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WilmU Pays Respects to the Students and Alumni Who Serve Our Country.

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hen the majority of us see danger, we run from it. Our fight or flight response kicks in, fear and panic take over, and flight ultimately wins. There are, however, those brave individuals who actually run into the danger. Among them are the men and women of the U.S. Military.

This month of May traditionally focuses on the military with Public Service Recognition Week, Armed Forces Day, and culminating on Memorial Day.

Not too long ago, both chambers of the U.S. Congress adopted a resolution recognizing May as National Military Appreciation Month.

And while these brave men and women deserve to be recognized all year long, we have dedicated the main feature of this issue to the many military students and alumni at our University – those who unselfishly serve our country while furthering their education.

I urge you to pay tribute to your local service members. Carve out a few minutes from your daily routine to show your appreciation in some way. Say thank you. Get involved with an agency. Donate items. Send a card to let them know you are thinking of them. Too often we underestimate the uplifting power of a kind word or thought that reassures our military of our gratitude.

Never forget that the freedom we are able to experience every day would not be possible without those who defend our country.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jack P. Varsalona
President
MISSION ACCOMPLISHED

I am thrilled to announce that with this issue, we have come to the end of our planned upgrades to WilmU Magazine. This process began in the summer of 2008 as we moved our offices to the newly formed Office of Public Relations. We knew where we wanted to go, but also wanted to work with your feedback and introduce new departments and features as the University grew. We wanted to follow publishing trends in both the higher education market as well as the commercial periodical industry and produce the best quality publication possible.

You will notice that this issue is now published in what is known as a “perfect bind.” No longer will a pair of staples, which weaken the sheets and allow for tearing, secure the pages. Bound in a similar process to book binding, this gives WilmU Magazine an archival quality and allows us to print title information on the spine. Now you can keep your magazines on a shelf, and easily identify each issue as you collect them.

We have also hit our goal of a 64-page count, allowing more room for feature stories and alumni news. We would like to welcome a new department to our WilmU family, the Office of Student Life. This new department will keep you up-to-date on all the latest events and services offered to our students as part of the WilmU family, the Office of Student Life. This new department will keep you up-to-date on all the latest events and services offered to our students as part of the WilmU experience.

Finally, check out our new puzzle in the games section. For this issue, we have

Praise from the Delaware Press Association:

“Although this topic has been written about in many ways, this article was fresh and well-written. There were no roadblocks to stop the readers. The information and background on the “Lost Boys” was clearly explained. There were EVOCATIVE DESCRIPTIONS, great quotes from the subject, and a great look. It really placed the reader at the scene. The ending came full circle and was well crafted. QUIDBLE - a bit more information on what he’s done since coming to Wilmington University. Great job!”

Your Emails

“I just got the new WilmU magazine in the mail yesterday and wanted to tell you what a GREAT JOB you did on Abraham’s story. I loved how you recounted his experiences as a Lost Boy and incorporated his photos from his trip back to Sudan to reunite with his family. YOU ARE A TRUELY GIFTED WRITER, and I am DEEPLY GRATITUDE for offering me the opportunity to photograph Abraham.” - Kathleen Farrell, WU student and photographer for the ‘Lost Boy: Finds Home’ story

“I want to THANK YOU for the EXTREMELY WELL-DONE ARTICLES on the Student Success Center’s mentoring program ... I am so proud to share not only these articles but the entire magazine with friends and family. The entire magazine is very professional and makes all of us proud to work for WU.” - Peg Mitchell, Director of Student Success Center

Your Facebook Comments

“This month’s cover is the best!” - Diana Goble North (on the Fall/Winter 2010 issue)

“I got mine yesterday and it looks awesome! Everyone who worked on it did a wonderful job! I especially liked the article about the Nurse in Haiti; it is great to see WILMU STUDENTS DOING GOOD THINGS. Great job!” - Catherine Daley Russo (on the Spring/Winter 2010 issue)

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“Wow! What a great article about Abraham! The layout is beautiful and the photographs are striking! What a nice job.” - Gail Piazza, Adjunct Professor at WU via email
I am truly grateful for the support and financial assistance I have received from Wilmington University. Thank you, Wilmington University for supporting students’ academic achievements, and awarding those who work hard to achieve academic success.”

— Rubylauren Nevin

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Rubylauren Nevin (B.S. in Psychology ’10)
Wilmington University Scholarship Recipient

Commencement
Congratulations to the class of 2011! See your graduation pictures, hear from recent grads, and read about award winners and speakers.

The Music Man
Adjunct Professor David F. Wooley drums his way into business.

Snagging the Job
WilmU investigates tips for landing your dream job.

Wildcats at War
Stories about the brave servicemen and women who fill WU’s halls and classrooms.

WilmU Secure
Read about the talented team of constables that keeps Wilmington University safe.

In Search of Jessica
After Japan’s recent earthquakes and tsunami, WU employee Karen Nagyinski couldn’t reach her daughter. When she did, it was through an unlikely source: Facebook.

Freeze Frame
The Battlefield of Life. Dwayne Hodges, CPT, USA, discusses leadership and priorities.

WU Notes
Summer reading, news updates, and WilmU goes green.

WU Life
Fall events, Alternative Spring Break, and student resources.

Colleges
New programs, new classes, and interesting students and alumni.

WU Sports
Pen pals, Catch for the Cure, awards and honors.

WU Alumni
Alumni Association stories, News and Notes, and Benefits.

Syllabus
Read about one of our interesting courses here at WU.

Games & Humor
Where in the WU? Can you guess where these photos were taken?
There are always priorities in life, and for me it is Aaliyah. As a father, military leader, student, and adjunct college professor, someone is always watching me, including my own daughter Aaliyah. Therefore I must lead by example. I believe in the application of leadership in everything I do and was inspired by Jim Collins in his book *Good to Great*. Collins maintained that leaders must create a “stop doing list,” and I did.

Making the right choices for the right reasons at the right time takes discipline; it is something you do daily when no one is looking. I followed my own “stop doing list” in my Leadership Development Plan and became the manager of my personal happiness and success. Leadership starts in the home.

While my allegiance to the military is unconditional, my love for my daughter surpasses any other duty I have as a man. However, I would be remiss if I did not yield unwavering appreciation to the leadership and super professionals employed at Wilmington University. WU has joined my daughter with unconditional support for the troops.

To me, being a father, military leader, and student are all values on the same side of the battlefield of life. Sacrificing any one of these means sacrificing my integrity.
Student Inspires Young Fashion Designers

Eleven-year-old Syncere Todd is going to camp this summer, but she will not be roasting marshmallows or practicing archery; she will be learning about the world of fashion. Syncere is joining other aspiring young designers at Great Taste Design’s Fashion Camp in the Brandywine Town Center. At camp the girls, who are between 8 and 13, cut, sew, and create their very own clothes and accessories, culminating in a live fashion show for their parents and friends.

Camp director De’Yanna Yancey, a student in Wilmington University’s MBA program, has partnered with New Castle County Activity Centers to provide the camps to local youth. She is thrilled that the camp will help the girls develop their own artistic vision and confidence in themselves. “Fashion Camp … celebrates individuality, promotes healthy self-esteem, and encourages positive messages that girls need to hear amidst daily negative influences,” says Yancey.

This will be Syncere’s second year at Fashion Camp. “I am proud of myself when I wear my scarf and purse, because I am able to design and make projects on my own. This is my own label,” she says.

SmartDrive U

The university, in partnership with SmartDrive, will launch SmartDrive U August 1. SmartDrive U is a free online defensive driving program consisting of three instructional modules and several “bonus point” modules. Each module takes no more than two hours to complete. The program features case studies, graphics, questions, and video clips intended to challenge your analytical and judgmental skills and assist you in driving smarter, managing time, and anticipating problems before they happen.

The 2011-2012 program runs through May 31, and winners will be selected in January and June. By completing the SmartDrive U program, you will be eligible for auto insurance discounts and prizes. For more information, go to www.smartdriveu.org.

Professor’s Photo Appears on Front Page of New York Times

It was just before 4 a.m. on March 28, 2011 and Wilmington University photography professor Brad Bower was climbing the northern riverbank of the Susquehanna River. Just as Bower found the perfect spot, a cool breeze swept by. He pointed the camera, adjusted his lens, steadied his feet, and took the shot. The image he captured was breathtaking. “Every year at 3:54 a.m. a silent candlelight vigil is held by anti-nuke demonstrators outside the main gate to the facility,” explains Bower, speaking on the 32nd anniversary of the Three Mile Island nuclear accident. According to published reports it was 3:54 a.m. on March 28, 1979 when the first unit (unit one) went critical and began melting down on Three Mile Island; to this day it is America’s worst nuclear accident.

“The early morning mood at the Three Mile Island candlelight vigil was very subdued and chilly at 26 degrees,” recalls Bower. “In conversation with my colleagues I discovered I was the only journalist who actually was onsite in 1979 covering the Three Mile Island story as it was unfolding. Suddenly I felt very much like a piece of history.”

Bower, who was on assignment for the Associated Press (AP) Picture Desk (Philadelphia Bureau), was asked to capture a picture of the nuclear plant on the incident’s 32nd anniversary. Media coverage of this anniversary had even more meaning because of the recent tsunami in Japan and subsequent nuclear fallout. Bower recalls, “Japan was experiencing in real time major reactor meltdowns following their earthquake and tsunami, and so a large contingent of Japanese news media turned out to cover the story. They were broadcasting live reports from the site.”

When Bower was done, he submitted his image to the AP Picture Desk, and by 5 a.m. the photograph was running on the front page of the New York Times; and on their digital edition, too. “I was wondering at the time if I’ll still be shooting this same image when the 50th anniversary rolls around in 2029,” says Bower.
Great Summer Reading

Searching for a great book to read this summer? Look no further. WilmU magazine surveyed our faculty and came up with some excellent titles perfect for those lazy summer days.

HOMER’S ODYSSEY: A FEARLESS FELINE TALE, OR HOW I LEARNED ABOUT LOVE AND LIFE WITH A BLIND WONDER CAT
By Gwen Cooper
Recommended by Debra Berke, Director of Psychology Programs at WU

The story of an “extraordinary cat” and his “human companion,” Homer’s Odyssey is essentially about love, overcoming obstacles, never giving up, and, really, the love between a human and a pet. I love animals, especially cats, and I totally loved this book. It is a phenomenal read for anyone who loves animals.

THE PARIS WIFE
By Paula McClain
Recommended by Dr. Clint Robertson, Director of the Master of Business Administration Graduate Programs

I just finished reading The Paris Wife. Absolutely incredible! The author, Paula McLain, wrote the book through the eyes of Hadley Richardson, Ernest Hemingway’s first wife. She described Hadley’s experiences in meeting and dating Ernest, marrying him, and their moving to Paris. This book closely follows The Moveable Feast, Hemingway’s last book, his memoirs of his time in Paris. The book also reacquaints us with Gertrude Stein, Alice B. Toklas, Ezra Pound, F. Scott Fitzgerald and the other expatriate authors living in Paris at that time.

DAEMON
By Daniel Suarez
Recommended by Kate Coyle, Chair of English and Literature at WU

Do you remember the computer worm (Stuxnet) last year that eventually crippled the Iranian nuclear program? Imagine that same worm launching several programs, controlling all networks and being able to find human agents to do some of the more violent tasks. Imagine that the programmer is someone like Steve Jobs, only very malignant. How can humanity survive in order to fight back?

This is a fast-moving book that creeps you out and makes you think while entertaining you— the best of all worlds.

New Bookstore

The Wilmington University Bookstore, located on the New Castle campus, will soon have a new home. Crews worked hard over the spring to build the new facility that will allow more room for books, merchandise, and goods. “The new bookstore will have better signage, enhanced insulation, and be more ergonomically sound,” said Carmen Cassanova, Bookstore Manager. The bookstore should be complete by late fall. “I think it will be a welcome change for students,” added Cassanova. “Really our main goal is to better serve our students and this bookstore will be more student-friendly and efficient. We are excited for the move!”

GOING GREEN

By the Numbers

The Wilmington University Green Team—a volunteer group comprised of faculty, staff, and students—has been working feverishly to raise awareness on campus, create sustainability programs, recycle, reduce waste, and clean up our community. Just take a look at all the things they have done in 2010:

- 14.3 Tons of compostable waste that was generated by WU Building and Grounds and the Cafe.
- 22,474 Pounds of paper recycled at WU.
- 2,650 Cardboard boxes that were reused at WU.
- 10,800 Number of plastic bottles, glass bottles and aluminum cans WU has recycled.
- 3 Number of Adopt-a-Highway days completed by the Green Team along with the Wildcat Athletes.

To get involved in the WU Green Team contact Mark Paris, AHW, at (302) 356-6829.

Walking for a Cure

Wilmington University’s “Team Nicole” once again banded together to participate in this year’s “Walk MS” at the Wilmington Riverfront. The team walks every year in support of Nicole Rowe, Administrative Assistant in the Office of Public Relations, who was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in 2007. “I’ve registered for the MS Walk because I want to do something for people like me who have been diagnosed — and because I want to do everything I can to make more people aware of what it means to live with this disease,” said Rowe. Wilmington University’s team raised more than $1,700 at the walk. All funds will be used by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society to help create a world free of MS.
Students Participate in Alternative Spring Break

Eight students, ranging from freshman to graduate students, and one faculty member chaperone spent their spring break week in New Orleans, La., continuing the now six-year effort of rebuilding after Hurricane Katrina. The students worked with St. Bernard Project, a nationally recognized non-profit organization holistically rebuilding and restoring the lives and homes of Katrina’s victims. The group worked on a duplex home, painting and preparing dry wall for painting. The students also got to experience the heritage, food, music, and culture of New Orleans through various sightseeing activities.

Your Campus Connection

An important part of college life is the personal enrichment obtained through experiences outside the classroom. That is where Wilmington University’s highly active Student Life (SL) department steps in. SL exposes students to social, cultural, and co-curricular programs that promote student learning, personal growth, and peer connections.

Throughout the year, the SL department sponsors a variety of student activities and events at various University locations, as well as bus trips to Philadelphia, Baltimore, New York, and other cities. We host family-oriented events – for instance, our breakfasts with Santa and the Easter Bunny – and engaging activities, such as Tournament Tuesdays, ice skating, and bowling nights. Most of the events and activities are open to the University community (students, alumni, and employees) and are free, or offered at a discounted rate for students.

In addition to all of the social activities, the SL department offers educational programs, including the Leadership Challenge Workshop and the Alternative Spring Break trip (see next page). Students can also learn and practice their communication, decision-making, conflict resolution, and team-building skills by becoming members of student organizations.

I encourage you to get involved and make the most of your college experience! Not only will you build lasting relationships with other students, you will contribute to your own personal development and have a lot of fun in the process! For more information on upcoming events or for a list of our student organizations, visit www.wilmu.edu/studentlife.

Tina Scott
Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs

Upcoming Fall 2011 Events

September
- Constitution Day
- Phillies Game
- Health & Wellness Fair
- Ice Cream Social
- Drug & Alcohol Awareness Lecture

October
- Homefest
- Halloween Bus Trip
- Domestic Violence Awareness Lecture
- Score for the Cure Soccer Game
- Sea Witch Parade
- Bowling Night
- Student Leadership Workshop

November
- International Fashion Show
- Veterans Appreciation Day

December
- Breakfast with Santa
- Cookies for Cramming

Student Resources

Facebook Treasure Hunt

The Student Life (SL) department hosts a Facebook Treasure Hunt contest in July. Fan the SL Facebook page at http://www.facebook.com/WilmuStudentLife and click on events for more information. The treasure hunt consists of 15 questions that will navigate you through the SL website. Students who participate will be entered in a drawing to win a free iPad.

SGA

The Student Government Association (SGA) is the primary governing body of all students enrolled at the University. SGA gives students a voice in collegiate activities. It has been involved in many community service projects, including the Ronald McDonald House, Read Aloud Delaware, AIDS Delaware Drive, and more. SGA has a successful 2010-2011 academic year and looks forward to an even better year to come. Be a leader as well as a voice for your student body. SGA meeting times are published in advance and are open to all students.

For specific information, contact the SGA Advisor, Leanne Bamhart, at (302) 356-6717 or leanne.e.bamhart@wilmu.edu.

New Health & Wellness Online Resources

The Student Life department has compiled a number of health and wellness resources and services, including information about an online mental health screening and the TrustScripts prescription discount program. It also features a referral list of mental health and social services resources.

The online mental health screening program is free for all WU students and screens for eating disorders, alcohol issues, anxiety disorders, and depression. The screening is anonymous and helps students find out in just a few minutes whether or not they should seek professional help.

For the confidential screening, visit http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org/screening/Welcome.aspx. Enter “Wilmington” if a keyword is requested.
WELCOMING the Class of 2011

Each year, more than a thousand students graduate from Wilmington University and go on to become successful leaders and innovators within their communities. The following pages are devoted to the most recent graduates of Wilmington University, honoring them and their successes at the University. Congratulations to the Class of 2011!

Winter Commencement
1,450 graduates
Oldest Graduate: 62, Youngest Graduate: 20

Spring Commencement
1,168 graduates
Oldest Graduate: 66, Youngest Graduate: 20

“We started the program together in 2009 and are so excited to be finishing together,” says Murphy, who works with Ditto at Bayhealth Medical Center in southern Delaware. “Caring doesn’t come from books, it comes from teachers. I hope to start teaching to help train the next generation of nurses.” Ditto agrees, “It isn’t about a paycheck, you need the passion to get up and do this every day.”

Robyn Ditto and Chris Murphy
Master of Science in Nursing

“I had to sacrifice a lot of weekends to study and use the time I had wisely. You learn to balance family, studying, and work, and I was able to find that balance. My plan was to finish in two years but I completed the degree in a year and four months. It feels good!”

Andres Mosquera
Master of Business Administration

“I would like to be employed helping those with disabilities achieve independence,” said Bowers, who has overcome disabilities of her own. “There are many barriers to employment for people with disabilities, and I would like to help people realize that there are resources out there.”

Letisha Bowers
Administration of Human Services

“We started the program together in 2009 and are so excited to be finishing together,”

Robyn Ditto

“I decided to make college my priority, so I took five to six classes a block and went full time. I hope to keep going in my creative field. Maybe as a graphic designer or a web designer.”

Angela Amato
Bachelor of Science in Media Design

ON THE SCENE
Commencement photos courtesy of Errol Ebanks, Susan Gregg, Paul Patton, and Chris Pitcher.
COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

At each Wilmington University commencement ceremony, a speaker is selected to recount their experiences, what they have learned, and the memories they will take with them as they graduate.

Deborah L. Krett
College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education
Ceremony Speaker

Deborah Krett completed her Bachelor of Science degree in Legal Studies with a 3.91 grade point average. A Dean’s List scholar and a member of Delta Epsilon Rho, she also was the academic award recipient for the College of Arts and Sciences. “Today is the beginning of a new chapter in our lives,” she said in her speech. “A chapter full of new choices. We should use our education to make positive and meaningful choices.”

Jamee E. Boone
College of Behavioral Science and the College of Technology
Ceremony Speaker

Jamee Boone graduated with a 3.97 grade point average and a Master of Science degree in Administration of Human Services. Motivating her fellow graduates she said, “Earning a degree means more than just adding initials behind our names or making more money for ourselves or to help support our own families. I believe it carries with it a call to action – an elevation in integrity, a higher realm of responsibility, and a greater degree of personal accountability.”

Irene E. Whaley
College of Health Professions and the College of Technology
Ceremony Speaker

Irene Whaley completed her Bachelor of Science degree program in Nursing with a 3.95 grade point average. In her speech to her classmates, she encouraged graduates to put their education to good use. “Though we have worked hard […] what we do from this point on is what really counts,” she said. “Our degrees and accomplishments won’t amount to anything unless we use them to make a difference in our world today. Our education gives us the empowerment to make that difference.”

Samuel O. Peer
College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business
Ceremony Speaker

Samuel Peer maintained a 4.0 grade point average while earning his Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. He was a Dean’s List scholar and a member of Delta Epsilon Rho. Comparing earning a degree to scaling a mountain, Samuel reassured graduating classmates, “Now … we stand not only on the past, but also into the future. For though we cling to this moment, our climb is not over. Other mountains arise in the distance, whether they be degrees or whether they be careers, the summits beckon us. However, as we move forward from this day, may we take courage as we remember that the mightiest of all mountains is overcome one stone and one step at a time.”

James R. McBride
College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Business
Ceremony Speaker

A member of the Dean’s List and Delta Epsilon Rho, James McBride completed his Bachelor of Science degree program in Government and Public Policy with a 3.67 grade point average. Reminding graduates of the importance of dedication and perseverance in life, he said, “The key is to work toward a final goal … We must not give up, and we must continue to reach for our goals, for that premium opportunity might be right around the corner.”

Patty J. Knapp
College of Education and College of Technology
Ceremony Speaker

Patty Knapp graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education (grades K-6) with a 3.98 grade point average. She was a Dean’s List scholar and a member of Delta Epsilon Rho. She spoke of the journey graduates must take to earn their degrees, and congratulating her class, said, “Today is the final destination of only one of our many journeys. Each of us will take the education we received at Wilmington University and combine it with our individual skills and experiences to start our next adventures.”

David M. Anderson
College of Health Professions and College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Ceremony Speaker

David Anderson completed his Master of Science in Community Counseling degree program with a 3.97 grade point average. In his speech, David encouraged his fellow graduates to pass over fear and work to live in the moment, for that premium opportunity is right around the corner. “Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift. That is why it’s called the present.”
Winter Commencement
Chase Center on the Riverfront
January 30, 2011

Commencement award recipients
Trustees' Award for Service
Graduate
Rendell Bradley
Trustees' Award for Service
Undergraduate
Julie A. Gravatt
Audrey K. Doberstein Award for Leadership
Graduate
Ann E. Norman
Audrey K. Doberstein Award for Leadership
Undergraduate
Paula Evans

academic awards – graduate program
Master of Science in Business Administration
Aaron E. Wygonik
Master of Science (Business)
Trent A. Beach
Master of Science in Information Systems Technologies
Brian L. Arcidiacono
Graduate Behavioral Science
Melissa A. Jones-Harris
Master of Science in Nursing
Debra A. Skrajewski
Master of Education
Keith A. Beckett
Master of Arts
Amanda G. Breger
Doctor of Education
Robin D. Andrus

academic awards – undergraduate program
College of Arts and Sciences
Deborah L. Krett
College of Business
Marie R. Hock
College of Education
Ryan L. Miller
College of Health Professions
Paula F. Evans
College of Social and Behavioral Sciences
Melody D. Jones
College of Technology
Joel E. Steinbrunner, Jr.

Spring Commencement
Chase Center on the Riverfront
May 10, 2011

Commencement award recipients
Student speaker
Krystine Schiding
Trustee's Award for Service
Shani Murray
President's Award for Leadership
Janet Mercer

academic awards – undergraduate
College of Health Professions
Pam L. McCarthy
College of Social and Behavioral Science
Margaret J. Yaeger
College of Business
Michael White

academic awards – graduate program
Graduate Social and Behavioral Sciences
Michael J. Bradshaw
Master of Science in Nursing
Melissa A. Lewis
Master of Education
Abby K. Hartranft
Master of Arts
Zubia I. Majeed
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A New Dean

DR. DOREEN TURNBO BECOMES THE NEW DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dr. Doreen Turnbo took over as dean of the College of Arts and Sciences on March 1, 2011. After earning her bachelor’s degree in biology from Delaware State University, Dr. Turnbo taught high school science for several years. During that time she received a DuPont Fellowship award, allowing her to work for three years at the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Water Resources office, writing educational curricula and providing instructional support to science teachers statewide. She earned her Master of Education in School Leadership and Instruction from Wilmington University as well as her Doctorate of Education in Administration and Leadership. Her dissertation focused on applying a new model in academic advising designed to increase student support and retention.

Turnbo said, "I am excited about where we will go from here!" The College is grateful to Dr. Johanna Adams, who served as Dean from 2007 to 2011, and wishes her much success in her new position as New Jersey Liaison. The growing Burlington, Camden, Salem, and the new McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst sites will benefit from her years of experience with Wilmington University. After earning her bachelor’s degree in Biology from Delaware State University, Dr. Turnbo taught high school science for several years. During that time she received a DuPont Fellowship award, allowing her to work for three years at the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, Water Resources office, writing educational curricula and providing instructional support to science teachers statewide. She earned her Master of Education in School Leadership and Instruction from Wilmington University as well as her Doctorate of Education in Administration and Leadership. Her dissertation focused on applying a new model in academic advising designed to increase student support and retention.

Students Age-Proof Their Minds

Would you be interested in becoming more intelligent, improving your memory, solving problems quickly, and learning to be more creative? Many WU students are taking advantage of the opportunity to do all of these things by enrolling in an elective called "Hum 310: Building Brain Power."

The objectives of this course are to demonstrate ways to increase the brain’s memory skills, to relax the brain in order to absorb new information, and to learn exercises that will, in four weeks, help the brain perform better. Students learn that just as increasing our physical exercise improves the body’s performance, the brain must also be exercised. The brain is a part of our body that improves with use and challenges.

Students in this class are taking steps to get smarter and stay smarter. In order to facilitate students’ desire for growth and efficiency, this class is offered at multiple sites in Delaware, New Jersey, and through Distance Learning.

Sharon Roder

Ethnic Experiences with Local Perspectives

"Tell me, and I will forget. Show me, and I may remember. Involve me, and I will understand."

— Confucius

The College of Arts and Sciences currently offers several courses designed to provide experiential learning and to teach students about the rich ethnic cultures within the state of Delaware.

In May, a new Humanities course, Italian-American Heritage and Culture (HUM 355), launches. This course looks at the important role that the Italian-American community has played in the shaping of America, as well as its local impact on Delaware’s Italian-American communities. Activities involve a behind-the-scenes look at the St. Anthony’s Italian Festival, a chance to experience the city of Wilmington’s very own “Little Italy,” and a demonstration in homemade pasta making.

The Georgetown site will offer the course Hispanic Culture and Entrepreneurship in August. This unique weekend modular includes a field trip to the Hispanic Festival in Millisboro, an annual festival that celebrates Latino culture and includes exhibits, food, dancing, music, and a myriad of other cultural activities.

In September, the Georgetown site will offer a weekend modular entitled Native Americans (HUM 341), in which students participate in the annual Nanticoke Indian Pow-Wow near Millsboro. The pow-wow is an annual event of Native American culture that attracts hundreds of people. Attended by not only the local Nanticoke Indian tribe, but also various other Native American tribes from around the country, it features exhibits, ceremonies, dancing, food, art work, demonstrations, and opportunities to discuss Native American traditions with participants.

These diverse cultural courses allow students to broaden their personal perspective while experiencing different regional cultures.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

This Veterans Day, the College of Arts and Sciences, in conjunction with the library, sponsored a Veterans Day Program featuring four World War II veterans who shared their experiences in both the European and Pacific theaters. The event speakers were George Reynolds, Howard Hickmoyer, John Lewis, and Irwin Shmuckler. Wilmington University students, faculty and staff, several military veterans, and members of the community heard the moving stories from these honorable veterans.

A GREAT LOSS

The College of Arts and Sciences experienced a great loss this spring. Adjunct Professor Lil POOGI passed away. She taught in many areas at the University, but was heavily involved in the Humanities and Philosophy courses. Her passion, joy and positive outlook on life are just a few of the many wonderful characteristics that made up Lil. She had a genuine love of teaching and students, and through that love she helped to shape the minds of many students and the Wilmington University community as a whole.

NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

Chief of the Nanticoke Indian Association and WU Instructor Cheyenne Luzader.

WU students attending Hum 310 discuss Native American traditions with participants.

The Georgetown site will offer a weekend modular entitled Native Americans (HUM 341), in which students participate in the annual Nanticoke Indian Pow-Wow near Millsboro. The pow-wow is an annual event of Native American culture that attracts hundreds of people. Attended by not only the local Nanticoke Indian tribe, but also various other Native American tribes from around the country, it features exhibits, ceremonies, dancing, food, art work, demonstrations, and opportunities to discuss Native American traditions with participants.

These diverse cultural courses allow students to broaden their personal perspective while experiencing different regional cultures.
The Bottom Line

College of Business Students, Graduates, and Faculty Continue to Be Newsworthy

- LYNDI FULLER has discontinued direct responsibility for the Business Management Program and, effective July 1, will don the title of Director and Assistant to the Dean to provide more administrative oversight to the entire College of Business. Lynda is at the dissertation stage of her doctoral studies.

- Long-time Wilmington University employee AUDREY PARAJAN has transferred to the position of Assistant Professor and Chair of the Business Management Program. Previously, she was Assistant Director of Admissions.

- NEW MBA CHAIR appointed Faculty/Chair of the MBA Program. Ken brings 15 years of higher education experience in both faculty and administrative positions. Most recently, Ken served as Assistant Dean and Director of Online Programs at Immaculata University.

- MARIA HESS, adjunct Instructor for Public Relations, the newest Marketing course, recently was promoted to Editor-in-Chief of Delaware Today magazine.

- Fifty-six students were inducted into the University’s chapter of Sigma Beta Delta, the international honor society in business, management, and administration.

- DON STAHLAH, Chair of Undergraduate Business, Finance, Economics and Aviation, was Master of Ceremonies. CHRIS KENPIE, General Manager of the Delaware Blue Rocks baseball team and Sports Management and Marketing adjunct instructor, was the keynote speaker.

- DR. CLINT ROBERTSON and DR. GREG WARREN attended the Delaware Joint Service Academy business networking event as part of a student recruiting effort.

- DR. STEVE LESHAY recently served on a Delaware State Department of Education Committee reviewing Praxis, a test taken by individuals entering the high school marketing teaching profession as part of the state’s certification process.

- JANET BLOOM, faculty advisor for the new MBA program at the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst Education Center in New Jersey, recently attended a meeting of the Southern New Jersey Chapter of the Society for Human Resource Management hosted by Cumberland County College.

- SHEILA BRAVO, Georgetown Marketing adjunct, has been appointed executive director of the Rehoboth Art League. Besides teaching, Bravi served in senior management positions with companies whose products include Pyrex, Corningware, Corelle, and Vaxcel.

- DR. ANY PATRICK presented a workshop for the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce entitled “Creating and Maintaining Business Plans.” She is one of several COB professors who support the “Chamber u” series by offering targeted seminars on business management issues for business owners and entrepreneurs.

- DR. RUTH NORMAN and MBA student EVELYN MONEY’s proposal to write a chapter in a soon-to-be-published textbook entitled Management Education for Integrity has been accepted. The chapter’s content includes information developed in Evelyn’s doctoral dissertation research.

- THE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS recently hosted a meeting of the local chapter of the Association of Latino Professionals in Finance and Accounting (ALPFA) at the Wilson Graduate Center. DR. CLINT ROBERTSON moderated a panel discussion about resume writing and interviewing.

- DEBBI THOMAS has joined the COB as a full-time Administrative Assistant for the MBA program. She previously worked in the undergraduate nursing program.

- Sports Management adjunct instructor DR. JACK CUNNINGHAM has been promoted to Assistant Vice President at Wilmington. He will provide leadership in the areas of University safety, student issues and concerns, and athletics.

- The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) has reviewed and approved the undergraduate HR Management program and curriculum until 2014, according to STEPHANIE NARVELL, Chair of SHRM.

> Open for Business

The College of Business has an encouraging start to the MBA program at the Joint Base Education Center at McGuire AFB in New Jersey. Undergraduate and graduate business courses are also being offered at the recently opened North Wilmington site in Delaware.

New MBA Chair

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Ken enjoys music and plays jazz piano. Prior to working in higher education, he was a chef and a culinary educator. He and his wife live in Harberton, Pa.
The Jet Setter

WU Elementary Education Student Kayla Devries Writes About Her Experience Student Teaching in London, England

Back in January 2010, I decided I wanted to student teach abroad. I didn’t know where I wanted to go or how it was going to happen, but I wanted it. After 11 months of phone calls and emails, I finally received my acceptance letter from the Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS) to student teach fourth grade at Liberty Intermediate School on RAF Lakenheath in the United Kingdom. Extremely excited, I called my mother and father to explain the great news. Shortly after, Dr. Marsh Horton, chair of my program (at WU) called to congratulate me on being accepted into such a wonderful program.

Over the next couple weeks, Dr. Horton and I had several phone conversations to work out details. After getting my school-related materials from Dr. Horton and Dr. Keister, my mentor teacher, Ms. Libby, was phenomenal. She allowed me to take control of the classroom and try whatever I wanted. I explored new methods of teaching and also new activities. I was not interested in reading out of the textbook with these students. As a class, we were constantly upgrading, completing hands-on activities, and having fun. I definitely feel I was spoiled with my student teaching experience.

Going to England alone probably was a crazy idea, but it was definitely worth it. I was able to meet so many wonderful people and I will have lifelong friendships with many of them. This experience would not have been possible without the support of Wilmington University, Dr. Horton, Dr. Keister, DoDDS, the Liberty staff, and my family. During my time there, Dr. Horton was just an e-mail away if I needed anything or had any concerns. I don’t think any amount of support could have replaced her perseverance with contact and commitment to excellence in teaching and her allied professions.

Founded in 1911 at the University of Illinois, Kappa Delta Pi is the world’s largest and most prestigious education honor society, representing 572 undergraduate and professional chapters and more than 45,000 active members. Membership has included distinguished educators such as Margaret Mead, Albert Einstein, George Washington Carver, and current educational leaders such as Howard Gardner, Maxine Greene, and Carol Gilligan.

Recent activities of the Chi Phi chapter included assisting the National Federation of the Blind of Delaware and participating in the LEAD program (Leadership - Education - Advocacy and Determination). The chapter also participated in “Dress for Success,” designed to help blind and visually impaired youth become independent, productive members of society by giving them an opportunity to interact with fashion professionals and discuss strategies for presenting a professional appearance.

Between the Proverbial Rock and Hard Place No More

Delaware’s English Language Learner (ELL) population is growing. That means more children in our K-12 classrooms need help just learning our language. What’s a teacher to do?

The Department of Education offers certification to teach ESL (English Speakers of Other Languages) after completing five specific courses. No problem, right? Wrong. Often, courses designed to enable teachers to improve their understanding of multiple cultures and learn how to better teach ESL students and ESL classes, are cancelled due to low enrollment. At least that is what used to happen at Wilmington University.

But since the inception of the ESL Literacy Degree Program, and the development of its five required courses as distance courses, teachers can enroll with great confidence that their courses will not be cancelled. While that is great news, there is a bonus: Teachers from multiple districts, countries, and even states work in online learning communities to improve the chances of success for ELL students in their classrooms. This diversity only improves learning and would not be available in a strictly face-to-face format.

Through technology, the world grows smaller. No longer caught between the rock (wanting the certification and training) and the hard place (canceled courses), teachers are able to complete the five courses in as little as five blocks, and sometimes less. While online learning is not for everyone, developing these distance courses has enabled a growing population of teachers to do many things: gain meaningful insight and skill with others of diverse experiences, grow professionally, improve their marketability, and, best of all, create learning experiences for their ELL students that are sensitive and appropriate to their needs.
In Her Blood

NURSE PRACTITIONER STUDENT NINA ANDERSON IS IMPROVING THE LIVES OF ADULT PATIENTS LIVING WITH SICKLE CELL ANEMIA

Sickle cell patients while working at the Marian Anderson Comprehensive Sickle Cell Center at St. Christopher’s Hospital. “I became aware of this need and wanted to reach out to the adult sickle cell community in Delaware,” she says.

Sickle cell anemia is a genetic form of anemia in which the red blood cells are abnormally shaped (usually in the shape of a sickle) and thus carry less oxygen throughout the body. The disease “affects an estimated 70,000 to 100,000 Americans” according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Anderson was determined to make a change. “I decided to submit a proposal to the Delaware Department of Health and Social Services for funding and was awarded [a] grant.” This grant will allow her to recruit sickle cell patients, over the age of 18, to be followed for a two-year period. The primary focus will be to provide hybrid case-management services to improve patients’ overall health and well-being by preventing complications from their disease.

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Where In The World?

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n a recent medical mission trip to Sierra Leone, Dr. Barbara Sartell met Bashiru Sesay, a 20-year-old student in the nursing program at the Mattru Hospital School of Health in Sierra Leone. Bashiru was an able assistant to Dr. Sartell during her trip, volunteering to help with the many languages spoken by the patients who visited the clinic where Sartell volunteered.

Bashiru came to work every day, uniformly neatly cleaned and pressed, Sartell explained. Though he never brought lunch or breakfast with him, or even water to drink, he worked hard in the clinic. He was kind, understanding, and did his best to explain to the patients how and when to take their medicines.

During her trip, Bashiru explained to Sartell that nursing school was one of almost no choices of careers in Sierra Leone. “If anyone can meet the extraordinary demands of this pilot effort, Anderson can. She came to Wilmington University already licensed as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner. In 2006, she obtained her Post-Master of Science in Nursing Legal Nurse Consultant certification through Wilmington University. At present, she is completing the requirements for a subsequent WU certification as an Adult/Family Nurse Practitioner. In 2009, she was granted a DNP fellowship and was awarded a grant.”

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In Delaware, the nurse of the year award was presented to Barbara Sartell, a graduate of the University of Delaware, at the annual awards ceremony. Sartell was honored for her contributions to the Delaware nursing profession and was awarded the “Distinguished Service Award.”

News and Happenings

■ DR. SHEILA SHARBROUTH, Dean, guided the College of Health Professions undergraduate and graduate nursing programs through a successful CNO accreditation visit in March! We extend our appreciation to our colleagues, alumni, community members, and current students for their contributions to our successful outcome. Final recertification is expected in late fall 2011.

■ This school year marks professor DR. DOROTHY “DOT” BAKER’S sixth year volunteering with the Delaware Business, Industry, Education (BIE) Alliance’s “What in the World?” program, explaining to K-12 students across the region what it means to be a nurse and how to prepare to enter the profession.

■ The American Academy of Legal Nurse Consultants recognized assistant professor KARLA DICECCO with the Distinguished Service Award. This distinction has only been awarded five times in the past 20 years as it represents “only the most dedicated and revered volunteers.”

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Honor Society Committed to Community Service

Taking a dip in the frigid waters of the Atlantic Ocean in early February may not be everyone’s idea of fun, but for 10 members of Wilmington University’s Honor Society, it was a big part of the Honor Society’s commitment to community service. Faculty and staff joined the team of students, who participated in the 20th Annual Lewes Polar Bear Plunge, an event that benefits Special Olympics Delaware. The group raised $1,400 toward this great cause.

Stephanie Szczerba, BETA chapter Vice President of the honor society for Behavioral Science, Psychology, and Organizational Dynamics students, organized the team with the help of adviser and Assistant Professor Johanna Bishop. Szczerba’s efforts are part of a larger initiative by honor society members to do 10 hours of community service each year. Some of the past activities have been campus-based, like the society’s successful eyeglass and cell phone collection drives, but more recently, students have been encouraged to follow their own passions and volunteer for an organization or cause meaningful to them.

Honor society members participate in volunteer activities, including runs/walks for charity, collecting children’s books for shelters and daycares, offering support to teens at a crisis pregnancy center, educating children through a 4H farm program, mentoring children, and assisting with food, clothing and toy drives for families in need.

Chapter president Richard Carter reports that he is busy as a volunteer at the YWCA Home Life Center. “I serve on the advisory board and hold cooking demonstrations for the residents in the Culinary Department. I’ll also be developing a written curriculum for a standard culinary training program for the Center.”

Patricia Szczerba, a graduate of the Organizational Dynamics program and current student in the Master’s of Public Administration program, is volunteering at Christiana Hospital on the Surgical Critical Care Unit as a Patient Care Coordinator, providing emotional support and assistance to family and friends of patients in times of crisis. Patricia, a former chapter officer, also inspired the 104 new student members of the honor society at their November 2010 induction ceremony by sharing her journey of academic success in the face of adversity.

The society’s commitment to service extended to the induction ceremony. Claymont Community Center’s development director, Greg Munson, was on hand to accept food donated to his organization’s food closet by those attending the ceremony. Representatives from the Delaware Coalition Against Domestic Violence Stephanie Ferrell and Sara Mensch attended to accept used cell phones collected by honor society members.

Johanna Bishop, the chapter adviser, was proud that members have embraced these service projects. “The mission of Pi Gamma Mu is to encourage the development of students who are driven by a desire to serve others.”

Welcome Professor Wilson

The College of Social and Behavioral Sciences welcomes Sherry L. Wilson, J.D., as an Assistant Professor in the Criminal Justice Program.

Sherry is devoted to working with the military and civilian communities at the Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst (MBL) campus where Wilmington University offers a Master of Science in the Administration of Justice (MAJ) program with the option for the Homeland Security concentration. She also teaches undergraduate criminal justice courses at the University’s New Jersey sites and acts as an adviser to criminal justice students.

Prior to joining the faculty, Sherry was a Deputy Attorney General with the State of New Jersey for 11 years in the Division of Criminal Justice and the Division of Law. During her tenure at the AG’s office, she prosecuted multi-million dollar Medicaid fraud and conspiracy cases and also handled complex criminal appeals. Before becoming an attorney, Sherry was a tax analyst and cost accountant for the DuPont Company. She’s excited about sharing her expertise, experience, and skills with students. Sherry is a native of New Jersey, where she presently resides with her husband and three sons.

Legal Studies Program Update

On March 1, the Legal Studies Program and its Chair, Amy O’Dell, J.D., moved from the College of Arts and Sciences to the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences. Amy’s program, which includes a Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies and a Post-Bachelor’s Certificate in Legal Studies, is well respected in the legal community. Amy guided the program through a successful self-study and accreditation process, earning the coveted American Bar Association Approval.

Faculty Publication

Dr. Jim Walsh, Assistant Professor in the graduate Counseling program, contributed a chapter entitled, “Espionage and Orphans: Lies Have Deep Truths” to a recently published book: Duped: Lies and Deception in Psychotherapy, edited by Kattler and Carlin. The book tackles the subjects of lying, falsehood, deceit, and the loss of trust in the counseling room.” Details about the book are available on the publisher’s website: http://www routledge.com/books/ details/9780415876720/
Information Technology professor Nancy McDonald begins each semester the same way: She scans the room looking for how many women have enrolled in her class. Recent reports from the National Center for Women & Information Technology have found that while women hold more than “half of all professional occupations in the U.S.,” women hold only 25% of computer-related jobs. It’s no secret that the field of IT is one of the U.S.,” women hold only 25% of computer-related jobs.

Women in IT

Several conferences and events to attract and sustain female students in the College of Technology were held at the University of Delaware in 2011. The first such conference held by the College of Technology was Ms. Connection – Careers for Women in IT. The first of its kind in Delaware, the conference was hosted by WU and Salem Community College and was open to students, alumni, higher education professionals, secondary school counselors, and area IT professionals. It included a panel discussion from leading female IT professionals, special topic breakout sessions, and a question-and-answer session. “It’s important to speak to girls from a young age about the field of information technology and the possibilities that are available to them,” said Nora Hufe, adjunct professor in the COT. “By speaking to guidance counselors, administrators, and IT professionals, we hope to get a better understanding as to why less women are choosing the field of IT and what we can do to help.”

Encouraged by their success, the COT is holding five special seminars in technology for women this summer. The Saturday workshops, intended for women who are considering a college degree, introduce them to some of the topics important to careers in information technology.

The workshops include:

- **IT’S A CRIME:** A workshop that introduces students to the basics of digital forensics, allowing them to use forensic analysis to solve a fictional crime.

- **YOU TELL IT: GIRL:** A workshop that prepares students to use design and storytelling techniques to create a website that tells an interactive story.

- **IT’S GAME ON:** A workshop that allows students to develop and design their own computer-based game.

- **MAKE IT REEL:** A workshop that teaches students how to use computer-based technologies to create and edit short digital films.

- **YOU DESIGN IT:** A workshop that helps students develop graphic design skills, focusing on using computer-based technology to produce multimedia design projects.

Students Win DC3 Challenge for 2nd Year

For the second year in a row, WU’s College of Technology students have taken home the gold at the Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center (DC3) Digital Forensic Challenge. The Challenge — an international competition sponsored by the Department of Defense, International Multilateral Partnership Against Cyber-Threats (IMPACT), and the SANS Institute — draws entries from government teams, military teams, civilian and academic teams. WU’s “Team Name,” (a tongue-in-cheek name created by the students) hailing from the University’s Dover site, placed first in the undergraduate category, second in the United States, and fifth in the world out of a total of 1,040 teams. Last year, the University’s New Castle team (Wilm01) placed first among 1,100 entries and was personally congratulated by Governor Jack Markell and Senator Tom Carper.

“Team Name” consisted of College of Technology students AARON HAMPTON, MIKE PANCOAST, DAVID KONOPKA, and MIKE LOGUE. While a faculty member supports most academic teams participating in the DC3 Digital Forensic challenge, “Team Name” tackled the competition on their own. “Accomplishing what this team has done and all without the assistance of a coach is remarkable,” said MARK HUFE, Computer and Network Security Program Chair. “It speaks volumes on their ability to collaborate, stay focused, and take the initiative.” The University’s “Team Name” crushed the competition with a final score of 1,129 points versus 730 points earned by the second-place team.

“Team Name” was awarded an all-expenses paid trip to the 2011 U.S. Department of Defense Cyber Crime Conference that was held in Atlanta, Ga.
The Music Man
Professor David F. Wooley on Growing Up in the Music Business, and Finding Success Along the Way
By Hailey Reissman

W ilmingt on University adjunct professor David F. Wooley is proof that doing what you love works best. Lucky for him, he found what he loved young. At only 5 years old, Wooley realized that, in some way, he was meant to play music.

Like his future writing partner, Dionne Warwick, Wooley’s introduction to the musical world came via the legendary Apollo Theater. Sitting next to his mother at a James Brown concert, Wooley spotted Brown’s drummer and instantly felt destined to play the drums. Turning to his mother, Wooley said, “I want to be like him.” He still recalls the fear in his mother’s voice when she asked, “James Brown?” And the relief when he replied, “No – the drummer!”

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Wooley quickly built a reputation as a prominent promoter and entrepreneur in Delaware. In the middle of all the business and success, Wooley moved to Delaware, ready to dive into the business world. “I realized I wanted to get more into the business side of things,” he said. So he enrolled in Wilmington University (then Wilmington College), receiving his Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration in 1985. As a musician, he had to fend for himself. In school, he found new ways to analyze the things that came naturally to him.

In 1996, Wooley accepted a position as an adjunct faculty member at WU. “I have tremendous respect for this school,” Wooley commented. “I’m a big supporter of bringing awareness of what goes on at this school. … Whenever I’m doing interviews – television, press – I’m always mentioning what school I went to and where I teach. … My degree from Wilmington University has taken me into some of the biggest boardrooms, negoti-
ating with some of the biggest business icons in the industry, including Donald Trump and Steve Wynn.”

Few would know, however, how much Wooley has seen in his more than 20 years managing milestone cultural events in Delaware and elsewhere. In 1981, while still a student at Wilmington College, Wooley founded Dave Wooley Productions Inc., a Wilmington-based entertainment and sporting events production company. Since then, business has taken Wooley far from the classroom, behind the scenes with Stevie Wonder, Mike Tyson, and Dionne Warwick; organizing some of the most memorable sporting events of the past 50 years; and even into a long-term business partnership with NBA legend Julius “Dr. J” Erving. In 1989, Wooley was named34 Wilmington University Magazine spring/summer 2011

“I had dreams of becoming successful,” Wooley continued. But he knew success wasn’t just talent, it also took work. “During that time, my entrepreneurial skills kicked in,” recalled Wooley, with a laugh. “I learned early on that I could make money for myself by carrying groceries for elderly ladies from the supermarket on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. I actually saved up enough money to buy my own shopping cart, so I could carry a lot of groceries … that became my first entrepreneurial success.”

Mixing his interests with this innate business sense became a winning combination for Wooley. In 1990, after a highly successful career as a drummer – playing across the nation and recording with chart-topping musical acts – Wooley moved to Delaware, ready to dive into the business world.

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Wooley quickly built a reputation as a prominent promoter and entrepreneur in Delaware. In the middle of all the business meetings, travels, teaching, and work-
ing, Wooley met Dionne Warwick. The two connected instantly. Dionne had heard of Wooley’s work as Julius “Dr. J” Erving’s business partner, and Wooley already held a great respect for Warwick and her work. The two soon found out they shared similar outlooks on life. Both Wooley and Warwick got into the music business early, performing young and working their way to greater success. Both refused to give up, despite circumstances, and made it a point to constantly improve themselves and their craft, no matter how successful they became.

From this friendship grew business plans that led to a successful writing collaboration, which has included the completion of three books: a children’s book about Dionne’s childhood, Dionne’s autobiography, and – forthcoming – a children’s book inspired by Wooley’s childhood.

In 2010, Wooley organized a sold-out tribute to Dionne at the Lincoln Center in New York, celebrating her 50 years in the music business. “It was wonderful,” he said, describing the night and the people who gathered to support Dionne. Wooley watched backstage as thousands cheered for his friend and business partner. This was his gift to her, and as he describes the event, you can hear the contentment that comes with a job well done, a gift given and appreciated. This spirit of giving and enthusiasm for his work permeates all that David Wooley does. He truly believes in the importance of the arts in the community and in life, giving up his time to volunteer in school arts programs, and mentor Delaware’s youth. And, although he prefers to stay out of the spotlight, it is his hard work and dedication that continues to shine.

What matters most to David Wooley is not in a grandstand or in a boardroom. It is the love of his two young daughters. “What I never wanted to be is a professional success and a personal failure,” Wooley said wisely. “The greatest accomplishment to the sports and entertainment world – is that I’m a single father, raising two teenage daughters. It’s the inspiration for all I do, it gives me a purpose in life.”

WOOLLEY’S ONE-OF-A KIND STORY TO TELL

“Dionne is a living legend,” Wooley commented. “Her accomplishments and her music withstand the test of time. She’s paved the way for artists like Whitney Houston and Jennifer Lopez, and she has done it with grace and dignity.” In 2009, after the publication of Say A Little Prayer, the timing was right, and the two began to work on telling Dionne’s story. With their natural chemistry, Wooley and Warwick finished the book within a year. The book, entitled My Life, As I See It, was published in 2010 by Altra Books, a division of Simon & Schuster. Wooley’s third book, Little Man, a children’s book based on his childhood experiences, will be released this October.
Snagging THE JOB

WilmU Investigates Tips on Landing Your Dream Job

By Hailey Reissman

These days, things aren’t exactly easy for job seekers. With an unstable job market, layoffs, company closings, and a country in a recession, hope is still to be found – especially for Wilmington University students.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics – “Education pays.” In 2009, the unemployment rate for all workers was 7.9%, but the unemployment rate for those with a bachelor’s degree was only 5.2%. For those with a master’s degree, the unemployment rate dropped to 3.9%, and for those with a doctoral degree, it was a meager 2.5%.

Workers with degrees, on average, also had higher rates of pay. In 2009, Wilmington University students.

Statistics – “Education pays.” In 2009, the median weekly earning for all workers was $774 dollars; for those with only a bachelor’s degree, it was $1,025. Workers with a master’s degree commanded median weekly earnings of $1,257, while those with a doctoral degree made $1,532.

Wilmington University graduate Tami Sherman is well aware her degree helped her navigate the job market. GE recruited her senior marketing manager for GE Healthcare IT’s Centricity Perinatal while she was still working on her MBA at Wilmington University.

“I am a nurse with a very diversified background,” she told WilmU. “Before my MBA, I had extensive clinical and research backgrounds. [But] once I obtained my MBA, I became very marketable – doors began opening. Soon, I was recruited by the industry. I am convinced the coursework I received at Wilmington University made the difference in my marketability.”

Dr. Regina Allen-Sharpe, Director of the University’s Career Services Center, is ready to help students find the job that works best for them.

“Confucius said, ‘Choose a job you love and you’ll never have to work a day in your life,’” she told WilmU. “Our students are very intelligent and determined to make a difference in their lives, provide for their families, and serve in their communities.” She stressed that students can always seek guidance from Career Services. “Sometimes students need assistance in coordinating all of their goals and developing a plan. This is where a career services professional can lend his or her expertise.”

The Career Services Center offers a great assortment of resources for job seekers, including one-on-one counseling, online workshops, group seminars, on-campus recruiting, face-to-face and online career fairs, and an electronic job-posting board, College Central, www.collegecentral.com/wilmu. Through the Career Center, students can receive help assessing which career might be right for them, searching for an internship, and composing and polishing résumés and cover letters, as well as reading up on trends in the job market.

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Now that she’s found success in her industry, what does she say to those still looking to break in? “Today’s job market is becoming increasingly competitive. I think that employers in my field are looking for those applicants who have the knowledge base and the ability to transfer their knowledge to various areas. The key is to have a positive attitude, be a quick learner, and a strong team player.”

When asked to pick the three most important lessons she’s learned from her own experiences job-searching and working in her industry, Tami provided us with these three tips:

- Don’t give up
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- Before your interview, always research the companies that interview you.

What should students keep in mind when looking for a job? “The most important thing is to be confident,” Tami says. “You need to network and grow your networking contact list. Most can be found through your colleagues in the field. Be persistent. Look for a company you would like to work for. Often times, other jobs than the one you are interviewing for become available.” WU

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Leading this effort will be Jim Webb, Military Affairs Coordinator. “Our office will be a point of contact for all active military and veterans,” says Webb, himself retired Air Force. “We can assist with employment, health services, course enrollment, or financial aid benefits.” Military students and alumni from Wilmington University come from many walks of life. These are just some of their stories:

On Duty: On Campus

Looking out the window of the up-armored Humvee, Sergeant John Brooks felt a million miles away from his days at Wilmington University. And yet, he could still hear his professor’s voice, the funny stories he used to tell. “Every class with John Lewis was inspiring,” says Brooks, recalling his favorite professor. “The topics he would bring up would always cause some type of debate among his students, but it would always leave you thinking about it long after you left his class.” For a moment his mind drifted back to those moments in his American History class. Unlike the wars you read about in history books – the soldiers grappling for land, hunkering down in the bunkers – Brooks was experiencing a whole new kind of war. “This is asymmetrical warfare ... really it is more of a reactive approach than proactive approach,” he explains. A mortar bomb going off in the distance brings Brooks back to reality. He is in Baghdad now and paying attention to your surroundings is critical.

Brooks, who will receive his Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice with a minor in History from WU this year, remembers his first day in Baghdad. “It was very, very hot. It’s one of those things where your head feels like it’s in an oven and you can never get it out ‘til you go back home.” Brooks was assigned to Protective Service Detail for two multinational core-commanding generals. While he initially did not feel culture shock, the realities of life in the war-ravaged city hit him later. “As we were driving through Baghdad you would see buildings that were decimated. Just decimated, they were missing entire sides,” recalls Brooks. “You would see people living in these hobbles of a house. They had no roof, they had no walls, but they put up sheets or blankets, and this is how they lived.” Seeing people live this way touched Brooks. “I really admire the strength of the Iraqi people,” says Brooks. “They really make do with what they have.”

The middle child of a large family, Brooks was raised in Elkton, Md., by a single mother. Following in his brother Gary’s footsteps, he decided to join the Delaware Army National Guard and use the military benefit to enroll at Wilmington University. “This University has been great every step of the way in assisting me with transferring my benefits. It has never once been an issue,” he maintains. Through the Army, Brooks has been able to use various tuition reimbursement programs, scholarships, and assistant-ships that allow him to go to school virtually free. “My favorite is the Post 9-11 GI Bill,” confesses Brooks. “It allows me to cover up to 60% of my tuition.”

Since the early 1970s, Wilmington University has made it a priority to accommodate the men and women who serve our country, beginning at the school’s Dover Air Force Base site. The first military-focused program offered at the University was an Aviation Management degree in 1974. Over the years many politicians have praised the University for its continued support of military personnel. Former Delaware Congressman Mike Castle once said, “With flexible class schedules, and campuses located close to the New Castle County National Guard Base and Dover Air Force Base, Wilmington University represents an ideal postsecondary experience for soldiers and veterans.”
In 2010 and 2011 Wilmington University was chosen by Military Advanced Education as one of America’s Top Military-Friendly Colleges and Universities, and in 2010 G.I. Jobs magazine named Wilmington University a military-friendly school in its Guide to Military Friendly Schools.

Each year, Assistant Director of Academic Advising, Gary Sydell, sees hundreds of prospective students who are serving in the military. “Wilmington University has so many great options for our students who are serving or have served in the military,” says Sydell. “One such opportunity is the Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (ROTC), where students can receive leadership training and scholarships. It also allows them to consider a career in the military upon graduation.”

Brooks found that minorng in history provided great insight into the world as it was then and the world as it is now. “I have taken American History, Military History, and World and Regional Geography [at Wilmington University.] The theme was essentially the same in every class, that Americans need to stop focusing on themselves and pay more attention to the world around them.” These classes, coupled with the experiences he has had at war, have given Brooks a new outlook on life. “I joined the army and started at Wilmington University a completely different person than I am today. I have certainly done a lot of growing.” For now Brooks is looking forward to many continued years of service in the Army National Guard. On graduation day, his family, girlfriend, and friends will be in the audience ready to cheer him on. “All my siblings have their degrees so I am the last one,” Brooks admits. “I think my mom is more excited than I am.”

City Boy Meets Country Girl

When Staff Sergeant Thomas Otero met Staff Sergeant Kira Reece at an Airman’s Council dinner on deployment in Kuwait, he couldn’t take his eyes off her. Her long red hair was pulled tightly into a bun, her eyes were shimmering in the soft light, and he nervously went up to talk to her. After congratulating her on her promotion to Vice President of Airman Council, he promptly left for the evening. He didn’t think much would come of it, but it turns out he left quite an impression.

“I had seen him at the fitness center,” recalls Kira with a smile. “That’s where we met. I thought he was young and cute, and I was glad he talked to me.” The few words exchanged between them soon turned into a budding friendship.

They worked on a float for the Saint Patrick’s Day Parade. In between the paint and glitter, and spending time together in the desert heat, the friendship turned into something more: love. Just a few months into the relationship, Kira turned around to find Thomas down on one knee. She said yes. “We complement each other,” says Thomas, who was raised in Omaha, Neb. “He’s a city boy,” says Kira, who is from the small town of Hotz, Mo., “and I’m a country girl.” They were married in the summer of 2007.

The country girl and city boy were stationed at Dover Air Force Base when they decided to enroll at Wilmington University. “It was great to be able to use our G.I. benefits to better ourselves,” says Thomas. “Wilmington University was an easy choice because it was right on base, but we can also take classes at the Dover site or in Georgetown. That gives you to opportunity to make connections with the community outside the base.”

Kira loves how knowledgeable the professors are: “The small classes are great because you get to know your teachers, and they get to know you. All the teachers are so experienced.”

Getting the hang of married life, working on base, and pursuing their bachelor’s degrees, the pair of sergeants supported each other and encouraged each other to succeed. Their life changed forever when Kira discovered she was pregnant. It was a boy. “We named him Patrick,” says Thomas, for the St. Patrick’s Day they celebrated together and after a mutual friend, Staff Sergeant Kevin Patrick, who helped introduce them.

A few days after Patrick was born, Thomas noticed something was wrong. “I was shaking and breathing weird,” he recalls. The doctors thought nothing of it but Thomas insisted. “We came to find out he had epilepsy and was having seizures,” states Kira. “We will have to give him medicine for the rest of his life.” Kira and Thomas take turns giving Patrick medicine mixed into formula in a baby bottle.

Caring for Patrick along with their other duties was challenging at first, but is also inexplicably rewarding. “We...
Bird Flying High

 Brigadier General Carol Timmons (’84 Aviation Management) remembers the first time she entered the cockpit of a Lockheed C-130 aircraft. She looked out at the blue sky, around at the flashing panels and oscillating gauges, and instantly fell in love. “You know that feeling like you are at home?” says Timmons. “That’s how I felt. Right then I knew I was hooked.”

“Truthfully, Timmons had been hooked on flying since she was a little girl. At 5 she told her mother that she wanted to be a pilot. Born and raised in Delaware, Timmons remembers her father taking her to the New Castle Airport. “It was cheap entertainment,” she recalls. “We would watch the planes take off and land.” She was a tomboy, she admits, and was never really interested in playing with Barbies. In 1977, after high school, Timmons decided to join the military in the hopes of learning to fly. “The year I signed up (for the Delaware Air National Guard) was the first year the Army and the Navy allowed women to fly.”

But even though the opportunities for women were beginning to open up, the road was still long and hard. Timmons waited patiently for her opportunity. “I basically told everyone I knew that I wanted to fly,” she says. She put her head down, worked hard, and soon made a name for herself. “Someone in the Army Guard learned I wanted to fly, and he came to me and asked if I wanted to fly, and I said yes.”

Upon graduation in 1984, she learned she was going to be deployed to Iraq for Operation Desert Storm. While she couldn’t fly the C-130 like she wanted, she was still excited to be flying in any capacity. Over the years and through each deployment (including Desert Shield, Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom) Timmons got a step closer to flying that dream plane.

“There is nothing worse than wanting to do something and someone telling you you can’t do it just because of your gender,” Timmons says. “In my classic struggling college student xt,” declares Timmons, who enrolled at Wilmington College in 1982. At the time, the Guard did not provide benefits to active military, so Timmons had to rely on student loans. “You were on your own,” she says. Nonetheless she enjoyed the small school, making friends with students and professors alike. “It was really fun, received some credit for my aviation training. She continued with school and the Guard and took on part-time work on the side.

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activity on the alarm systems, and review the flight schedules for New Castle airport across the street. Unlike the public safety constables of yesteryear, these constables access all the latest technologies to help protect and serve the students, faculty, and staff of Wilmington University.

Story By Suki Eleuterio, Photography By Paul Patton
“These are our wands,” explains Davolos, who has been with the University for more than three years. “But they aren’t magic, unfortunately.” Davolos is speaking about the wands each constable is given to record the route he takes on any given day. “There are strategic locations around the University where each constable must check in,” Davolos says. “This way we have an electronic log of each route that is accessible by all.”

Technology like this – along with systems like the Emergency Response Protocol, the Emergency Alert System, and the carillon warning system – are all a testament to Wilmington University’s highly efficient (and rapidly growing) department of University Safety.

“When I started here eight years ago, all we had was myself and a private security officer,” recalls Dr. Jack Cunningham, Assistant Vice President of University Safety. “In the evening we had more private security officers join our team, and that was nice, but I had a sense that as the college was growing that wasn’t going to be the answer.”

The first answer was to increase the number of constables. In 2004, the University ensured that all public safety officers became sworn, certified state constables. “All of our constables are certified by the Delaware Council on Police Training,” Dr. Cunningham explains. “Each of our guys is a certified medical first responder. They have training on everything from the DELJIS [Delaware Criminal Justice Information Systems] to how to use a taser. And what many people don’t realize is these constables have the same arresting power as a state police officer.” Since many constables come to Wilmington University after years of service with law enforcement agencies such as the Delaware State Police, they are not afraid to enforce the law. “Usually they can scan the property inside and out. They are made aware of alarm notifications, current weather reports, flight schedules for the adjacent airport, and have access to an incident control center.”

“Using a computer or a smartphone, constables and first responders can report any incidents on a building map changing rooms from ‘normal’ to ‘use caution,’” explains Tiberi. “Firefight- ers, police officers, and EMT can now access Wilmington University’s ERP system through secure logins at any time. They can see the property, learn the ins and outs, and be better prepared in case of an emergency.”

Adds Security Supervisor Mark Daniels, “With any luck at all we’ll never have to use it, but if we do, this will be a great advantage to us.”

In a crisis, the department of University Safety works closely with the Office of the President and the department of Web Communications to notify all students, faculty, and staff. The Emergency Alert System, created in 2007, notifies the University community in the event of a crisis or weather emergency by sending telephone messages, text messages, and email alerts to students, faculty, and staff at all 12 Wilmington University sites. Students, faculty, and staff can elect how they wish to be contacted, but Wilmington University reserves the right to use all methods of communication in an extreme situation.

“This system is probably one of the best investments we could have made to assure student safety. It is a perfect tool to notify faculty, students, and staff of emergency conditions,” says Dr. Cunningham. “Timely notification of students in times of crisis should be an integral part of every institution’s safety plan.” In 2008, the University implemented another safety feature: the carillon warning system, which broadcasts a tone from the University clock tower. It will be used in extreme cases when the University needs to go on lockdown. “In the event of a true emergency, this tone from the bell tower will be activated and will be an indication to all people on campus to take shelter until the situation is under control and the all-clear is sounded,” said Heather O’Connell, Vice President of Enrollment Management.

As technology continues to evolve, Wilmington University’s department of Public Safety intends to stay at the forefront. “Technology has played a major role in our efforts and continues to,” says Dr. Cunningham. “We want a system that would allow for remote access to the property 24/7.”

Constables, as well as first responders, are now able to use the ERP to view the entire New Castle campus. With a series of clicks they can scan the property inside and out. They are made aware of alarm notifications, current weather reports, flight schedules for the adjacent airport, and have access to an incident control center.

Meet the Constables:

Dennis L. Craighorne, Constable / Safety Supervisor
Employed 27 years with Delaware River & Bay Authority Police Department, serving in Patrol, Training Unit, Homeland Security, Police Accreditation, Troop Operations, and Administration and retiring at the rank of Lieutenant.

Mark Daniels, Constable / Safety Supervisor
Employed 30 years with Delaware State Police, serving in Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Homeland Unit, Domestic Violence Unit, Internal Affairs, and Troop Administration and retiring at the rank of Lieutenant.

Richard H. Davolos, Constable
Employed 16 years with corporate security with MSNBA. Six years employed by Delaware State Police.

Edward A. Disabatino, Constable
Employed 22 years with New Castle County Police, assigned to Patrol, Criminal Investigations, Crime Prevention, and Patrol and retiring at the rank of Senior Corporal.

Stephen J. Duncan, Constable
Employed 21 years with New Castle County Police, assigned to Patrol, Criminal Investigations, and Crime Analysis. Worked executive security with DuPont Company for five years before joining the force.

Sean J. Finn, Constable
Employed 16 years as police officer with Irish Police, serving in Shannon Airport, Fire and Rescue, and anti-terrorism.

Larry T. Hebo, Public Safety Officer
Employed 24 years for various private-security companies in Massachusetts and Delaware and has experience and training in HAZMAT of chemical sites, dispatching, and truck weight compliance.

Michael L. Nolan, Constable
Employed 25 years with Delaware State Police, serving in Patrol, Special Operation Response Team, and Intermediate Criminal Patrol and retiring in 2005 at the rank of Master Corporal.

Thomas E. Williams, Constable
Employed 22 years with the Delaware State Police, serving in Patrol and Warrant Team at various Troops in New Castle County. Employed by Wertheimer Museum as a Security Officer and Supervisor.
Karen Nagyiski is a soft-spoken woman. She keeps her head down, works hard at her job, and does everything she can for her three adult children: Jessica, Brandi, and Matthew. When she heard the news on that fateful March morning in 2011 she was thrust into a world of worry, anxiety, and complete and utter panic. It was a little before sunrise on that Wednesday morning. Nagyiski, a part-time Associate and Test Administrator at Wilmington University’s Dover Air Force Base site, was driving her son Matt to work. When the radio announcer came on, Nagyiski didn’t pay much attention until he said the word ‘Japan.’

“All I heard were the words ‘earthquake’ and ‘Japan’ and my heart stopped,” she said. Nagyiski, whose 23-year-old daughter, Jessica, was in Japan as an English teacher in the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program, couldn’t get home fast enough.

“As soon as I got home I turned on the television,” Nagyiski recalled. “Looking at a scene from an eerie horror movie. The giant white wave stretched as far as the eye could see. Jessica instantly thought of her friend Taylor Anderson, another American who was teaching at a school down the road. Luckily, Matsuiwa Junior High is built well above sea level. Jessica and her fellow teachers and students were safe for now. But there was no electricity, no running water, and no way to get to the city. And then there was still that nagging feeling in her gut: What happened to Taylor?”

A FREE SPIRIT

Jessica left for Japan in August 2008. “She was bitten by the travel bug young,” Nagyiski said with a laugh. “She went to Australia when she was a teenager, and then a few years ago visited Tokyo. The first time she went to Japan she just fell in love with the country.” When she was chosen for the Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) program she was over the moon. Her mother was apprehensive, but she knew her daughter too well to say no.

Mother and daughter were in constant contact thanks to modern technology. “I really joined Facebook to stay in touch with my children and my family,” said Nagyiski. Soon the two were catching up virtually. Nagyiski became a Facebook fan.

The more Jessica posted, the more her friends and family in the U.S. would comment and “like” her posts. On March 11, when the giant tsunami hit and Jessica’s Facebook feed stopped, the frantic family and friends were left at a loss.

IN THE SNOW

On the other side of the world, Jessica was worrying about a lot more than updating her Facebook status. The 23-year-old had to remain a pillar of strength for her students. When the earthquake hit, Jessica was in the staff room of Matsuiwa Junior High in Kesennuma, working on schoolwork. She was glancing out the window at the snow when she suddenly felt the earth move. Turning, she saw two female students duck to the floor and begin to scream and cry. Jessica, noticing the cabinet above their heads, grabbed the girls, holding them tightly as the 7.2 magnitude earthquake thrusted once again by the loud wailing of her children, her heart stopped. “I was on Twitter and I saw a post pop up from Jessica,” she said. Jessica posted: “Huge quake. Will update later. So far it’s all OK. Kids are safe.” But then came the wave, and with it came the silence.

A GIRL NAMED YUKO

Back in Delaware, Nagyiski was still trying to communicate with her daughter. “My sister would call and call and keep getting that busy tone,” Nagyiski says. “But she never gave up.” Finding Jessica became Nagyiski’s life. She scanned the online directory of missing and found people. A week went by with still no word. On Facebook, she happened upon a group started by Japan native Yuko Nagaoka named “Hope: Disaster News Straight from Japan for English Speakers.” Reaching out to the group members, Nagyiski’s sister Donna made a plea: “Our niece Jessica ... is missing in Kesennuma ... she is a teacher with the JET program and was last heard from after the quake.” Donna posted Jessica’s picture. Meanwhile the local and national news media in the U.S. had heard about Nagyiski’s story. Before she knew it she was appearing on ABC News, CNN, and being interviewed by the Washington Post. Even though she didn’t care for the spotlight, she hoped that any publicity would bring her closer to finding her daughter.

Back on Facebook, Donna was in constant dialogue with Yuko, who was going above and beyond to find a girl she had never met. Yuko supplied information like “this is the link for the list of shelters in Miyagi and it shows how many people are staying at each shelter.” Donna was grateful to Yuko, not only for her work, but also for translating. Hours went by and then came a Facebook post: “OMG OMG OMG I found her!!!”

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Nagyiski and Jessica will reunite when Donna returns in August. Until then they can keep sharing the love – on Facebook.
WiLdCat pen PaLs

The WU softball team had a chance to catch up with their pen pals from Townsend Elementary School when they hosted a doubleheader against Nyack College on March 26. The team has been corresponding with Danielle Del Duco’s third-grade class since September 2010, writing letters to the students twice a month. The class was invited to watch the Wildcats in action. They received t-shirts, had their picture taken with WILEY D. WiLDcAT (the school’s mascot), enjoyed a pizza party, met with their pen pals, and watched the ‘Cats play.

Despite the extremely chilly weather, all had a good time. “We had a great turnout ... and the children really enjoyed themselves. It was great to see them get a chance to meet their pen pals and cheer them on during the games,” said Del Duco.

Head coach Erin Harvey agreed. “The event was wonderful. My student-athletes were looking forward to this all week. We enjoy receiving and writing our letters every month and it was nice to actually meet the children. We hope they had a great time, and look forward to continuing this relationship in the future.”

Catch for the Cure

This spring, two WU athletic teams joined the fight against breast cancer. The WU women’s lacrosse team held a “Catch for the Cure” Breast Cancer Awareness Game on April 9 against Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) foe Dominican College. And on March 27, the WU softball team held a breast cancer awareness game when they hosted Chestnut Hill College.

The WU lacrosse team wore pink uniforms for the game, warmed up in pink-t-shirts, and invited all fans to wear pink in support. More than 100 people were in attendance, and the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition (DBCC) set up a table to hand out information on prevention and awareness. The lacrosse team presented the DBCC with a check for an astounding $6,030.

“I am so proud of my players and their efforts. They made this an extremely special event and took great pride in raising more than $6,000 to help find a cure,” said head coach Dave Bugda. “I hope this is the first in a long line of events that my players and I will take on so that we together can help ‘catch the cure.’ ”

WU Athletic Director Frank Aiello stated, “Saturday evening was wonderful, and to see the team work as hard as they did in raising that amount of money was tremendous. It is a testament to how the fight to find a cure for breast cancer has become a true community effort.”

Once again, the DBCC was in attendance when the softball team hosted Chestnut Hill College. The Wildcats wore new pink uniforms, more than 100 people turned out, and more than $200 was raised toward fundraising efforts. WU won both games and handed out “Don’t Let Cancer Steal Second Base” pins to all who came to watch the games. Despite the extremely chilly and windy weather, the games proved to be a success.
Wilmington University claimed its first-ever Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Golf Championship, after holding off the five-time defending champion Eagles of Post University.

Daniel Ott of Wilmington University has been named the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Golf Player of the Year, as the 2011 All-Conference team was released. Ott, a sophomore from Pilesgrove, N.J., finished in third place at the 2011 CACC Golf Championship.

Fellow and classmate Nick Mafale, a sophomore, tied for eighth as he shot a 155, while John Perrine placed seventh. Fellow and classmate Nick Mafale, and Head Coach Hap Jennings.

From left: PJ Tighe, assistant Coach Mark Hall, Dan Ott, Nick DiVirgilio, Andrew Baldo, John Perrine, and Head Coach Hap Jennings.

The Wu Cheerleading team placed fourth at the recent Universal Cheerleaders Association (UGA) National College Cheerleading National Championships. The event was held this past January in Orlando, Fla.

Along with a few performances, including clips from their routines at this year’s Hoop Fest, the Wildcats lost in overtime 6-5-1 in the CACC, and an overall mark of 6-11-2. The Wildcats lost in overtime in the first round of the CACC playoffs to Post University.

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Congratulations, DiVirgilio

Men’s soccer standout TONY DIVIRGILIO has been named to the NCAA Daktronics East Men’s Soccer Second Team for his performance this past season. The voting was powered by ATHLETICSITE.COM and conducted among sports information directors at NCAA Division II institutions that are members of the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC), East Coast and Northeast 10 Conferences.

DiVirgilio, a senior defender, anchored the Wildcat defense. His play helped the ‘Cats to a goals against average of 1.68, and that also recorded five shutouts on the season. DiVirgilio, a first team All-CACC selection, netted three goals to rank third on the team, and was one of just seven players from the CACC to be honored. He helped lead the Wildcats to a record of 5-3-1 in the CACC, and an overall mark of 6-11-2. The Wildcats lost in overtime in the first round of the CACC playoffs to Post University.

Runner of the Year, Rookie of the Year

Sophomore runner BILL STEELE won the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Championship and earned CACC Runner of the Year honors, while junior AUSTIN KNIGHT captured the Men’s Rookie of the Year award at the Conference Championships.

Wilmington University (110 points) was third behind eventual champion Felician (31) and runner-up Philadelphia (63).

Sophomore Bill Steele won the championship, finishing the five-mile course in a time of 26:54, edging out the runner-up in a closing sprint by just two seconds. He was named CACC Runner of the Year, and earned All-Conference honors for the second consecutive season. His time was a new conference record and also the fastest time run on that course to date.

Junior Austin Knight placed ninth, with a time of 28:52, and was named CACC Rookie of the Year, along with garnering All-CACC honors.
First Alumni Leadership Summit

Wilmington University Alumni pride was in full force at the first-ever Alumni Leadership Summit on April 1 and 2 in Lewes, Delaware. A mix of Alumni Association Executive Board members, Chapter Chairs and active alumni volunteers gathered for a weekend retreat to highlight alumni history, celebrate current events and generate ideas for the future! With more than five years of experience in the field of advancement, Peter Castagna ’11 served as guest speaker and challenged the group to create a detailed roadmap for the year that identified events where the alumni association can connect with graduates and impact the community.

The retreat focused on the future of the Alumni Association’s outreach and, as one of the volunteers quoted, “the weekend inspired us to contribute fresh and innovative thinking, which is critical to the mission of the University.” Building more camaraderie among the chapters and working alongside the association’s president and vice-president to focus on the future was inspiring. The energy and pride for Wilmington University was infectious.

Planning contracts were designed and signed and soon you will be able to see the results of a weekend’s worth of hard work and collaboration. Visit the alumni website at www.wilmu.edu/alumni to keep track of upcoming area chapter meetings and events.

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Library Services

The Wilmington University Library offers a wide range of services to alumni. Visit www.wilmu.edu/library for details.

WU License Plates

Show your Wildcat pride with a Wilmington University specialty license plate. (Currently available to Delaware residents only.)

Travel Programs

A World of Travel offers alumni a 50% discount on vacation and cruise packages. For more information, visit: www.aworldoftravelinc.com

Career Services

No matter when you graduated, Wilmington University’s Career Services specialists are here to help with your job search and preparation. In addition, the Alumni Association hosts a variety of networking events throughout the year. For more information, visit: www.wilmu.edu/careerservices

Liberty Mutual Insurance Benefits

As a member of the Wilmington University Alumni Association you qualify for a special group discount on your auto, home, and renter’s insurance through Group Savings. Please from Liberty Mutual. For a free, no-obligation quote call 800-524-9400, or visit: www.libertymutual.com/wilmingtonuniversity (Please refer to Client # 115571.)

Season’s Pizza Discount

Show your membership card to receive a 20% discount for all dine-in and pick-up orders. Valid at all Season’s locations. Discount cannot be used in combination with other specials or coupons. Visit us at: www.seasonspizza.com

BJ’s Wholesale Club Memberships

Get a 14-month membership for just $40 (valid on new memberships and renewals). The Alumni Association sponsors this fundraiser twice a year.

Wheaton Moving Services

Hawk Vision Wheaton Moving Company offers alumni discounts on moving services.

For details and a complete list of membership benefits, visit: wilmu.edu/alumni/alumnibenefits

Visit often to see what new benefits are coming your way!

Being a Wilmington University Alumnus has rewards!

Wilmington University has partnered with organizations and businesses to provide you with special offers and discounts exclusive to Wilmington University Alumni. Funds raised through these programs help generate revenue for scholarships and other benefits for Wilmington University students.
3rd Annual Florida Chapter Reunion

Dr. Jack P. Varsalona hosted 55 friends and alumns in Delray Beach, Fla., at the La Cigale restaurant in February for the Annual Florida Chapter Reunion. Dr. Varsalona welcomed the group by telling them that they are “now part of an Alumni Association that is 30,000 strong” and continued, “no matter how long it has been since your graduation or how far away you have traveled, you will always be a part of Wilmington University.”

The group enjoyed the Mediterranean specialties and gourmet items prepared by the chef, but seemed to get the most enjoyment from meeting with their fellow alumns and hearing about changes at their alma mater.

Dr. Thomas B. Cupples, Assistant Vice President for Institutional Advancement, highlighted the growth and new programs that have occurred at the University in recent years. The increase in technology use and the awards that were received by students who competed in the Department of Defense competition for cyber security impressed the alumni.

One of the memorable moments of the evening was when Phil Dickman (’73 Business Management) presented Dr. Varsalona with his Omega Nu Epsilon fraternity shirt that is the last one in circulation. Phil reminisced about meetings and social activities that he and the fraternity brothers conducted before there was an organized sports program at the then-college. There were three fraternities on campus, according to Phil. He recalled that their dormitory rooms were in the area that became sports program at the then-college. There were three fraternities on campus, according to Phil. He recalled that their dormitory rooms were in the area that became classrooms in more modern times, but they, too, are being replaced with new facilities as this article goes to print. Everyone had a good laugh when Phil told the group that his nickname in the fraternity 40 years ago was Annual, as emblazoned across the back of the shirt that he presented to Dr. Varsalona for the archives.

The alumni agreed that the reunion was a great time and vowed to attend again next year. Dr. Varsalona extended an invitation to all members of the alumni who might be in Florida in February 2012 to contact the Alumni Relations Department and join the reunion. Stephanie Whitney, Director of Alumni Services, has been working with the Alumni Association to form chapters based upon degree programs and geographic locations. The chapter meetings in New Jersey, Kent and Sussex counties, College of Business, College of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Education and Nursing have also been successful. Whirley noted, “We are looking forward to sponsoring more chapter activities in other geographic regions as the number of alumni increases.”
Institutional Advancement Department Hits a “Home Run” at First Scholarship Golf Classic

It might be a mixed metaphor to talk of home runs at a golf outing, but the first attempt at a golf fundraiser for scholarships was a success by any measure. The field of 116 golfers assembled by 11:00 a.m. on May 12 at the Cavaliers Country Club in Newark to register for the first-ever Wilmington University Scholarship Golf Classic. Golfers representing the regional business and professional community practiced for representing the regional business and professional community practiced for scholarships and other benefits.”

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College of Technology Reunion

More than 60 alumni, faculty, and staff came out on Friday, May 6 to connect with former classmates and alumni. Music was playing and refreshments were served as alumni had the chance to view projects that current students and faculty have been developing. Guests even got a chance to see video games designed by students in the Game Design and Development program. Later, DR. EDWARD GUTHRIE, Dean of the College of Technology, thanked the alumni for all their general support over the years. He also updated them on recent awards received by the department – recognizing the great work of the students who won the Department of Defense Cyber Crime Center (DCC3) Digital Forensic Challenge undergraduate category. Wilmington University has won this honor two years in a row.

Chamber Day on Capitol Hill

On May 18, fifty business and government leaders from the region traveled to Washington, D.C. as part of the New Castle County Chamber of Commerce Day on Capitol Hill, sponsored by Wilmington University. As the platinum sponsor, the University was well represented with DR. THOMAS B. CUPPLES, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; DR. PETER A. BAILEY, Vice President for Administration; STEPHANIE A. WHITBY, Director of Alumni Services; and GLORIA R. JOHNSON (‘93 Business Administration), Director of the Annual Fund. The group traveled via a reserved Amtrak coach that gave everyone a chance to mingle and network informally during the trip to Washington.

The program in Washington consisted of lunch at Union Station with a briefing from members of the National Republican Committee and the National Democratic Committee followed by meetings with United States Senators Tom Carper and Chris Coons. The senators brought the group up-to-date on specific matters of importance to the business community and legislation with a direct impact on Delaware. After the meetings, the Chamber hosted a reception before boarding the train for the return trip to Wilmington’s Joseph Biden Station. All agreed that it was a wonderful day of networking and meeting fellow Chamber members with similar interests. This is the third year that the University has sponsored the trip.
named Delaware’s Teacher of the Year in 2010 award.

Michael T. Miller (B.S. Business Management) of Middletown, Del., is a Capital Account Manager for the STERIS Corporation.

Cedric G. Davis (B.S. Aviation Management) of Philadelphia, Pa., began his aviation career as an aircraft mechanic on C-5 cargo planes while stationed at the Dover Air Force Base in Delaware. After completing active duty, Cedric began flying by for the Air Force Reserves. He has been flying commercially for Kalitta Air, LLC for 15 years.

Keith Al-Chokri (B.S. Business Management) of Newark, Del., transitioned to Morgan Stanley Smith Barney to join his business team for the Delaware region as a Certified Financial Planner®.

Christyten Andal (B.S. Computer and Network Security) of Wilmington, Del., was promoted to the Network Infrastructure Department at Susquehanna International Group. Cyren is responsible for ensuring that the networking environment is stable and of the highest standards for its institutional/hedge fund clients. Prior to Christyten’s promotion, he was a systems engineer at Infor Jama and assisted in the development of the HP server automation for building servers for their trading environment.

Kimberly Bailey (B.S. Human Resource Management and M.S. Public Administration) of Georgetown, Del., is the Director of Sales for Kent County Tourist. Her responsibilities include meetings, events, and group tours.

Laure Ann Paeter (M.S. Health Leadership and M.S. Health Care Administration) of Carneys Point, N.J., has been promoted to Mental Health Director at BayWay Medical Center. Laure is an adjunct faculty member at Wilmington University.

Nancy Mills (M.S. Nursing) of Vineland, N.J., has been accepted into the graduate nursing program at the University of Medicine & Dentistry of New Jersey. Nancy was awarded a full scholarship by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation in collaboration with the New Jersey Nursing Initiative.

Dorothy J. Garrett (B.A. Health Care Administration) of New Castle, Del., is an Administrative Coordinator in the Corporate Office of Department of Justice/News. Dorothy is also a licensed tax preparer with Keller Williams Realty. She attended several colleges throughout her adult life. “Wilmington University is the best,” said Dorothy. “They have well-structured programs and committed faculty members.”

Craig Levine (M.B.A. Master of Business Administration) of Lincoln University, Pa., is a director for CBRE Group, Inc. He is also a associate regional sales director for Hollard National Life Insurance company.

Gene Harrison (B.A. Management Information Systems) of Dover, Del., took an interest in personal computers in the late 1980s and decided to enroll at Wilmington University. He now is the IT Administrator at the Sussex County Courthouse. “Over the course of nine years of education, I have struggled, yet I have persevered and succeeded,” Gene said. “No one can constrain you to take such an arduous and life-changing journey, but yourself. However, Wilmington University can give you the tools you need and resources you need to succeed at such.”

Suzanne Saulnier (M.Ed. School Leadership) of Middletown, Del., a second career that follows her to explore her creative process through her jewelry design work.

She welcomes the curricula to visit her studio to explore the world of jewelry.

Joseph Maselli (B.Ed. Leadership and Innovations) of Newark, Del., is a sixth-grade English teacher at Cab Calloway School of the Arts in the Red Clay School District. Joseph was a member of Delaware’s Teacher of the Year at an awards dinner in Dover. Del. He was commended for his 26 years of service and excellence in education.

Wilfred C. Cony (B.S. Elementary Education) of Dover, Del., is a counselor at the Wilmington campus of Delaware Technical & Community College. Wilfred is a member of the board of directors of the National Association of Veterans Program Administrators. His role as a board member is to ensure veterans’ needs are provided full access to GI benefits.

Michael D. Owens (B.S. Elementary Education) of Del., is the Director of Corporate and Community Programs at Delaware Technical & Community College in Georgetown.

James Conley (B.S. Business Management) of Lincoln University, Pa., is a director for NAC&K Ship Capital Corporation in Philadelphia. He is responsible for originating, underwriting, and closing commercial loans for the real estate investment services agents and their clients.

Holly Conley (B.A. Business Administration) of Harrington, Del., is a financial analyst for the State of Delaware Department of Insurance. Holly is an adjunct faculty member at Wilmington University.

Michael Gregor (B.S. Internet Network Design and Technology) of Wilmington, Del., is a senior mortgage consultant for Lomelo Mortgage Corporation.

John Ignatio Pancerti (B.S. Behavioral Science) of Ellerson, Del., is a mediator for the Court of Common Pleas for the State of Delaware. Jason is a member of the Delaware Conflict Resolution Network. In addition, she serves her community as the 91st District Justice of Peace for the Town of Ellerson.
Elective

Philosophy of Love – 301

Have you ever wondered why you fell in love with your significant other instead of the person your mother picked out for you? Remember the time you became obsessed with a certain high school teacher and wanted to marry someone just like him/her? Then maybe the elective course The Philosophy of Love is a good choice for you.

In The Philosophy of Love, students start by charting their own, personal love journey. They begin writing about their love experiences as far back as they can remember. Nothing dramatizes the importance of our need for unconditional love in life more than the absence of it. Immediately, students begin to see areas of their lives where they were and were not loved. These memories then lead to remembering how they felt when their needs were not met and how they looked to other sources to have their love needs satisfied.

All of the students are surprised to learn that they usually have a lot to learn about how to be a more loving human being. Classroom discussions become quite lively as students share feelings about Erotic Attraction, Sympathetic Suffering, Disillusionment, Responsible Actions, and the Role of Forgiveness and Renewal.

What a discovery to learn that love is not something we fall into, but something that requires many skills and talents and usually takes a lifetime to learn.

ABOUT THE PROFESSOR

Dr. Sharon Yoder is a full-time faculty member for the College of Arts and Sciences. She teaches a variety of elective courses, including Critical Thinking, Building Brain Power, Speaking with Confidence, and a new course The Power of Fun and Humor in the Workplace.

Dr. Yoder owns a speaking business, called “Make It Happen,” and has presented workshops and seminars nationwide. The National Resources Network awarded her one of the five Blue Ribbon Presenter Awards in Washington, D.C. She has appeared on NBC’s People Are Talking to discuss the most effective tools required to change employee attitudes, behaviors, and abilities to cope at work. She is the author of The Single Parent Guidebook: Up, Up and Away To Personal Fulfillment.

CLASS STATS:

Prerequisites
• None

Film Screenings
• Tiger Love
• As Good As It Gets
• Triumph of Love
• Obsession

Readings
• To Love and Be Loved by Sam Keen
• Eros, Agape & Philia by Alan Sable
• A General Theory of Love by Amrit Thomas and Richard Lewis
• Philosophies of Love by David Norton and Mary Kille
• Philosophy of Love: A Partial Summing Up by Irving Singer & Alan Sable

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