about their experiences at the University and how they all wound up relocating to the Sunshine State.

Each alumnus was presented a hand engraved glass with the Wilmington University logo and a t-shirt commemorating the event. Dr. Varsalona personally thanked the Florida chapter alumni for staying in touch. He also recognized Stefanie Whitby, Director of Alumni Services, for her efforts in organizing the gathering.

Jacque Marshall, who graduated from William Penn High School prior to coming to Wilmington University, attended the event. She now lives in Jacksonville, Florida and works for the Baptist Cancer Institute as a Clinical Research Coordinator. Also in attendance were Anne Kukurugya and her husband Jerome who recently moved to Florida where they both work as school guidance counselors. By the end of the evening everyone agreed that the event was a great success and started to make plans for the next reunion.

Are you living in Florida? Email alumni@wilmu.edu to join the Florida chapter.
Alumna Receives Susan G. Komen Grant

Wilmington University alumna, Dr. Judith Ramirez, is fighting to save the lives of women across the country. As Manager of Psychosocial Services and Outreach at Beebe Medical Center’s Tunnel Cancer Center, Dr. Ramirez and her team were recently granted $99,986 by Susan G. Komen for the Cure. The grant will be used to fund a new breast cancer outreach program that will serve communities throughout Sussex County.

The new program, “Sharing Our Stories, Saving Our Sisters (SOS2),” will focus on providing free breast cancer screening and education to women in minority and under-served populations in Sussex County who might otherwise not receive the healthcare that they need.

Dr. Ramirez recently earned the Wilmington University Board of Trustees’ Award for Service for going above and beyond to improve the lives of her patients. As part of the “Sharing Our Stories, Saving Our Sisters” program, she will coordinate a countywide effort to educate women with representatives of: Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition, La Esperanza, La Red, First State Action Agency, Camp Rehoboth, Screening for Life, and Nanticoke Memorial Hospital. The organizations will recruit women who are breast cancer survivors to be trained as “lay cancer screening navigators” who will reach out into their own communities to provide breast health education, encourage women to have mammograms and to learn about early diagnosis and treatment options.

From Left to Right: Elaine Groban, Executive Director Philadelphia Komen for the Cure, Judith Ramirez and Carla Markell, Delaware First Lady.
The Magnificent Seven

They call themselves the Magnificent Seven and they still remember the early Wilmington College years like it was yesterday. For 34 years, these seven Wilmington University Wildcats have made it their mission to reunite with each other once a year, every year for as long as they possibly can. It all started in the late 1970’s when the seven guys met while attending Wilmington College. The men were living on campus in the College dorms, they remember the football field, the original buildings and the friendly faculty and staff. They came from New York, New Jersey and Delaware and although they don’t live close to each other anymore, they have made it a point to meet every year since 1978. When they meet in Cataract, New Jersey, they reminisce about the old days, catch up on jobs, family and life events. They always enjoy a good game of pool before settling down for dinner and drinks.

Those who graduated from Wilmington University (then Wilmington College):
- Charlie Roeth ’74 (lives in Newark, DE). He is retired but was a Business Manager for General Motors for many years.
- Dennis Farley ’76 (lives in Yonkers, NY). He is a retired Port Authority Police officer.
- Frank Kotok ’73 (lives in Boynton, FL). He works in sales for United Chemical.
- Anthony Campellone ’75 (lives in Bellmawr, NJ). He works for the Borgota Casino.

Those who received some of their education from Wilmington University (then Wilmington College):
- Dave Ullman (lives in Cranford, NJ). He works for Sirius Satellite Radio
- Edward Konrad (lives in Pennington, NJ). He works for Pepperidge Farms.
- James Hall (lives in Marlton, NJ). He is retired but worked in telemarketing.

Men’s Soccer Alumni Reunion

The men’s soccer team gathered together for a game on April 25, 2010 at the Kirkwood Soccer field. The camaraderie among the guys was incredible. Head Coach Nick Papanicolas stated, “Creating a bond among current players and alumni is integral in creating Wildcat pride.”

Bottom row left to right: Joe Galasso, Jeff Zoyac ’05, Rob Traynor ’09, Jake Domanski, Greg DiDiego ’06, Mike Meis and Jared Hughart ’07
Top row left to right: Nana Nyantekyi ’09, Paulo Ramos ’05, Jeremy Doucette ’07, Joe DiDiego ’05, Josh Ruggiero, Greg Cope ’08, Matt Andrews ’08, Mike Andrews ’07, Dave Dease and Mark Pagano ’09.
NEWS AND NOTES

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D. PAUL MCMAHON JR. (B.B.A. Business Management) of Woodbury, N.J., is an Assistant Project Manager for PSEG. Paul was a member of the zoning board for the City of Woodbury and active in the Gloucester County Technical School District for eight years. Paul and his wife, Bette, are very busy preparing for their daughter Sarah’s wedding. Their son Darren is pursuing his college degree.

DAVID T. RENSHAW (B.B.A. Business Management) of Browns Summit, N.C., is a member of the proud group of 25 students who transferred courses to WU and completed their degree requirements in 1971. Their degrees were conferred at the First Commencement Ceremony on June 4, 1972, held at the New Castle campus under tents in the parking lot.

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BUSHRA GOHAR (M.S. Human Resource Management) of Peshawar, Pakistan, is employed by the National Assembly of Pakistan. Bushra is a Member of Parliament and Chair of the National Assembly’s Standing Committee on Women’s Development. Bushra plans to return to the U.S. for a visit and cannot wait to see first-hand the major renovations at the WU campus. She is looking forward to visiting with friends and faculty.

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MICHELLE D. BURGESS (B.S. Criminal Justice) of Camden, Del., has worked 14 years for the State of Delaware as a Senior Probation/Parole Officer. Michelle, who has been involved in numerous community activities, took a hiatus from outside activities to care for her 8-year-old son, Ethan, who passed away in January 2010. Michelle’s utilization of the Caring Bridge Organization gave her the strength to take care of her family and older son Jake. Michelle has started a foundation in Ethan’s name and will be focusing on educating the parents of brain tumor patients about the options of organ donations and funding research as a legacy to their children.

MARYBETH D’AMICO-WISE (M.S.N. Family Nurse Practitioner) of Salisbury, Md., is the Director of Critical Care Services at Peninsula Regional Medical Center. MaryBeth was recently honored as the recipient of the 2010 Circle of Excellence Award from the American Association of Critical Care Nurses (AACN). Only 25 individuals from around the country receive a Circle of Excellence award each year. She has the honor of permanently connecting other recipients through the AACN network of experts who continually generate innovation and excellence in the care of acutely and critically ill patients and their families.

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JOSEPH E. ANDREPONT II (B.S. Accounting) of Zachary, La., took courses at the WU Dover site while he served in the 3rd Air Lift Squadron. Joseph is retired from the U.S. Air Force and is now a member of the Louisiana State University Police Department. He is in the Special Services Division assigned to the School of Veterinary Medicine.

EILEEN GINSBURG (M.S.N. Family Nurse Practitioner) of Lake Worth, Fla., has been named Nurse Practitioner of the Year. The Nurse Practitioner Council of Palm Beach County recognized Eileen as “a practitioner who exemplifies a professional role through practice, community involvement, and research.” Eileen currently practices in a rheumatology setting. She is Coordinator of Education programs and an active member on the Nurse Practitioners Council. Eileen, who is committed to her profession, is currently a doctoral student at the University of Alabama in Birmingham.

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LARRY JOSEFOWSKI (M.S. Public Administration) of Dover, Del., has worked for Pepco Holdings, Inc. for over 10 years. Larry is supervisor of the IT Client Support department.

ROBERT LINGENFELTER (M.Ed. Instruction: Teaching & Learning) of Middletown, Del., is an American History Teacher at Skyline Middle School. The State Chamber of Commerce awarded Robert the Superstars in Education 2010 award. He was selected for his creativity in setting up his fifth grade classroom like the Senate floor in Washington. Every student had a role as a Senator to participate in the process of “how a bill becomes a law.” The students enjoyed the interaction of vetoing some bills and signing others – they especially liked the part when they could override Mr. Lingenfelter’s presidential vote.

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SANDRA KEGLEY (M.B.A. Business Administration) of Fogelsville, Pa., has been appointed to the position of Officer for United Security Assurance Company of Pennsylvania. In her role as Controller/Treasurer, Sandra oversees the entire accounting function for the organization and is responsible for preparing all industry related regulatory filings.

PAUL TAYLOR (B.S. Sports Management) of Waterloo, Iowa, is the Worship Arts Pastor at Cedar Valley Community Church. Paul is a WU Wildcat basketball alumnus. Paul and his wife Julia (Day) Taylor, WU class of 2000, and a WU Wildcat softball alumnus, are the proud parents of two children.
CAPT. SHANE BLEVINS  (M.S. Human Resource Management) of Springfield, Va., was selected as the Executive Officer to the Director of Force Management Policy, United States Air Force, at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Capt. Blevins is married to Denise Blevins, WU alumna, class of 2002. They are the proud parents of two sons.

ALISHA L. BROUGHTON  (M.Ed. Special Education) of Milton, Del., has recently published a book, Living on the Edge. Alisha’s book was inspired by an illness that has forced her to shift gears in her career. She was a special education teacher for several years in the Caesar Rodney School District and an adjunct instructor at Delaware Technical and Community College and Delaware State University. Alisha now has her own consulting firm, Unlimited Expectations. She is a renowned public speaker, a member of committees within her community and is pursuing her doctoral degree from Argosy University.

VICKY CROUSE-TRINGALI  (M.S. Community Counseling) of Clarksville, Md., made the journey to the New Castle campus three times a week to pursue her counseling degree from W.U. She worked for the Domestic Violence Center of Howard County and the Anne Arundel County Detention Center as a counselor. Vicky chose to leave the public sector to assist her husband Victor in his health and fitness enterprise, American Fitness Express and Team Vic. Vicky stated, “I attribute my success to WU for the skills I developed in the counseling program which enables me to motivate my clients in understanding the need for nutritional counseling and fitness education.” Vicky and Victor are the proud parents of 1-year-old, Gianna.

MICHAEL ROMANO  (M.S. Community Counseling) of Salem, N.J., is a National Board Certified counselor in alcohol and drug abuse and a licensed practicing counselor. He is currently working for the state of New Jersey as a youth therapist. Michael’s goal is to open his own counseling practice. He is a WU Wildcat basketball alumnus.

DANIEL SALFAS  (M.S. Administration of Justice) of Wilmington, Del., is a detective and school resource officer for the Delaware State Police. Daniel is currently in Baghdad, Iraq at Sather Air Base, with the 447th Air Expeditionary Group/Civil Engineering Squadron. Daniel and his wife Kristen are kept very busy with their 1-year-old son, Ryan Daniel.

KRISTEN V. SALFAS  (M.B.A. Business Administration) of Wilmington, Del., is the Vice President/Accounting Manager at Tiedemann Trust Company. Kristen is “holding the fort down” at home with toddler, Ryan Daniel, while her husband Daniel is serving in Baghdad.

STEPHANIE GOLDSMITH  (M.Ed. School Leadership) of Waldorf, Md., a School Counselor at Mattawoman Middle School, was selected as the Maryland Middle School Counselor of the Year. The award recognizes school counselors for outstanding achievement and service to students and for providing leadership in the development of counseling services. Stephanie and her husband, Chuck, are the proud parents of their first child, Hunter.

CHRISTOPHER W. SMITH  (B.S. Behavioral Science) Newark, Del., is a Counselor for Brandywine Counseling, Inc. Christopher earned his master’s degree in social work from Widener University in 2009.

DR. MARJORIE (MEGGIN) WENTZELL  (Ed.D. Innovation & Leadership) of Quinton, N.J., is a School Counselor for the Alloway Township School District. She is also the district test coordinator, lead teacher and student government co-advisor. Dr. Wentzell is the Vice President of the Quinton Township Board of Education, Salem County School Counselors Association Secretary and a member of the Salem County Community Emergency Response Team. Meggin and husband Randy, WU class of 2010, have two children, Katie and Randy, Jr.

DR. NORMAN E. FIELDS  (M.S. Community Counseling) of Mag- nolia, Del., has earned his Doctor of Ministry degree in Biblical Studies from Friends International Christian University in Merced, California. In March 2010, his first book entitled, Overcoming Pain, was published. The book is being sold throughout the United States and in Europe. Dr. Fields held his first book signing on March 28, 2010 at Calvary Baptist Church in Dover, Delaware.

LYNN B. LESTER  (’93 M.S. Public Administration) Owner/Innkeeper, Brick Hotel (listed on the National Register of Historic Places) Georgetown, Delaware.

LAURA HARDING MCCANN  (’88 M.S. Master of Science) Director of Employee and Community Relations, Grotto’s Pizza.

CATHY ROSSI  (’07 M.S. Organizational Leadership) Manager of Public and Government Affairs, AAA Mid-Atlantic.

CINDY SMALL  (’93 B.A. Communication Arts) Executive Director, Kent County Tourism.
J. Todd Marvel (M.Ed. Middle Level Education) Magnolia, Del., is employed by the Delaware Department of Corrections as a Braille Instructor. The "Men with a Message" Braille Program produces Braille and large print textbooks for the visually impaired.

Dr. Michele D. Roemer (Ed.D. Innovation & Leadership) of West Berlin, N.J., has been hired by the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials as Assistant Executive Director. Dr. Roemer has over 22 years of experience in educational leadership and was recently the assistant superintendent for the Pitman Borough School District. She has served on a variety of education-related committees and has taught school finance courses at several regional colleges and universities, including Wilmington University.

Alumni Gather at Business Alumni Reunion

The WU Alumni Association in conjunction with the College of Business held the Business Alumni Reunion on May 7. We heard from over 300 alums who were excited to reminisce with classmates, reunite with faculty and staff and support the institution they know and love. Alumni from all decades enjoyed tasty food while catching up with old friends. Thanks to the Alumni Association, the College of Business and the Alumni Department for making this event a success. Make sure you attend your college’s reunion. Email alumni@wilmu.edu to stay in touch.
MAJ. MICHAEL MCGOWAN, (M.S. Public Administration) of Wilmington, Del., has been appointed to the position of Police Chief of the New Castle County Police Department. Maj. McGowan, a 21-year veteran of the department, has an extensive list of career achievements to offer to his leadership in his new position.

MARQUES STANARD (M.Ed. School Leadership) of Willingboro, N.J., is the Assistant Principal of McKnight Elementary School in East Windsor, N.J.

DR. DEBRA ANN WEBSTER (Ed.D. Innovation & Leadership/Organizational Leadership) of Linkwood, Md., is an Assistant Professor of Nursing and Associate Chair at Salisbury University. Dr. Webster passed the National League for Nursing Certification as a Certified Nurse Educator. She gave a podium presentation at the Drexel University Nurse Educators Conference. She also had a manuscript published in the Journal of Psychosocial Nursing and Mental Health Services, titled "Addressing Nursing Students’ Stigmatizing Beliefs Toward Mental Illness."

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CHARLES ‘EBBIE’ ALFREE, III (M.S. Organizational Leadership) of New Castle, Del., is Director of Organizational Advancement for AIDS Delaware. He is responsible for writing grants and overseeing the organization’s major gift recognition program. Ebbie is also involved in the marketing and of public relations initiatives. He has served on the Philanthropy Day Committee, Association of Fundraising Professional (AFP) Committee, and is a member of the AFP’s Board of Directors.

NATASHA L. HUGHES (M.S. Organizational Leadership) of New Castle, Del., is a Program Director for Brandywine Counseling, Inc.

SCOT SAIENNI (B.S. Information Resource Management) of Wilmington, Del., is a Web Developer for QVC. Scot is making good use of the web application courses he completed at W.U.

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STEPHANIE BAZEMORE (M.S. Human Resource Management) of Smyrna, Del., is an Account Manager for the Sallie Mae Corporation.

MADELYNN BURNS (B.S. Business Management) of Bear, Del., is a Service Delivery Manager at Bank of America in Card Technology strategies. She manages technology-based projects that provide new and/or improved services. She is celebrating her 10th anniversary of employment at Bank of America. Madelynn is an avid supporter for a wide variety of programs for children and animals.

CHRISTINE S. CELOTTO (M.Ed. Special Education) of Philadelphia, Pa., is a substitute teacher in Burlington County, N.J. and Merchantville, N.J. Christine is also working as an Assistant Paralegal for a law firm in Philadelphia, Pa.

MICHAEL HOPE (B.S. Middle Level Education) of Pennsville, N.J. is a 6th grade science teacher for the Henry B. du Pont Middle School in the Red Clay Consolidated School District.

NATASHA L. HUGHES (M.S. Organizational Leadership) of Sea- ford, Del., is a Program Director for Brandywine Counseling, Inc.

MICHAELE HOPE (M.S. Elementary Education) of Maryland recognizes Family Nurse Practitioners for their dedication and continued superior care. Among those recognized are graduates of Wilmington University.

ANTHONY R. WENTZELL (M.S. Administration of Justice) of Quinton, N.J., is teaching an online course in forensic science at Salem Community College. He is a member of the Salem County Community Emergency Response Team. Randy is proud to join his wife Meggin, WU class of 2005, as a WU alumni member.
Legal Studies Undergraduate Program:
Introduction to Legal Studies - LES 120

Although the law touches on every aspect of our personal and professional lives, the average American citizen is surprisingly unfamiliar with legal processes and the larger civic system. Introduction to Legal Studies (LES 120) was designed to address this problem by increasing students’ civic literacy with special emphasis on legal systems and processes. In addition, the course is designed to help students determine whether a career in the legal profession is right for them.

This course is required of all Legal Studies majors, but is also open to all undergraduate students with an interest in law or government. During the course students learn concepts like the historical foundation of the law, branches of government, and develop skills in categorizing, reading, and summarizing the law.

“Unfortunately, the media does not always present the legal system in a favorable light and often does more to perpetuate myths about the law and legal professionals. Introduction to Legal Studies works to dispel these myths and give students the knowledge and tools to understand and critically evaluate the law and the legal systems that impact their lives,” remarked Amy O’Dell, Legal Studies Coordinator and instructor for Introduction to Legal Studies.

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Assignments
• Book report or Group presentation
• Case Summaries

Readings
• ”Introduction to the Law for Paralegals” by Deborah S. Benton
• ”One L” by Scott Turow (optional)
• Supplementary materials provided in class

Previous Issue’s (Fall/Winter 2009) Puzzle Solution
Summer Time Fun Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Kent or Griswald
2. Have the wind at your back
3. Vehicles you like to crash
4. "Climb every_______."
5. Wanderlust activity
6. A spring ______
7. One who has graduated
8. Barkers request
9. Planning a voyage
10. Path by the sea
11. Question from the back seat
12. Dutch flower
13. ______ are red...
14. Portable computer
15. To "party"
16. A sandy spot
17. Sheep skin
18. A small town
19. Soft cover
20. Take it easy
21. Swallowed Gepetto
22. Flown by Franklin
23. You’ll dig this
24. Graduation ceremony
25. Win prizes at the...

DOWN

1. Under the big top
2. To advance to the next level
3. A suit for the summer
4. In ground ___
5. Finished
6. Lake, stream or ocean sport
7. A place for thrills
8. More than a hotel
9. Ocean ______ Village
10. Learn anywhere
11. Kick the ______.
12. 71% of the earth’s surface
13. Keep the sun off
14. Mary Poppins had a talking one
15. Capture the memories
16. Ruth’s game
17. Noisy clouds
18. Outdoor stove
19. Beach ____.
20. Intelligent sea mammal
21. Don’t burn with this
22. Casual form of cinema
23. _____ Basket
24. Landscaping that some teens maintain
25. Find pleasurable

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