Green & White Scholarship Ball

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WIN A SCHOLARSHIP
(For you or the person of your choice)

Wilmington University alumni we need your help!

- Submit your recollection on your experience at Wilmington University (Wilmington College) and the impact it has had on you – your family, your career, and your personal and professional life.
- There is no specific criteria for content, however:
  - Each submission should be no more than 3 typed pages.
  - Be sure to include your name, address, date of graduation and major.
- The four winning submissions will receive full scholarships to Wilmington University to be used by you or the person of your choice.
- Scholarships may be used at the graduate or undergraduate level.
- Please submit your recollections no later than March 31, 2010.

SUBMIT TO:
Office of the President
Attention: Dr. Audrey Doberstein
Wilmington University
320 N. DuPont Highway
New Castle, DE 19720

Photograph by Stephanie Peditto
I would like to turn your attention to the difference people can make when they have passion for something — a passion for life, a passion for giving, a passion for learning, a passion for helping others.

As many of you have heard by now, the University held its first major fundraising event to generate money for scholarships. The Green and White Scholarship Ball was held on Saturday, October 31, 2009. Over the years, we have tried our best to assist those students in need as much as possible. However, with our student growth at a rate of about 30 percent over the past five years, it has become increasingly difficult to aid such students. That is why 100 percent of the proceeds from the Green and White Ball will fund scholarships for students who might not otherwise have had the opportunity to attend college. (You can read more about this student’s sacrifices by turning to page 40.)

We even have an employee that spent the majority of his summer rebuilding the homes of people who have lost them due to natural disasters. (Page 37)

And let’s not forget the pure passion displayed every day by our instructors when they enter the classroom. Their enthusiasm is contagious and our students seem to feed off of it. In fact, it is because of such devotion to each student and the ability to recognize each person’s individual circumstances that the University was recently named a military friendly school. (Read more on page 8.)

These are just a few of the ways those in the Wilmington University community demonstrate a certain zeal for life. I encourage you to use their stories as inspiration to find your own passion.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jack P. Varsalona
President
For more than 100 years, the Wilmington Trust corporate family has been privileged to work with, and support, individuals and organizations committed to providing educational opportunities to members of our communities. In our second century of serving clients, and future clients, our commitment to improving the quality of life of others remains steadfast.

We are proud to support

**Wilmington University**
You hold in your hands the 6th issue of this publication and the first coming from Wilmington University’s brand new Public Relations Department. When I was asked to head this new department, I was thrilled at the opportunity to begin new ventures, take on new challenges and concentrate more energy on this publication, which I love so much. The Public Relations Department opened its doors on July 1 and we are now located on the New Castle Campus. I’ll admit it was sad at first to leave our old offices, however there is nothing like stepping on to the main campus with the crisp fall air around, the chimes of the clock tower and the colorful foliage on the ground. It lets you know that the first classes of the academic year have begun.

Having shared my enthusiasm with you for things fresh and new, it is also potentially an exciting time for you, our loyal reader, as well. You will notice a few changes in this issue as we continue to craft your magazine into the finest publication we can print. The biggest change is the new name. Some of you may remember that our first issues were titled WilmColl. When we became a University we renamed the magazine Wilmington University. I always missed the old title and apparently I was not alone—several of you supported this nostalgia. We put our heads together and, after considering several new names, WilmU was born.

Towards the end of this issue, you will find a new games page complete with our very own original crossword puzzle and comic strip. We also have a new small feature entitled “Syllabus,” my favorite addition to the issue. (Check it out on page 32.)

I hope you enjoy the changes and additions we have made to the Wilmington University magazine. Please feel free to send us your feedback and let us know how we are doing. In our next issue, we are reserving space to publish the best letters we get. Remember to include your name and town if you wish to have your words immortalized within our pages.

Best wishes for a successful year!

Christopher Griffin Pitcher
Assistant Vice President of Public Relations
“Over the years during our active employment we supported the Annual Fund at Wilmington University utilizing the Educational Gift Matching Program. This allowed us to triple our donations because our employers matched our contributions.

Now as retirees we will continue our support as our way of giving back and saying ‘Thank you, Wilmington University’ for the enriched lives we have today through our college educations.”

— Patrick (B.B.A. in Business Management) and Tina Fisher

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GREEN AND WHITE BALL
Wilmington University’s first scholarship gala is a smashing success with thousands raised to benefit our students.

BUILDING HOPE
Scott Vanderwall, Secretary in the College of Education, tells about his summers spent rebuilding people’s destroyed homes.

VOYAGE VIETNAM
Three Wilmington University administrators traveled to Vietnam to learn about its higher education system. Read their travel log.

THE DELAWARE GENERAL
A Wilmington University alumnus, Major General Frank Vavala shares his story.

A WOMAN’S WORTH
Adjunct faculty member Theresa del Tufo was inducted into the Delaware Women’s Hall of Fame.

THE MAINE STUDENT
A Wilmington University student commutes from Maine to Delaware to complete her degree. Yes, Maine to Delaware. Strange but true!

DEPARTMENTS

FREEZE FRAME
A student’s snapshot of beautiful New Castle campus.

WU NOTES
Read about past events and interesting current news.

WU SPORTS
Major League Drafts and other fall highlights.

COLLEGES
Read about successful students, new faculty and staff, and exciting college events.

WU ALUMNI
Pictures from the Picnic, News and Notes, and Benefits.

GAMES & HUMOR
A new section just for you.

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The Wilmington University library has known many homes since the college opened in 1968. It was temporarily housed in the Learning Resource Center and what is now the Maintenance Building before finding a more permanent location. Not until 1995 did the doors open on the grand library building that we see today. The building is named after a couple that showed tremendous support to the small college: Robert C. Peoples, of Robert C. Peoples Inc. Construction (Peoples Plaza, Peoples Park and Caravel Academy) and his wife Dorothy M. Peoples. Robert and Dorothy were both on the Board of Trustees at Wilmington College. After Robert passed away, Dorothy showed her continued commitment to the University mission, serving as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Trustees, where she remains to this day.

Photograph by Errol Ebanks
**Backpack Campaign: A Great Success**

For many low-income families, going back to school can be a time filled with stress and financial woes. That is why Wilmington University’s Human Resource Department held its annual Backpack Campaign, during which departments throughout the University were asked to buy new backpacks and fill them with school supplies. Each backpack was then donated to a family in need.

“The backpack campaign was originally only planned as a way for our employees to donate supplies, but this year we got such a great response from people that we opened it up to the whole community. We had students and strangers dropping off backpacks and donations,” said Meghan Sullivan, Human Resources Assistant. “Overall, we collected 125 backpacks, each filled with school supplies. Donations from the northern sites were then sent to students at the Rose Hill Community Center and donations from the southern sites went to students at W.B. Simpson Elementary School in Kent County. We would like to thank everyone who donated. This was a fantastic event!”

University Named ‘Military Friendly School’

G.I. Jobs magazine recently honored Wilmington University by naming it a military friendly school for 2010. The University received a plaque indicating that it ranks in the top 15 percent of all colleges, trade schools and universities nationwide.

“You should take great pride in this honor,” noted Rich McCormack, Publisher of G.I. Jobs, in a statement sent to Wilmington University. He went on to say, “On behalf of the eight million military members and veterans seeking a school, I thank you for your commitment to educating our nation’s most deserving heroes.”

“Wilmington University is honored to serve all branches of the military and their families,” said Laura Leary, Site Director at the University’s Dover Air Force Base location. “We appreciate the dedication of our nation’s service members and all the sacrifices they make to keep our country safe.”

As a military friendly school, Wilmington University is included in the Guide to Military Friendly Schools published by G.I. Jobs.
Congratulations to SCOTT GOLDEN, LORI MARINNUCCI, ANDREA TRIBO and JENNIFER THOMAS! This fall, these four Middle Level Education students were honored with NASA Delaware Space Grant Consortium (DESGC) undergraduate scholarships. These prestigious scholarships are awarded yearly to students in the state of Delaware who are studying science, technology, engineering, mathematics or geography.

As part of the application process, the students were asked to submit a written statement describing their career plans and how they relate to the NASA mission.

Andrea wrote about her love of space as a child and how it spurred her love for math and science. “No matter if I end up in a regular classroom, running a [space] camp of my own, hanging trainees from a ceiling … or running education programs on hypergolic propellants, I plan to continue to make a difference in the lives of youth.”

Scott wrote about how NASA’s goals of Employ, Educate, Engage and Inspire are goals that each educator should strive for. “Mathematics and science are education areas, like space, that are filled with worlds of discovery. Teachers are the developers of the next generation of explorers and thinkers.”

“Without a strong foundation, the house will crumble,” wrote Lori about the importance of breaking down students’ fears about mathematics. “Without a mastery of basic math facts, students will fail. I want to change that for my students. … I want math to be interesting and exciting. I want to hear students say, ‘I love math!’ ”

Jennifer wrote about her passions. “Throughout my education, I have always been interested in math and science and decided to become an educator in the hopes of teaching students about my passions and having them become excited on the subjects, too.”
WU Team Participates in Bike to the Bay

Congratulations to the Wilmington University team that participated in the annual Bike MS: Bike to the Bay this past October. Bike to the Bay is a two-day, 150-mile bike ride from Dover to Rehoboth and back again, and is a fundraiser to help find a cure for Multiple Sclerosis (MS). The team of 14, which included staff, faculty, family and friends, raised more than $5,000 for the Delaware Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

MS is a disease that affects approximately 400,000 Americans and can often be extremely painful and disabling.

“It was wonderful to have a Wilmington University team participate in the Bike to the Bay,” said Eileen Donnelly, Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management and captain of the team. “Altogether, the event raised over a million dollars for the Delaware chapter of the MS Society. We all trained very hard for this and it was a beautiful ride for a great cause.”

Above photo from left to right: Jim Powers, Eileen Donnelly, Brian Gilbert, Cathy Gilbert, Sallie Reissman and Luke Reissman.

STUDENTS: GET INVOLVED!

A great part of college life is the personal enrichment obtained outside the classroom through student activities. That is why the Office of Student Affairs is encouraging you to get involved in student events. Here are just a few of the exciting trips planned for winter 2009:

NEW YORK CITY TRIP ROCKETTES

- Sunday, December 6, 2009
WU heads to New York to kick off the Holiday season! Please join us for our annual trip to see the Radio City Music Hall’s Rockettes in their Christmas Spectacular. Tickets cost $105 per person. That includes transportation and admission to the show. You will have time to sightsee after the show, with the bus departing NYC at 6 pm. Tickets are limited, so make sure you get yours today!
Contact: Christyn Rudolf, 302-356-6937

PHILADELPHIA BUS TRIP

- Saturday, January 9, 2010
WU drives north to Philly’s Kimmel Center for a performance of Broadway’s WICKED. Tickets cost $100. That includes transportation and admission to the show.
Contact: Christyn Rudolf, 302-356-6937

BALTIMORE BUS TRIP

- Wednesday, February 24, 2009
FREE trip to the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History & Culture. The Wildcats are on the road again for Black History Month! Enjoy a day of educational fun, including sightseeing of the Baltimore Inner Harbor.
Contact: LeAnne Barnhart, 302-356-6717
20TH ANNUAL SEA WITCH FESTIVAL

An estimated 150,000 people from across the tri-state area flocked to Rehoboth Beach over the weekend of October 24 to attend the 20th Annual Sea Witch Halloween and Fiddlers Festival. Wilmington University’s Rehoboth Beach site was proud to be one of several businesses that participated in the festival, which included a costume parade, fiddling competition, pet parade and much more.

For the third year in a row, the University’s Rehoboth Beach site was a winner of the Sea Witch decorating competition, commended for their ghoulish decorating and commitment to creating a festive atmosphere at the festival.

The University’s Wildcat cheerleaders wowed the crowd with their high-flying antics and enthusiastic spirit in the costume parade. “What a treat it was to see your cheerleaders in the Sea Witch Parade,” said onlooker Carolyn Williams. “They are wonderful representatives for your university.”

And congratulations to Wilmington University’s four-legged friends that won a prize for dressing up as collegiate canines in the Sea Witch pet costume parade.

Adjunct College of Business Faculty Member Named Ms. Delaware

Trisha Tarantino is an Adjunct Faculty member in the College of Business and a graduate of Wilmington University’s Master’s of Science in Human Resource Management program. On March 15, she was crowned Ms. Delaware 2009 at a ceremony held at the Baby Grand in Wilmington. Here she speaks about her experiences as Ms. Delaware:

“I had been doing pageants for about 13 years before I decided to enter this pageant. My main reason for entering was to truly focus on a personal platform of mine, something I was passionate about: Healthy Today, Healthy Forever. This platform focuses on helping women and children create a strong foundation of healthy habits, one choice at a time. When I was crowned Ms. Delaware this year, it was an incredible moment for me after such a long journey and I was very honored.

“In July, I traveled to Las Vegas to represent the state of Delaware and compete in the Ms. United States pageant. When I returned, I participated in interviews and talk shows, which gave me an avenue to get my message out to women all across the state. Through these outlets, I was able to share my message on strategies for living healthy every day.

“I think this experience has helped me continue to grow as an individual, professional, woman and mother. It was important to me to step up as a strong individual with confidence in myself and in my abilities, and now I feel stronger than ever.”

THE NATIONAL DAY ON WRITING

To write or not to write – that was the question at the National Day on Writing Celebration held October 20 at the People’s Library on the New Castle campus. Sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English, the celebration brought students, faculty and staff together to share their appreciation of writing. The Wilmington University community was also encouraged to submit writings to an online gallery that will be hosted until June 2010.

“Anyone and everyone is encouraged to share their creativity on our gallery,” said Katherine Cottle, Assistant Professor and English and Literature Coordinator.

To check out the gallery, visit http://galleryofwriting.org/galleries/138114.
Wilmington University is pleased to announce that baseball standouts CODY HOLLIDAY (Havre de Graces HS/Havre de Grace, MD) and PHIL AVIOLA (St. Mark’s HS/Newark, DE) have been selected in the Major League Baseball Draft. Cody was picked by the New York Mets in the 18th round (554th overall) on June 10, while Phil was tabbed in the 35th round (1,067th overall) by the Philadelphia Phillies. Cody and Phil are the first players from Wilmington to be drafted by a professional team since the ’Cats made the move to the NCAA in the summer of 2004.

Cody, who is a National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) All-American Honorable Mention selection, is a senior outfielder. This year, Cody was named Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) and Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference (ECAC) Player of the Year. He was a First Team All-Conference, First Team NCAA and American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA), ECAC, and NCBWA All-East Region selection.

“Playing professional baseball has been a lifelong dream of mine. As my collegiate career was starting to come to a close, I found myself wanting it to happen even more. Fortunately for me, we had a good year here at Wilmington and it all kind of worked out for me,” stated Cody. “I can’t begin to thank my family, Coach August, the rest of the coaching staff at Wilmington and the administration.”

Phil, a junior catcher/relief pitcher, was a two-time CACC All-Tournament team selection. In his three years at Wilmington, Phil won two CACC tournament titles. The Phillies plan to use Phil as a pitcher, as the hard-throwing right-hander has shown promise out of the bullpen.

“This is truly a dream come true for me, to see all the hard work I have ever put into the game has finally paid off,” stated Phil. “The support I have gotten from my family and coaches from Little League through college has helped me get to this point. I owe much of my success to Coach August, as he definitely has made me a much better all-around player.”

“I am so proud of both Cody and Phil,” said Coach Brian August. “Having these two student-athletes drafted is a huge accomplishment for our program and for the University as well. Phil and Cody are fine examples of how hard work can pay off.” WU
WATSON AND CORDREY NAMED TO DAKTRONICS ALL-EAST REGION SECOND TEAM

Softball’s LINDSAY WATSON (Sussex Central HS/Georgetown, DE) and AMANDA CORDREY (Sussex Central HS/Millsboro, DE) have been named to the Daktronics Softball All-East Region Second Team for their performances this season. The team is voted by the region’s Division II sports information directors. Daktronics is a world leader in programmable electronic signs, displays and scoreboards.

Lindsay, a junior third baseman, was a First Team All-Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) selection. She led the Wildcats in batting average, hits, runs, home runs, doubles, total bases, slugging percentage and on-base percentage. Lindsay collected 14 multi-hit games and is ranked in the top 10 in Division II in doubles per game. She made just six errors all season and had a fielding percentage of .955.

Amanda, a sophomore designated player, earned Second Team All-CACC honors. A transfer from Wheeling Jesuit University, she made an immediate impact on the Wildcat offense. Amanda led the team in RBIs while placing second in batting average, hits, doubles, on-base percentage and slugging percentage. She collected 13 multi-hit games and had eight multi-RBI games.

This duo helped the Wildcats to a 13-11 mark in the CACC and an overall record of 22-24.

Eight Wildcats Garner Academic All-CACC Honors for Spring

Eight Wilmington University student-athletes were named to the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference Spring 2009 All-Academic Team, the CACC announced.

In order to be named to the CACC All-Academic Team, recipients must have participated in a CACC spring championship sport, be at least a sophomore academically and athletically, have been a student at their current school for at least two semesters, and have achieved a cumulative grade-point-average of 3.5 or higher.

Congratulations to the following Wildcats (listed with GPA and major course of study):

HEATHER BUSH
Softball
(Jr./McKean HS/
Hockessin, DE)
3.50 in Sports Management

CATIE JOYNES
Women’s Lacrosse
(Sr./Bel Air HS/Bel Air, MD)
3.85 in Marketing

DANIELLE NICCOLI
Women’s Lacrosse
(Soph./Kenwood HS/
Sparrow’s Point, MD)
3.53 in Interactive Multimedia Design

KRISTIN TOMLINSON
Softball
(Soph./Sussex Central HS/Millsboro, DE)
3.62 in Psychology

BRITANY SHANER
Women’s Lacrosse
(Jr./Brandywine HS/
Wilmington, DE)
3.71 in Finance

LINDSAY WATSON
Softball
(Jr./Sussex Central HS/
Georgetown, DE)
3.55 in Criminal Justice

DAVE LEVIN
Baseball
(Soph./Brandywine HS/
Wilmington, DE)
3.78 in Sports Management
Wildcat Softball Hosts Pen Pals from Townsend Elementary

Players on the Wilmington University softball team hosted their pen pals from Townsend Elementary School on April 4 for a doubleheader against Lincoln University. The team has been corresponding with Mrs. Danielle Del Duco’s second-grade class since September, writing letters to the students twice a month.

The second-graders received t-shirts, had the chance to have their picture taken with the school’s mascot, enjoyed a pizza party, met their pen pals for the first time and watched the ’Cats in action on the diamond.

Despite the very windy conditions, everyone had a good time. “We had a great turnout with all but six students able to come out to the event,” stated Del Duco, a 2000 and 2004 graduate of Wilmington University. “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.”

Head coach Erin Harvey agreed. “Our student-athletes were looking forward to this all week,” she said. “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.”

Burcham Named CACC Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year

Danielle Burcham (C. Milton Wright HS/ Bel Air, MD) has been chosen as the 2008-09 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. The announcement was made by Commissioner Dan Mara.

Danielle, who is in her senior year as a member of the Wildcat women’s cross-country team, finished her junior year with a 3.92 GPA as an Interactive Multimedia Design major. She has been named to the CACC All-Academic team twice and is a two-time United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic selection. Furthermore, she was named to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District 2 first team in 2008-09, becoming the first Wilmington student-athlete to earn the accolade.

Setting a school record when she captured the CACC Individual Championship in the fall, Danielle covered the 5K course at Belmont Plateau in Philadelphia in 19:38. She followed that by placing 14th at the NCAA East Region Championship, becoming just the second CACC runner to earn All-Region honors. Danielle placed among the top 15 in every race in 2008 and was an All-CACC selection for the third straight season.
Wilmington University clinched the 2009 Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Baseball Tournament Championship this past May at Frawley Stadium with a 5-4 victory over top-seeded Dominican College. The Wildcats, who were the No. 3 seed for the tournament, earned the CACC’s automatic berth into the NCAA Division II East Region Tournament.

The winning run for the Wildcats came in the top of the seventh inning on an RBI single by senior OF CODY HOLLIDAY. J.T. GREGORY started the inning with a double, moved to third on a groundout and was driven home by Cody, who went 2-for-5 on the day. Junior left-hander CAMERON SAIENNI picked up the win for Wilmington by working six innings and allowing eight hits and four runs.

Dominican (37-12) rallied in the bottom of the eighth inning and loaded the bases with one out. However, J.T. moved from his shortstop position to take the mound and got the Wildcats out of the jam by striking out the final two batters of the inning. He also pitched the ninth to record his second save of the tournament.

For his efforts, J.T. was named to the All-Tournament team. Also earning All-Tournament honors for the Wildcats were junior catcher PHIL AVIOLA, sophomore starting pitcher JOE HARRIS, Cody Holliday and freshman pitcher/catcher MIKE GODWIN, who was named Tournament MVP.
A room filled with ladies in elegant evening gowns, gentlemen wearing tailored tuxedos enjoying the delectable tastes from Delaware’s finest restaurants, and the sound of an electric guitar resonating around the room. This was the scene at Wilmington University’s Green & White Scholarship Ball, a masquerade party held on October 31. Designed as a fundraiser to support student scholarships, the Ball raised more than $105,450 for scholarships and other student benefits.

“The fact that so many people participated in the Ball as sponsors, donors, volunteers and in-kind gift givers, particularly in these challenging economic times, makes us even more grateful for their support,” said Dr. Thomas B. Cupples, Assistant Vice President in the Office of the President. Dr. Cupples, along with the Alumni Relations Department and the Green and White Ball committee, helped to plan and organize the Ball. “We had 120 vendors and musicians and over 50 volunteers, we
couldn’t have done it without them,” added Gloria Johnson, the General Co-Chair of the event.

President Dr. Jack Varsalona said he was ecstatic with the turnout and even more pleased to meet some of the scholarship recipients in person. “It is part of the University mission to ensure that all who seek access to a higher education are granted that access, regardless of their income,” said Dr. Varsalona. “That is why we are so touched by the kindness of all of these donors. They are paving the path of success for hundreds of future Wilmington University students.”

A magical evening for all, the Ball began as the guests, under a full moon, walked down the green carpet while the Jim Laushey Dixiecats band played. Next, guests entered the Green and White Ballroom, which featured a silent auction, champagne, delicious desserts and the energetic rock and roll band, The Funsters. Thanks to the donors, the silent auction was a great success, raising more than $12,500 toward student scholarships.

The event featured seven different party rooms, each themed with the flavors, décor and music of a culture from across the globe. For those looking for some pub singing and lagers, the Irish Pub room was the perfect fit with Fisher and Maher singing the authentic sounds of the Emerald Isle. Down the hall, guests were thrust into the old Southwest and serenaded by the sounds of the Maya Mariachi band. A step into the Caribbean Islands room was sure to sweep you away to the tropics as Raymond Charles and the Caribbean Authentics jammed on steel drums.

Over in the Asian room, classical musicians Snow Shen and Yinji Cui entertained the crowd as sushi chefs served a fantastic meal. The Tour of Italy room featured mouth-watering ravioli coupled with the smooth vocals of Sergio and Francesco. Meanwhile, upstairs the attendees sampled seafood, danced the night away to The Creative Jazz Ensemble and sipped on Hurricane drinks in the New Orleans Jazz room.

Guests Lyle Frederick and wife Dede said they had a great night. “We are happy to be a part of the first of hopefully many to come scholarship balls at Wilmington University,” said Frederick. Dede added, “We think the format is great and has a very different flare to it. ... We will definitely be back next year.” WU
1. Gloria Johnson and her husband Henry Dickerson.

2. Left to right: Frank Fantini, Editor and Publisher, Fantini Gaming Report; Delaware House Majority Leader Richard Cathcart; Linda Cathcart; Ali Stark, Dover Attorney and Wilmington University Alum; and Donna Stone, Dover Branch Manager at TD Bank.

3. Dr. Varsalona with some of the 2009 scholarship recipients: Front row (left to right): Dr. Jack Varsalona, Thalis Meadows, Ashley Callaway, Elizabeth Sabrowskie, Paul Riggi, Chalisa Smith and Kimyatha Timberlake. Back row: (left to right): Alaina Townsend, Jordan Hines, Mike Holley, Colm Smith, Wandile Maseko and Rob Rescigno.

4. Standing: Josh Pro. Seated from left to right: Brian Beard; Kristen Beard; Josh’s fiancée, Stephanie Campbell; and Joe Pro, President of Alumni Association.

5. These mystery guests looked ravishing in their fanciful masks.

6. From left to right: Ray Wildman, Robert Eleuterio and Suki Deen.

7. From left to right: Wilmington University alumnus Jack Glacken, President of TGI Communications Group, Wilmington University President Dr. Jack Varsalona and Assistant Vice President of Public Relations Chris Pitcher.

8. Ron Brand, Vice President of Finance at the Burlington County College Foundation, and his wife.

9. Debra Pro, Administrative Assistant in the College of Social & Behavioral Sciences, and Joe Pro, President of the Alumni Association.

10. Bruce Leff and his wife Phyllis Leff.

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This fall, the Legal Studies program was granted approval by the American Bar Association.

The conference room table was stacked with boxes and binders, meeting rooms were reserved and food was ordered, all in preparation for a two-day site visit by the American Bar Association (ABA) in early February. The visit was in response to a petition filed almost two years ago by the Legal Studies program. In the petition, the Legal Studies program sought ABA approval for the Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies and Post-Bachelor certificate in Legal Studies.

One hundred lawyers from 21 states founded the American Bar Association on August 21, 1878, in Saratoga Springs, N.Y. It is a national organization whose purpose is “the advancement of the science of jurisprudence, the promotion of the administration of justice and a uniformity of legislation throughout the country.” They began by providing a forum for lawyers to discuss the complex issues of legal practice, and later became involved in legal education by standardizing the accreditation of law schools. It would be almost a century before they began to promote paralegal education, thus increasing the pool of qualified non-attorney professionals who assist in the delivery of cost-effective legal services.

When Wilmington University launched the Legal Studies program in 2003, former Dean George Bellenger and Assistant Professor Dr. Norman Runge traveled to the ABA headquarters in Chicago to discuss their desire to create a quality program that would eventually possess a formal endorsement from the ABA. They knew such an endorsement would enhance the reputation of the program, the University and its graduates.

After a successful two-day site visit in
After 10 years of being out of the classroom, Jim McBride decided it was finally time to get back and do what he had always wanted to do—obtain his bachelor’s degree. As spring turned to summer and summer melted into fall, he met with Troy Grandel, coordinator of the Government and Public Policy program. He then registered online, got his textbooks and anxiously took a seat in his first class at Wilmington University.

But this was not Jim’s first time at Wilmington College. “The Clinton years,” recalled Jim with a smile, “I was a business major here in 1995. Things were going well until halfway through my freshman year when I was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes.” Jim thought it was best to leave school and focus on his health while toiling in the family business. And so Jim worked hard, got married and watched his three children grow up.

When his father passed away, Jim began to think about his life and that half-finished degree. “It always bothered me that I didn’t finish that degree,” Jim said. “It’s very awkward in the business community to not have a degree when you are out at social gatherings. I decided I was going to put it on my bucket list.”

Jim thought long and hard about his next move, and he remembered the great professors and positive atmosphere at Wilmington University. He knew he had to go back. “I thought to myself, if I’m going to get a degree, I want to do something I am interested in. I hadn’t always been interested in politics until this ordeal,” said Jim. “A few years ago, a good friend of mine who is a property owner was fighting eminent domain abuse, and I decided to learn more about it. I realized that this was something I was interested in and was very excited to see that it was being offered at Wilmington University.” That fall as Jim watched his boys, who are now men, pack their bags to head off to University, he, too, was packing his bags to go back to school. “I want to lead by example,” Jim said. “I want to be proud and say I earned my degree from Wilmington University. It’s a great school.”
Dr. Amy Patrick manages the master’s program while building links with New Jersey students.

Dr. Amy L. Patrick has been appointed Assistant Professor and Coordinator of the Master of Science Management (MSM) program. She replaces Joe Holler, who retired on June 30.

Patrick earned her B.A., MBA, and Ed.D. from Wilmington University, where she has taught face-to-face and distance learning undergraduate marketing and management courses as an adjunct professor for eight years. She also spent four years with DuPont working in sales, marketing and data analytics, and was a senior manager at AstraZeneca.

In her new position, Patrick is also responsible for the College of Business’ undergraduate business programs in New Jersey, where she lives with her family in Pennsville. “My goal is to expand our reach in New Jersey and assure customer satisfaction,” Patrick said.

The purpose of the Master of Science in Management program is to provide the management practitioner with scholastic depth and contemporary skills to meet the challenges of today’s global organization. The program consists of 12 three-credit courses; students may choose concentrations in management, health care administration, homeland security, human resource management, marketing, organizational leadership and public administration. The MSM degree also offers a concentration in military leadership available only to selected members of the Delaware National Guard.

The New Jersey program offers undergraduate degrees in management, accounting and human resource management. Courses are taught at Burlington County College and Cumberland County College.
NUMBERS, NUMBERS, NUMBERS …

Business people like numbers — everything from buying and selling prices, profits and percentages to statistics, surveys and standard deviations. Here are just a few “numbers” gleaned from the most recent Wilmington University Factbook:

- **41.81%** The total growth rate over the last five years, representing 2,581 undergraduate business students and 1,347 graduate students, for a total of 3,928 (compared to 2,770 in the 2004-2005 academic school year).

- **355** The number of undergraduate business-degree recipients, the largest number of the 1,071 total undergraduate degrees conferred by the University this past year. This number represents a 20.75 percent growth rate since five years ago.

- **1,607** The number of undergraduate business applicants, making business the No. 1 area of interest for incoming students and representing more than 33 percent of all University applicants for 2008-2009. This number also represents a 171.45 percent increase since the 2004-2005 school year.

These are just a few of the numbers that help to tell the College of Business’ story. There are many others, including the number of new full-time and part-time faculty hired; the number of new courses, programs and certificates offered; and the numbers that measure teaching and course effectiveness and assess how well we are meeting learning objectives. The bottom line, however, is that business isn’t all about numbers. Yet, these numbers help us to measure where we are in our quest to be No. 1 in all facets of higher education.

HONORS HRM STUDENT RECEIVES FELLOWSHIP

TAMMY RAYNE, a Human Resource Management (HRM) honors student, recently received a $1,000 Fellowship from Sigma Beta Delta, the International Honor Society for Business Management and Administration. The award symbolizes the Society’s commitment to encourage and recognize scholarship.

The honors program is a combined-degree program wherein students receive bachelor’s and master’s degrees simultaneously.

Tammy will become a graduate student in January in the Master of Science in Management program at Wilmington University. She resides in Dover, where she is employed at Goodfeet, a franchise shoe store.

Small Business Certificate Offered

T he College of Business has launched a unique program that allows area business owners to earn full university credit for five business courses that make up the Certificate of Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management. Students choose five courses from a menu of nine.

"With the constant increase in growth of small business, we felt that the need for prepared entrepreneurs and small business owners is critical," explained Lynda Fuller, Business Management Program Coordinator and originator of the certificate program.

"This program provides a means for small business owners to gain needed information to more effectively manage their business and increase their qualifications through academic certification," she said.

Depending on their needs, students may choose five courses from the following: Small Business Law, Small Business Finance, Entrepreneurship, Small Business Management, Accounting, Operations Management, Sales Force Management, Supervision and Human Resource Management. Additionally, they take a one-credit required workshop on customer service. Based upon each student’s business experience, course prerequisites may be waived, and a Prior Learning Assessment also may be considered for business or work experience.

"This certificate is the perfect starting point toward a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management and other undergraduate business programs at Wilmington University," Fuller said.

For more information on the Entrepreneurship and Small Business Management certificate, contact the Admissions Office at 1-877-967-5464.
THE NEW FAMILY BUSINESS

Leandra Lewis and her mother Vanessa Preston completed their Master of Education degrees together.

IT IS THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS for Leandra Lewis and she is busy preparing her classroom for the rush of first-graders ready to barge through the door. Across town, Leandra’s mother, Vanessa Preston, is prepping her classroom, too. Putting together her notes, she excitedly awaits her new batch of fifth-graders.

Just two years ago, these women were working in a very different environment. “I was a legal assistant at a law firm in downtown Wilmington,” says Vanessa, who had always secretly wanted to be a teacher, “Even at the law firm I would constantly find myself taking on the role of a teacher, whether it was training other staff members or mentoring new employees.”

Leandra worked in the financial industry for 10 years before deciding to go into education. “I wasn’t really sure if I wanted to become a teacher,” she says. “I didn’t think I was going to be good with kids. But if I had known what I know now, I would have started teaching years ago.”

After years in the business world, this mother and daughter team began the transition from the office to the classroom when Vanessa decided to enroll at Wilmington University and earn her Master of Education degree.

“A few years ago, I had spine surgery,” recalls Vanessa. “Being out of work for six months gave me a chance to reflect on what I really wanted to do and I realized that I needed to follow my dreams.” That’s when she decided to go back to school. She enrolled at Wilmington University in the fall of 2006. “When I first started I was so nervous about being an older student,” Vanessa says, “but when I saw there were students just like me, I felt okay! I was so excited, I called my
daughter and said, “This is the best! You should join me!”

“And I did,” chimes in Leandra. “A semester after my mother, I enrolled in the same program. I was looking for something convenient — having two kids, commuting from Philadelphia and working, too, it was a relief to see I could take night and hybrid courses.”

Dr. Sylvia Brooks, Coordinator for Clinical Studies, and Tony Ligatti, the Student Teacher Supervisor, worked with the two women and helped introduce them into a real classroom. Occasionally the mother and daughter took classes together. “From their interactions in the classroom, you wouldn’t have known they were a mother-daughter team, per se, but they were both excellent students,” says Professor Marsha Horton. “They were a pleasure to teach!”

“Leandra would help me stay on top of my assignments,” says Vanessa, who had to get readjusted to college life. Meanwhile, Vanessa helped Leandra stay passionate about teaching. “I inspired Leandra to go back to college; now there is no stopping her,” says Vanessa. “She is now going on to get her master’s degree at Wilmington University. She loves being in school.”

Upon graduation, both ladies were quickly employed by the Brandywine School District. Vanessa is now a fifth-grade teacher at Claymont Elementary School and Leandra teaches first-graders at Brandywood Elementary School.

“I absolutely love teaching,” exclaims Vanessa. “Every day I look forward to inspiring others and seeing these children grow.” Leandra is just as eager, and she is especially excited to share her work experiences with her mother. “She’s not just my mom,” says Leandra, “she is my best friend.” WU

Imagine this: You are a working parent with a middle school-aged child. It’s summer. No school. Camp is over for the day, pick-up is at 5:30, and your child greets you with, “Hey! It’s time to go to the reading clinic. We won’t be late, will we?”

This summer, that is what many parents experienced, while their children were participating in Ready! Set! Read!, a clinic that is part of the College of Education’s M.Ed. in Reading degree. The program, which is offered at locations throughout Delaware, involved many individuals working with 135 Delaware school-age children. The College of Education provided consumable materials, supplies and instructional materials, and the People’s Library purchased high-interest books for children and youth.

When the Dean asked, “What will happen if we get 500 children?”, the answer was, “We’ll sing, dance . . . and scramble!” — which is exactly what the WU graduate degree candidates did this summer. The results of providing one-on-one tutoring, a small group component and workshops for parents underscored the need for a program like this.

Children experienced a change in their confidence and attitude about reading. They discovered that a book report doesn’t have to be just a three-page narrative, and that words can have many meanings based on their context. By playing games or doing dramatic presentations, they found out that they can connect what they read to real-life experiences. Parents and grandparents began to see their children as readers. Report-card grades and test scores have begun improving.

Ready! Set! Read! proved itself to be a great way for Wilmington University students to support local schools, parents and communities.
CONGRATULATIONS to Jane Boyd, who was recently honored as the Delaware School Nurse of the Year for 2009. A public school nurse at Long Neck Elementary School in the Indian River School District, Boyd received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Wilmington University in 1992 and completed her Master of Nursing Leadership: Educator degree in 2006. That same year, she received an academic award for graduate nursing from Wilmington University. Since graduation, Boyd has taught several undergraduate nursing and general studies courses at the University.

Boyd has been a registered nurse in Sussex County for more than 22 years. As a 1986 Beebe School of Nursing Diploma graduate, Boyd began her career as a hospital staff nurse; however, she quickly realized that furthering her nursing education was crucial in order to expand her role. She feels that both the undergraduate and graduate nursing programs at Wilmington University have given her the opportunity to explore nursing leadership positions, and that she is guided by excellent role models and mentors. This influence motivated her to strive toward

News and Happenings

- **BARBARA SARTELL** was nominated for Advanced Practice Nurse of the Year through the Delaware Nurses’ Association.

- **HOLLY MARVEL**, 2009 BSN Graduate, was the commencement speaker at the Georgetown graduation ceremony in May 2009.
providing the highest quality of nursing care, maintaining competence as a nurse and promoting the profession of nursing.

Boyd values the education she obtained from Wilmington University and credits it for giving her the solid foundation on which she practices as a school nurse today. Boyd was quick to share, “Daily, I steer my school community toward well-being through health promotion and health education, all of which are the crux of the undergraduate nursing curriculum.” In terms of promoting the profession of nursing, she further stated, “I seek ways to spotlight nursing and encourage my colleagues to actively get involved.”

Recently, Boyd had the opportunity to participate in the National Association of School Nursing (NASN) anaphylaxis video campaign and the Johnson & Johnson Discover Nursing media campaign. “Through the video campaign, I was able to work with NASN and be part of a creative educational tool,” she said. “I am not sure if I would have been empowered to participate in media campaigns if I had not had the exposure to public speaking that I gained in the graduate nursing program.”

The nursing faculty is also empowered by, and celebrates in, Boyd’s success.

Where in the World … Are WU Nursing Students?

This summer, Irene Kiragu, a BSN student at Wilmington University, was shocked to discover that she had received recognition from the International Scholar Laureate Program (ISLP), which allowed her to visit South Africa for several weeks. The program gives students the opportunity to enhance their learning experiences by being immersed in a new cultural environment.

Irene’s journey allowed her to visit numerous sites, among them clinics devoted to the care of HIV and TB patients, orphanages, and state and private hospitals, as well as many historical sites, such as Soweto with its tragic legacy of apartheid. Her group attended a lecture by professors at the University of the Western Cape, who spoke of nursing challenges, pandemic concerns and government response.

Irene reflected, “The trip provided great insight on the political, cultural and economic climate of South Africa.” She added that the trip gave her a better perspective on how nursing is practiced in other parts of the world.
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TO SERVE AND EDUCATE

Welcoming Scott McLaren, a proud WU graduate, as the new Assistant Director of University Safety.

Scott McLaren pursued his education while climbing the ranks in the NCCPD.

When Scott McLaren was a rising star in the New Castle County Police Department (NCCPD), he received some advice from his Colonel – get your bachelor’s degree. Based on the glowing recommendations he received from colleagues, McLaren chose to continue his education at Wilmington University, “for the reputation of the instructors who were experts in their fields. I wanted to learn from those who had practical experience.” Shortly after receiving his Bachelor’s degree in Criminal Justice, he was promoted to the rank of Captain and then Lt. Colonel, serving as Acting Chief of Police for 14 months.

During his 23 years in law enforcement, 1993 was a highlight. That year, McLaren was named Detective of the Year for his work on a homicide case in which a woman was the victim of an ax murderer. He also received the First Annual Civil Rights Award for the first successfully prosecuted hate crime in Delaware from the International Association of Chiefs of Police. In addition to specialized professional training at the F.B.I. National Academy, Police Executive Research Forum at Harvard and Office of Homeland Security, McLaren earned his Master’s degree in the Administration of Justice with a concentration in Homeland Security at Wilmington University in 2008. He currently serves as a member of the FEMA Regional Advisory Council.

While Acting Chief, McLaren and his team at NCCPD initiated Geographical Information System Crime Mapping, which provides law enforcement with a better understanding of the underlying
causes related to crime. That program is now recognized as a model program for the country.

McLaren is most proud of the Critical Incident Stress Management program he implemented. He describes the program as a way to "help officers get through dealing with critical incidents they deal with, such as suicides, child abuse, child deaths, graphic murder scenes and the use of deadly force. This program works." Officers selected for this team of "Peer De-briefers" are specially trained and work on a volunteer basis. "I am still active and will go anywhere to assist another officer," said McLaren.

As for his most memorable Wilmington University experience, McLaren points to his study abroad trip to Ireland with Dr. Thomas Cupples as a "learning and life experience." While Dr. Cupples impressed McLaren with his extensive knowledge of Ireland and its criminal justice system, he also was impressed with Mrs. Cupples, who accompanied the group and "accepted all the students as friends."

Looking back on his law enforcement career, McLaren said he is "honored to have served with some of the best officers in the country who always went the extra mile." He also credits his wife of 17 years, Laurie, as his major support system.

Following his retirement from the NCCPD, McLaren joined Wilmington University as the Assistant Director of University Safety. He also will teach in the Criminal Justice Program. And as for that NCCPD Colonel who recommended that McLaren pursue his education? None other than Colonel (Retired) Dr. Jack Cunningham, Director of University Safety at WU and McLaren’s new boss! WU

When Patricia Spratley graduated from Chester High School in 1985, she knew that a college education would afford her the opportunity for a better life. But her dreams of college were hushed when, as the teen mother of a child with autism, she came face to face with the financial and family challenges of the real world. While working in administrative support positions at a correctional facility in Pennsylvania after high school and, more recently, for the State of Delaware, Patricia realized what she had to do. To accomplish her goal of working either with persons with disabilities or youth in the juvenile corrections system, she had to obtain a bachelor’s degree.

It took Patricia 20 years to finally get back into a classroom. While raising three children and working full time, she attended Del Tech and then transferred to Wilmington University. When she enrolled at WU as a full-time student, Patricia chose the Organizational Dynamics program because of her experiences in the workplace. "The Organizational Dynamics program,” Patricia believes, “offers practical and applied knowledge with classes that are formatted towards adults with work experience and a background in organizations."

Patricia’s hard work has been acknowledged by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) - Wilmington chapter. In 2008 and again this year, Patricia was awarded an AAUW scholarship. Patricia mused that the AAUW decided she was "worth the investment" in 2008, and "still had faith in me" to honor her with a second award in 2009.

Patricia’s philosophy is that "all things are possible." She believes that, "if you are persistent and persevere, success will follow. Align yourself with mentors and positive people – their encouragement is helpful, especially on those days when you struggle the most with educational and family challenges."

She anticipates graduating from the Organizational Dynamics program in January 2010 and hopes to pursue her graduate degree in the Administration of Human Services.

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Scott Shaw knows all the tricks of the trade, the ins and outs of software, and he’s joining WU full time!

Scott Shaw, with his long dreads and cool-as-a-cucumber demeanor, is a familiar face in the College of Technology, but is now on board as a full-time faculty member. Shaw has been teaching Multimedia Design and Studio Production for more than seven years. He has taught at Cecil College, the Delaware College of Art and Design and Wilmington University, and has also owned and operated Third Row, “a post-production visual effects and motion graphics production house.”

Shaw has developed sizeable learning management systems incorporating

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Students to Participate in U.S. Cyber Challenge

Wilmington University students will be among 10,000 American youth involved in the U.S. Cyber Challenge, a program introduced by the Center for Strategic and International Studies. The program, announced this summer by Senator Tom Carper (D), is intended to encourage high school and college students to enter careers in cyber security, as well as teaching students advanced skills in computer network security.

The state of Delaware is one of three partner states helping lead this Cyber Challenge. Wilmington University and the University of Delaware are locations for the program, and students from both institutions are eligible to participate.

For more information on the U.S. Cyber Challenge, visit www.csis.org/uscc. To learn about Wilmington University’s involvement, contact Mark Hufe in the College of Technology at 302-356-6869.
Of this fall, Wilmington University Drama students are privy to a new workspace: a real, working theater fully equipped with lights, sets, curtains and green rooms. This is all thanks to a recent partnership between Wilmington University and the Wilmington Drama League, one of the oldest non-profit theater organizations in the Delaware Valley. This partnership will offer Wilmington University Drama students a chance to rehearse, act and develop their skills on a real stage.

“What a great opportunity for our students,” said Joel Tau, Adjunct Professor of Drama. “We are among the first in our area to establish a relationship with a community theater, and this collaboration opens up a whole new path for our students, not just theatrically but in set design, directing, lighting, and more.”

Now students who are enrolled in any of the five courses that make up the Drama minor will spend four classes working in the theater. Set designers, lighting and sound designers, as well as actors and stage directors from the Wilmington Drama League, will be available to help coach the students and teach them the ropes. As part of their capstone projects in the minor, students will be expected to put on a full play with students acting, directing and working backstage. This will give students a real taste of the challenges of bringing a play to life.

Thato Dadson is a graduate of the University’s Television and Studio Production program. While in college, he took several drama classes and enjoyed the experience immensely. “I think this is going to be great,” said Dadson, who has been acting since he was a young child. “It gives people like me that full experience that you really need to be a good actor.”

Erich Carpenter, a Secondary Education student with a minor in Drama and History, echoes Dadson’s sentiments. Carpenter commented, “I’m very excited about acting at the Wilmington Drama League. Before I started at Wilmington University, I didn’t know I wanted to be an actor. But when I saw an acting class freshman year, I decided to sign up. Ever since then acting has been my dream.”

This opportunity is helping more students realize the true words of the Bard himself: All the world really is a stage.
Lori Sitler’s interest in crime victims was sparked when she was an undergrad-uate criminal justice major. It was solidified after she completed her senior year internship at a rape crisis center in Philadelphia. “It was clear to me, after having worked with victims of sexual assault as a crisis responder in the emergency room and the courtroom, that this was my passion,” said Sitler. “Critical victim services needed to be made widely available to individuals, and policy level changes desperately needed to occur.”

And so Sitler began working to ensure a more inclusive justice system through her work as the director of victim/witness services for the Delaware Department of Justice – Office of the Attorney General, where, in addition to administrative duties, she carried a caseload of family members of murder victims. She helped author and lobby for the Delaware Victims’ Bill of Rights and other key legislation in her role as the chairperson of the Victims’ Rights Task Force and later as the coordinator of a child abuse prevention program. She continues to work as a board member of non-profit organizations that provide services to crime victims.

For the graduate Victimology course Sitler teaches, her contacts in the field provide the class with an impressive roster of guest speakers. “I want my students to be exposed to the leaders in the field and to have an opportunity to learn about the latest programs, legislative initiatives and research that is shaping services and policies related to crime victims,” Sitler remarked. Students not only analyze victimization theories through group and individual work, but also create a portfolio of current research articles on a specific area of crime victimization.

The Victimology course, offered as an elective in both the modular and distance learning formats, exposes MAJ students to the “other half” of the justice system. Sitler’s goal is to help create criminal justice professionals who are knowledgeable and aware of the impact of crime on all involved – including the victim.

CLASS STATS:

PREREQUISITES
• None

READINGS
• “Victimology” by William G. Doerner and Steven P. Lab
• Choice of an additional autobiographical book by a victim of crime
• Several topical articles posted to Blackboard

ASSIGMENTS
• Group project
• Short written assignment
• Research article portfolio
• Class presentations

ABOUT THE PROFESSOR
Lorraine (Lori) Sitler graduated from La Salle University with a degree in Criminal Justice and minor in Women’s Studies. She holds two Masters’ degrees from the Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work and Social Research, the first in Social Work and the second in Law and Social Policy. She joined the full-time faculty in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences as an Assistant Professor in April 2005.
The morning sun was rising over the valley as the bus arrived at the water-ravaged village of Owego, New York. As the volunteers stepped out of the bus, they were taken aback at the sight before them: houses that were once called home were now beaten, tattered and torn. Scott Vanderwall, Secretary in the College of Education, was one of the volunteers on that humid, July morning, and this was a scene he was all too familiar with.

Since the age of 15, Vanderwall has volunteered every summer with a faith-based organization that helps hundreds of people who have lost their homes. Each summer they pick a particular area of the country that needs the most help and send volunteers to rebuild homes in the region.

“You stay a week and work on a particular home that you are assigned,” explained Vanderwall, who slept in a sleeping bag on a gym floor this summer alongside 120 other volunteers. “There are six people in your crew, each with a different responsibility. Your group has a professional mentor, someone that rebuilds homes for a living, who can share his or her expertise. It’s a lot of work, but it is such a great experience.”

This year, Vanderwall worked with a team rebuilding a trailer that had been torn apart by the 2006 flood of the Susquehanna River. Jim, the homeowner, was anxiously watching the rebuilding process every step of the way. “Hundreds of people lost their homes,” said Vanderwall, “While I was there, a local pointed to a bridge that crossed over the river. He told me the water was so high it was at bridge level. They had to shut it down. That’s how bad it was.”

As Vanderwall and the crew began repairing the trailer, Jim’s eyes lit up. “Every resident I have ever worked with has been excited to see us,” said Vanderwall. “You can always see a transformation in them. At the beginning, you see the sadness in their eyes, but by the end of the week they have a twinkle in their eye, their spirits have been lifted. It’s really amazing how repairing dry wall, fixing a door and these little things can make someone’s life so much better.”

And it is that twinkle in their eyes that keeps Vanderwall coming back every summer. “Each one of these missions touches you in a different way. Just to see the smile on people’s faces drives me to keep volunteering every summer.” As the team put the final touches on Jim’s trailer, he ran over and thanked them from the bottom of his heart. After packing up, the volunteers hopped back onto the bus for their sunset drive home through the mountains. All through the 30-minute drive, no one said a word, but no one had to, because it had all been said. **WU**
Day 1

HEATHER: I had been to Asia before, traveling around China and Korea, but this was my first time in Vietnam. When we landed, I was exhausted but exhilarated at the same time. We left at 3:00 in the morning and got there at 10:00 a.m. the next day. It was a very long trip. But we were so excited by the opportunity to meet people and learn about their culture that we were not jetlagged at all.

SALLIE: After traveling for almost 24 hours, we got in the car and headed to the hotel. The first major culture shock I faced was the traffic patterns. There seemed to be no sense of order or rules. There were no pedestrian crossings and people would just walk in the middle of the road or cross through traffic. Cars would just go around you or stop for you. But it was pretty scary.

NICOLE: I called it organized chaos. There was no sense of traffic lights, right of ways. It was every man for himself, but it worked for them. It was amazing to watch, actually. There were a lot of scooters or motorbikes. I remember hearing that years ago you would rarely see a vehicle. Now they say there are more and more vehicles on the road and it is starting to cause traffic jams. Don’t be fooled though, riding a scooter there is like driving a truck to us. They can transport almost anything on a scooter.

HEATHER: You would see an entire family sitting on the back of a moped: mom, dad and three little children. When we got back to the hotel, I went straight to bed. I was exhausted.

SALLIE: We didn’t! Nicole and I decided to go out and explore the town. I think I had too much adrenaline pumping through me to sleep.
Day 2

Heather: On Saturday morning, we took a three-hour bus ride to Ha Long Bay, which is a famous, scenic bay in Vietnam.

Sallie: This is a place where several Hollywood movies have been shot, including the James Bond film, “Tomorrow Never Dies.”

Nicole: It was a beautiful place – I think my favorite place on the entire trip. Simply breathtaking by the lagoons, untouched beaches and amazing caves. They say it is one of the smallest wonders in the world.

Heather: Day two was our day of rest. It was pretty much our only day of rest because the rest of the time was carefully planned out for us. So we got on the bus, Sallie brought her pillow...

Sallie: I always bring my pillow...

Heather: And we got to see the country. It gave us our first view of the lack of infrastructure. There were no highways, just a series of small two-lane roads.

Nicole: When driving around, it isn’t uncommon to see locals wearing masks due to all the dust and dirt on the roads.

Heather: We did learn quite a bit about their education system. It’s a state-supported system, so tuition amounted to about $100 a year. There were about 30,000 students at Hanoi International University.

Nicole: From what I noticed, the students all had school uniforms. The males wore uniforms similar to here in the states, whereas the females wore beautiful white silk dresses.

Heather: They were all very entrepreneurial. Lots of business-minded people. Everyone was telling us how there was a real need for managerial workers. They had CEOs and workers, but they needed more mid-level workers. That’s why they were trying to get more students enrolled in their MBA programs, to fill that gap.

Sallie: And they wanted their students to gain an international perspective. They wanted them to participate in study abroad programs and learn English.

Nicole: I was very impressed with how many students spoke English. It is a big part of their curriculum.

Heather: They spoke English so well.

Nicole: Most of the students rode bicycles to class. That was the most common form of school transportation. We did see a vehicle that they called a school bus, not the school bus that you and I are used to seeing. This vehicle sat about six people and was comparable to sitting in the back of a truck, although it did have the coloring of our traditional school buses. I think I took for granted that we have the privilege to jump on the computer in the comfort of our own home. There, most have to go to computer centers to have time to either communicate or learn via the computer. I really got the sense that higher education was viewed as a privilege in this country.

Day 4

Sallie: On Monday morning, we went to see Dr. Nguyễn Quang Hòa Binh, head of the center for Educational Technology and Career Development at Vietnam International University.

Heather: We were invited into a huge conference room. The staff was so gracious. There was an unexplainable amount of food and gifts.
SALLIE: There was a certain way you had to give each other business cards. You had to hold the business card in your hands and bow to each other as you handed out the business cards.

HEATHER: And there was a big ceremony where you give them gifts and they give you gifts. It was such an interesting experience.

NICOLE: We had to speak through an interpreter. And Sallie translated our PowerPoint slides into Vietnamese.

SALLIE: There was an exchange of ideas. We found out what their students were looking for, what kind of programs they offered, how they operated. And they found out about our system of higher education, how much our tuition was, how many students we had.

HEATHER: They stressed the need to educate everyone and how important education was.

NICOLE: Then we got to meet some of their students in the classroom.

HEATHER: The students were eager to talk to us.

SALLIE: We also got a chance to really experience the food.

NICOLE: The food was very different from the traditional American food. Everything you ate was fresh and from the land and they took pride in their presentation of food.

HEATHER: I’m a much more adventurous eater than these two.

SALLIE: The fish was amazing, and all the fresh fruits and vegetables. But there were some foods in the market that I would never touch.

NICOLE: The entire journey was just so great: the people, their kindness, hospitality, sense of simplicity and contentment. I personally learned a lot about the history and the people of Vietnam. I would absolutely do it again.

SALLIE: I was extra thankful that I had the opportunity to do this because I was a little apprehensive at first, but I am so glad I went.

HEATHER: It was great being able to discover a new land, talk to people and gain a new perspective on our own system of education. From beginning to end, this experience was very eye-opening and humbling.

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Professor Dinh Khang Visits Wilmington University

Last April, Wilmington University invited Professor Dinh Khang from Hong Bang University (HBU) to visit our campus. Sallie, Heather and Nicole met Professor Khang in Vietnam, and he was very interested in learning more about the University and visiting the New Castle campus. Dr. Khang says he was particularly interested in learning about online and distance learning, as it is something they would like to initiate in Vietnam. He would also like to learn more about our business programs. Dr. Khang presented several Wilmington University administrators with gifts from Vietnam and hopes to continue a relationship between WU and HBU.
Major General Frank Vavala, a graduate of Wilmington University (B.S Business Management), stands on the tarmac at the McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey as a huge Lockheed C-130 Hercules aircraft lands seamlessly on the runway. He watches the plane come to a complete stop, and then, along with several other members of the Delaware National Guard, makes his way across the airstrip. Delaware Governor Jack Markell and Vavala are among the first to greet the men and women exiting the plane. They are Delaware’s finest men and women, and Vavala is happy to welcome them home.

“There are 300 Delawareans in Iraq and Afghanistan right now,” says Vavala. “About 110 of them are on that plane, and one of them is the Vice President’s son, Beau.” Vavala says this is one of the best parts of his job. “I am blessed to work with such great Americans.”

Sitting in the library at the Wilmington headquarters of the Delaware National Guard, Vavala is surrounded by intricate oil paintings, books dating back to the First World War, and a bright blue Delaware flag. “Delaware has a lot of history,” says Vavala. “One of my biggest goals is to bring recognition to this state.”

With a personal history as rich as the paintings that surround him, Vavala was born in 1947 in Wilmington, Del. His father’s family emigrated to the U.S. from Italy, and his mother’s family was part of the big Irish immigration of 1818.

“There’s a tradition of service in my family,” says Vavala. “My father served in World War II and came out of the active army after serving in the South Pacific as a Master Sergeant.” His father went on to join the Delaware Army National Guard, where he served for 26 years. “I remember as a kid, he would take me with him to the various armories and I would play on the trucks and equipment. … It just seemed logical that I would join the same organization that he was associated with.”

In 1969, Vavala joined the National Guard as a private and never looked back. “I wanted to be all that I could be,” says Vavala, “so, in June of 1969, I joined Officer Candidate School and was commissioned in 1970 as a 2nd Lieutenant.” Over the years he climbed the ranks, serving in the aviation unit and bringing some of the first helicopters to Delaware.

Meanwhile, Vavala started thinking about going back to school. “At the time I was working for DuPont,” he remembers, “and they encouraged their employees to pursue higher degrees. So in the early 1970s, I began taking classes at Wilmington College. … It was very convenient and the curriculum was very supportive of individuals like me who had full-time jobs.”

Vavala says earning his degree was one of the best decisions he has made. “Management is management, no matter if you are in the business world or in the military world. When I became the Major General of the Delaware Army National Guard, I brought a lot of the skills I learned in the classroom with me.”

For now, Vavala enjoys working hard to recruit, train and coordinate the men and women who comprise the Delaware Army National Guard. He is proud to be a Delawarean and lives by a simple philosophy of life: “Do your best, do what’s right and treat others with respect.”
I pull up to the house of Theresa del Tufo, adjunct professor at Wilmington University, on a hot morning in mid-August. The air is thick as I walk up the steps that lead to the quaint suburban home. “Come on in,” says del Tufo as she opens the door. “It’s very nice to meet you.” Looking around the house, I am tantalized by the wondrous décor. Fabrics from foreign lands mix with beautiful artwork and furniture; every surface is filled with pictures of family and friends.

“Thank you for having me, Theresa”

“Please, call me Tes,” she says.

Tes is a petite woman who doesn’t stand much over five feet tall. But the power she exudes is prolific. Born in the Philippines in 1946, Tes remembers the Japanese occupation that began during World War II. Her father was a journalist who wrote propaganda against the Japanese takeover. Subsequently, the family had to flee. “I think that was the only tough part of my childhood,” says Tes, “After that I led a pretty charmed life.”

Growing up, Tes watched her mother rally for women’s rights in the Philippines. “My mother was the president of the women’s voters club,” remembers Tes. “She would take me to her meetings and have me sit there while she ran the meeting. She was a very independent, powerful woman and that has rubbed off on all six of her children. She always told...
us, ‘From that house to this house, you are the best – always remember that.’"

At the age of 23, Tes immigrated to the United States with her first love, a man she had met while in college in the Philippines. Dr. Joseph del Tufo was a professor of Literature at Delaware State University, and so they decided upon the small town of Dover, Delaware.

Settling into the new town, Tes worked on her master’s degree from Washington College, studying History and Social Science. A young Filipino bride raising two sons, she began working for the State of Delaware as the State Coordinator for the Delaware Displaced Homemaker’s program, where she helped provide employment and training to individuals who had lost their income due to divorce, separation and death of a spouse. Simultaneously, she started part-time teaching.

Always an advocate for the poor and disabled, Tes, with the help of members of her church, started a social service agency known as Whatcoat Social. The agency helped provide temporary housing for the homeless.

It was the late 1960s and a wave of social and political change was spreading like wildfire across the country. Tes found herself enamored with the women’s movement, remembering her childhood in the Philippines. “Back in the Philippines, it is not uncommon to see women in leadership roles,” Tes says, “In fact, the Philippines elected a female president not once but twice.”

In 1977, Tes was elected as an alternate delegate and attended the first National Women’s Conference held in Houston, Texas. The conference identified goals for women for the next decade and issues that women had faced over the past several decades. “I was into the women’s movement, and even now it is something that is always in my heart – simply because I saw equality in the country where I was born and want to see that same kind of equality in this country, too.”

Tragedy struck in 1979 when Tes’s husband Joseph passed away, leaving her to be the primary breadwinner while caring for her two young children. “It was ironic because here I was in the middle of starting up this Delaware Displaced Homemaker’s program and I myself, was going through the exact same thing. It really made me more committed to the cause,” recalls Tes, “because I saw myself in their eyes.”

Through the Displaced Homemakers program, Tes met all kinds of people: from the extremely poor, who had nothing, to women that came from upper crust families whose husbands had passed away, leaving them in disarray. Tes’s program offered career counseling, job placement and access to mental health facilities. “I can honestly say it was the most satisfying job of my life,” says Tes.

Over the next few years, Tes threw herself into her work and her family. She watched as her little boys turned into men and went off to college. She became the deputy director for the State of Delaware’s Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, where she helped people with disabilities get job placement. “I believe everyone should be given a chance,” says Tes. “It’s amazing how many people with disabilities have so many great talents. They have so much to give, and we need to realize that. We are all human beings and deserve to be treated as such.”

Meanwhile, she became an adjunct professor at Wilmington University (then Wilmington College), where she taught various business courses. She also became a management consultant working from her home in Dover. Nestled in her quaint, suburban home, she co-authored a book, “The Measure of Library Excellence,” with Despina Wilson and Anne Norman, and is currently in the process of working on a second book on adults living alone.

After years of charitable work, community activism and philanthropy, Tes was finally recognized for her achievements in March of 2009. It came in the form of an email from Romona Fullman, Director of the Delaware Commission for Women. In the email, Romona stated, “Congratulations, you have been selected for induction into the Delaware Commission for Women’s Hall of Fame of Delaware Women!” The email stated that this was one of Delaware’s most prestigious awards, recognizing the contributions and achievements of women. Tes was invited to the induction ceremony and reception to be held at the Delaware Theater Company in Wilmington.

“It was an exciting day,” remembers Tes. “It didn’t really hit me until we got there. I just kept thinking about my granddaughter, who is the light of my life, and I thought how wonderful it was for my granddaughter to see that women can do anything they put their mind to. It’s great to be a role model.”

As she took the stage to accept her award from Governor Jack Markell, Tes was overwhelmed with emotion. She thought of her mother, the strong woman that raised her. “The whole day was such a positive experience,” says Tes with a slight tear in her eye, “I thought of my mother and how proud she would have been. This little girl from the Philippines is now in the Delaware Hall of Fame for Women. It was a very humbling experience.”

Somewhere in Legislative Hall is a golden plaque with the name Theresa del Tufo engraved on it, along with a group of other notable women from Delaware. Many will pass that plaque, and many will never have the opportunity to meet this impassioned woman. But I am glad I did. WU
was a routine that she never thought she would get used to. Slowly and carefully treading over the ice and snow, Xiomara Sullivan made her way to her truck. The sky was pitch black as she shoveled away the snow. Shivering from the cold, she slipped the keys into the ignition and started up the old blue truck. As it revved and jolted forward, she clutched the steering wheel through gloved hands and prepared for her long ride ahead.

“Ten hours,” says Xiomara, laughing, “It was a 10-hour drive from upstate Maine, about 45 minutes from the border of Canada, to Delaware. I would wake up at around 4 a.m., get ready and leave the house by 5, arriving in Delaware by 5 p.m. Many mornings I would have a pile of snow in my truck bed. It was definitely tiring.”

Once a week for three months, Xiomara, a Wilmington University graduate, would get in the car and drive through the tumultuous traffic connecting Maine to Delaware to complete her bachelor’s degree at the University. A real trooper, Xiomara said she commuted the distance because she just loves the school. “I started at Wilmington University in the fall of 1997 in the General Studies program,” recalls Xio-
mara, “but I had to stop in 2005 because of family responsibilities and because I had to relocate to Maine.” A mother of seven, Xiomara spent time focusing on raising her children before deciding to go back to school at the University of Maine at Machias.

“I hated it,” admits Xiomara. “It was such a big school and I was used to the small, family environment at Wilmington University. I started thinking about Delaware and how much more diverse it was, and I decided I wanted to move back.” And so Xiomara once again became a Wilmington University Wildcat ... but this time she was a Maine Wildcat.

“Once a week, I would pack my clothes, laptop and school books and drive down to Delaware,” says Xiomara. “I would get in the truck, pop in my reggaeton CDs and just listen to the music as I drove. The worst part of the commute was getting through Connecticut and New York, that’s where the worst of the traffic is.”

On her way down, Xiomara would stop three times to fill up her gas tank, stretch her legs and tune up her car. “The hardest part about being on the road was praying for the truck to make the distance,” says Xiomara of her blue Ford F150. “The truck has over 261,000 miles on it, so most of the time I would just be praying for it to get there.”

Once she arrived in Delaware, Xiomara would check into a motel and go straight to sleep. Refreshed the next morning, she would prepare for her evening class at Wilmington University. “My favorite class was the senior seminar taught by Dr. Amy Feeney [now O’Dell]. She really inspired me to continue with my graduate studies, as well as teaching me time-management skills and how to build my portfolio.”

Somewhere on one of those 10-hour drives, Xiomara had a flash of inspiration. She decided she wanted to become an elementary school teacher and teach English internationally. Born in Panama, Xiomara has had the chance to travel back and forth to her country of birth. While there, she has examined the differences between the American and Panamanian school systems. “I began to realize how important it was for these young kids to learn English,” says Xiomara. “For example, when I see these children in Mexico who are working in the fields, it is clear to me that they have a language barrier, and they really need representation. What they need is a good teacher, because if they learn to speak English it will open up so many opportunities for them to work in their homeland.”

In May 2009, Xiomara graduated with her Bachelor of Science in General Studies. “It was one of my happiest moments,” exclaims Xiomara. “After graduation, I finally found a small apartment in Delaware and moved back. Now I hope to complete my Master’s degree in Elementary Education from Wilmington University and possibly my PhD in the future.”

When asked if she is done with traveling, Xiomara wasn’t so sure. “I want to teach in Mexico or Dubai,” says Xiomara. “I know it may take a while, but that’s my dream.” WU
The Alumni Relations Department has been restructured and reorganized to better serve the needs of our growing alumni. Since January 2008, under the direction of Dr. Thomas B. Cupples, Assistant Vice President in the Office of the President, the new Alumni Relations Department has been actively making some big changes. Pattie Jennings is operating as Director of Alumni Relations, where she oversees the cultivation of personal connections. Gloria Johnson, as Director of Annual Funds, continues to oversee development and alumni/corporate giving. Brandi Purcell, Alumni Relations Associate, updates the alumni database and implements new software to keep in touch with the alums. Jane West coordinates major events for the University and alumni. New to the alumni group is Stefanie Whitby, who acts as Director of Alumni Services. We are also excited to welcome our new Executive Board featured in the picture to the right. Our Chapter Chairs, also highlighted on this page, are actively seeking new alumni to represent our colleges.
PTSD ... A CLOSER LOOK

The Wilmington University Alumni Association, in conjunction with the Delaware Counseling Association, invited keynote speaker Kim Gerardi to discuss Post Traumatic Stress Disorders. The event was held at the Dover campus, and Wilmington University Chapter Chairs Pat Burrell ’05, Steve Flaherty ’00 and Dalia Nichols ’02 were instrumental in organizing the event. This event was the first of similar sessions that will take place in Kent and Sussex counties. Check the WU Website for future postings.

THE BENEFITS OF BEING A WILMINGTON UNIVERSITY ALUMNUS

From the day that you receive your Wilmington University diploma and join the more than 26,000 alumni, the benefits of are endless. Here are some benefits of being a Wilmington University alumnus:

CAREER SERVICES

A free resource exists to help students and alumni who often need assistance in career planning and placement. Visit www.wilmu.edu/careerservices to find out more.

HOME AND CAR INSURANCE DISCOUNTS

Recently, one of our alumni officers informed the Alumni Relations Department about a discount he was getting for his car and home insurance through Liberty Mutual. He was receiving this discount because of his undergraduate institution and suggested it might be a good option for Wilmington University alumni as well. After a little discussion, we are pleased to announce that Liberty Mutual is in the process of approving a 10 percent discount to all Wilmington University alumni to be used on car or home insurance.

TRAVEL DISCOUNTS

Wilmington University has partnered with A World of Travel Inc. to offer all WU alumni a chance to save on upcoming personal travel or join in on some great pre-arranged package trips! Contact Elaine Lux and ask about how you can get $50 off your next vacation. Call 302-838-2568 or visit www.aworldoftravelinc.com.

ALUMNI EVENTS

2009 Holiday Alumni Bus Trip
(Sunday, December 13, 2009)

Come and get into the holiday spirit with a trip to explore and shop at Christkindlmarkt. Recognized as one of the top holiday markets in the world, this is sure to be a delightful day for the entire family. The bus leaves at 8:45 a.m. and will return to campus at approximately 8:30 p.m. The cost is $79 per person and includes the bus ride, tickets to Christkindlmarkt and drinks and snacks on the bus (lunch will not be included). Contact Elaine Lux at 302-838-2568 for more information.

Alumni and Family Day

Are you a former athlete from Wilmington University? Did you know that we are hosting “Alumni and Family Day”? The Alumni Association is joining with each WU sports team to honor our alumni. The Association will choose a home competition for each team and we will bring food, drinks, t-shirts and raffles to celebrate the day and cheer the team on to victory. We already celebrated Men’s and Women’s Soccer, and Volleyball and Cross Country. If you are a former athlete, look out for your invite in the mail that will highlight when and where your Alumni and Family Day will be.

ADD US ON FACEBOOK!

Reconnect with alumni on Facebook. Add our page at www.facebook.com/wilmualumni.
Despite the rain, about 500 Wilmington University alumni, guests, faculty and staff gathered at the annual Alumni Picnic held this past September at the University’s New Castle campus. Rain jackets, umbrellas and boots were in full effect as alumni from far and wide came together. Everyone danced to the funky sounds of Leroy Hawkes and the Hypnotics, reunited with old friends and enjoyed a tasty barbeque.

THE 2009 ALUMNI PICNIC
TOBY HOROWITZ (B.B. A. Business Management) of North Bellmore, N.Y., is Chief Information Officer for Century 21 Department Stores.

THOMAS R. PURCELL (B.A. Behavioral Science) of Wilmington, Del., earned his master’s degree in psychology from the University of Tennessee. Thomas is a licensed, nationally certified school psychologist. He is an adjunct instructor at Immaculata College and Salem Community College.

WILLIAM GLENN STECKMAN III (M.B.A. Business Administration) of Easton, Pa. has been appointed City Administrator for the City of Easton. Prior to his relocation to Pennsylvania, William served as County Administrator for King and Queen County, Virginia.

BARBARA J. BRADFORD (A.S. Early Childhood Education) of New Castle, Del., is a pre-k teacher at Lower Alloways Creek Elementary School in Salem, N.J.

RUTH BRIGGS KING (M.S. Education) of Georgetown, Del., was recently elected to the position of 37th District House Representative. Ruth’s commitment to community service in Sussex County and her experience as a teacher and her various executive leadership roles have contributed to her success.

ROSE MARY RUTT (B.S. Human Resource Management) of Newark, Del., is a case manager for the Job-Start Program at Cecil College in Elkton, Md. Rose Mary credits her success to the quality education she received from WU faculty. She is proud to add that her sons are also WU students. MSGT Thomas R. Rutt is a 1992 WU graduate and Senior Airman Mark W. Rutt is currently enrolled at WU. Both Tom and Mark were deployed to Afghanistan in September 2009.

DEBORAH A. MARKWOOD (B.S. Business Management & Marketing) of Wilmington, Del., has been promoted to Senior Vice President and Director of Trust Services for WSFS Wealth Strategies throughout Delaware and southeastern Pennsylvania. Deborah is a graduate of The Cannon Financial Institute Personal Trust School. She serves on the Board of Directors of Autism Delaware and is a member of the Estate Planning Council of Delaware, Southern Delaware, and Delaware County, Pennsylvania.

RUSSELL G. CARROLL (B.S. Human Resource Management) of League City, Tex., is Director of Supply Chain Management for The Boeing Company. Russell completed his master’s degree at the University of St. Thomas in Houston, Texas in December 2009.

SUZANNE CHRISTINE GULLO (B.S. Accounting) of Newark, Del., is a Fiscal Account Manager for Home Health Services by T.L.C., Inc.

NATHANIEL MCQUEEN (B.A. Behavioral Science) of Newark, Del., has been promoted to major for the Department of Safety and Homeland Security. Major McQueen is Chief of the Operations Division.

MARY J. NICHOLSON, R.N., (B.S.N. Nursing) of Snow Hill, Md., has been recognized by Cambridge Who’s Who for showing dedication, leadership and excellence in all aspects of nursing. Mary has had 31 years of professional experience and is a staff nurse at Worcester County Adult Medical Day Services.

MICHAEL P. FIRCH (M.Ed. School Counseling) of Milford, Del., has been named Assistant Principal at Sussex Technical High School. Michael is well known for his participation as a community volunteer.

YULONDA MURRAY (M.Ed. School Administration) of Newark, Del., has been named Principal of Maple Lane Elementary School. Yulonda began her career in the Brandywine School District more than 20 years ago as a second-grade teacher at Maple Lane.

NOEL RODRIGUEZ (M.Ed. Elementary Studies) of Dover, Del., Chief Administrative Officer of Dover Charter School, has been recognized by Cambridge Who’s Who for demonstrating dedication, leadership and excellence in educational administration.

MONROE B. HUDSON (B.S. Human Resource Management) of Selbyville, Del., has been promoted to the rank of major and will assume the duties as head of the administrative division of the state police at DSP Headquarters in Dover, Del. Major Hudson has worked in the Special Investigations Unit, the Sex Offenders Task Force and the Governor’s Task Force, and was DSP Trooper of the Year in 2001.

SAVE THE DATE:
BUSINESS ALUMNI REUNION

The Alumni Association, in coordination with the College of Business, is inviting all Business alumni to the first Business Alumni Reunion.

WHEN:
Friday, May 7, 2010, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

WHERE:
The Audrey K. Doberstein Admissions Center Auditorium

WHAT:
Meet and mingle with your fellow Business alums, reunite with faculty, Deans and administrators, and enjoy listening to the band. Wine and hors d’oeuvres will be served, and this event is free!

RSVP at www.wilmu.edu and look for your invite in the mail!
SHELLEY M. PHILLIPS  
(M.Ed. School Counseling) of Berlin, Md., teaches Grade 8 Integrated Language Arts at Stephen Decatur Middle School. Shelley is a Delta Kappa Gamma Society member, drama director and after-school mentoring program liaison.

KEFA MILTON MONG’ARE  
(CADC (M.S. Human Resource Management) is Program Director of Seabrook House’s MatriArk Program. Kefa oversees all planning, development implementation, evaluation and direction of the MatriArk clinical program. Kefa is currently pursuing her master’s degree in community counseling at WU.

WILLIAM F. PRECOURT JR.  
(M.S. Community Counseling) of Dover, Del., is a mental health/substance abuse counselor at the Kent County Counseling Center. William stated, “After graduating from WU, the doors to getting licensed and certified opened.”

TAMIKA A. CRAGG-BYE  
(M.B.A. Business Administration) of Wilmington, Del., is an Associate in the Intellectual Property Group of Connolly Bove Lodge & Hutz, representing clients in patent prosecution and patent litigation, and specializing in the mechanical arts. Tamika is a past Wolcott Fellow, having served as a law clerk to Justice Henry DuPont Ridgely of the Delaware Supreme Court.

CHRIS FRASER  
(M.B.A. Health Care Administration) of Cecil, Del., is Director of Community Relations and Operations at Westside Family Healthcare in Wilmington. Chris received the American College of Healthcare Executives Award, given in recognition of contributions toward the advancement of health care management and the achievement of the organization’s goals.

DR. MICHAEL A. MARINELLI  
(Ed.D. Innovation & Leadership) of Wilmington, Del., was selected by the Board of Trustees of Archmere Academy as the 10th Headmaster of the Academy. The unanimous vote was confirmed by the Corporate Members of Archmere Academy.

TOMMI C. BARRETT  
(B.S. Early Childhood Education) of Milford, Del., has been named the 2009-2010 Milford School District Teacher of the Year. Tommi worked at NASA Langley Research in Hampton, Va., as a technical writer during the summer. She is currently working on a graduate degree in educational technology at the University of Delaware.

HEATHER MOORE  
(M.Ed. Applied Educational Technology) of Millsboro, Del., has been named the 2009-2010 Indian River School District Teacher of the Year. Heather is a third-grade teacher at East Millsboro Elementary School. She is active in school leadership committees and professional learning and language arts committees.

KEVIN PALADINETTI  
(M.Ed. School Leadership) of Wilmington, Del., has been named Principal of Alexis I. DuPont High School. Kevin began his career as a para-professional in the Red Clay Consolidated District. His experiences as an English teacher and an Assistant Principal have paved the way for a successful career in his new position.

DR. STEVE QUINN  
(Ed.D. Innovation & Leadership) of Wilmington, Del., is an Assistant Principal at Hav- erford High School in Havertown, Pa. He has also been appointed Athletic Director at Haverford High School. Dr. Quinn often thinks of the wonderful days at Wilmington University with NCC Cohort 11.

CATHLEEN SMITH  
(M.Ed. School Leadership) of Little Egg Harbor, N.J., has been appointed the new Principal of the C.J. Davenport School. Cathy has 10 years of educational experience and she was chosen because of her strong work ethic and talent as a teacher.

Jeff and Laurie, both leaders in academics and technology, have energetic teachers and support staff to work with.

Bunker Hill Elementary School  
New Middletown Elementary School opened in fall 2009 with two experienced administrators who were honored to be appointed to head the new state-of-the-art school. JEFF DAVIS ’08  
(M.Ed. Elementary Studies) of Newark, Del., is the Principal and LAURIE J. WICKS ’04,  
(M.Ed. Applied Education) of Middletown, Del., is the Assistant Principal. Jeff and Laurie, both leaders in academics and technology, have energetic teachers and support staff to work with.

Alumni Business Owners  
Wilmington University Alumni business owners who would like to offer special discounts to their fellow alumni: You can do so by sending your business information and business cards to:

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Wilson Graduate Center  
31 Reads Way, New Castle, DE 19720  
Phone: 302.295.1161  
Email: brandi.d.purcell@wilmu.edu
CASSANDRA HARMON (B.S. Behavioral Science) of New Castle, Del., obtained certification in massage therapy. Her combined studies and interest in wellness and health maintenance prompted the creation of a small private practice. Cassandra is preparing to obtain national certification in massage therapy and is working toward completing a registered nursing program.

AKINWALE ROY OJOMO (M.B.A. Business Administration) of Bowie, Md., is a senior partner/managing editor for RoySynergy Group (Ebo Magazine). He was recently announced as a member of the Forum of Young Global leaders, World Economic Forum. Akinwale is among the 230 leaders who were chosen to dedicate time and energy to address global challenges, professional accomplishments and commitment to society to collectively work toward a better future. His upcoming projects include hosting an Africa Community Service Summit and a book on Philanthropy in Africa.

PERRY PHELPS (M.S. Public Administration) of Camden, Del., works for the State of Delaware Department of Corrections as a Warden V at the James T. Vaughn Correctional Center. Perry also has experience in youth rehabilitative services.

SHARRON RAYMOND (M.S. Community Counseling) of Palm Coast, Fla., took an early retirement from her banking career to accept an offer as a behavior health technician. She is an individual therapist for the Daisy Adams Center. Sharron said, “I am very grateful for my educational journey at WU and I am now reaping the benefits.”

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PATRICK KILBY (B.S. Middle Level Education) of Milton, Del., started his first varsity coaching job at Sussex Central High School in August 2009. Patrick feels well qualified for the position with the experience he received as a player for the WU soccer team that ranked in Division II twice and earned two conference championships.

MAGGIE MAXWELL-MOOD (M.B.A. Business Administration) of Alloway, N.J., has been appointed Shared Services Coordinator for Salem County. She is responsible for overseeing the implementation of streamlining efforts the county has undertaken, such as municipal courts and animal control. Her experience in accounting, grant management and strategic planning serve her well in her new position. Maggie, an adjunct instructor at Salem Community College and Gloucester County College, is currently pursuing her doctoral degree in organizational leadership from Wilmington University.

KIMBERLY TURNER (M.S. Public Administration) of Magnolia, Del., is the Community Relations Coordinator for Valero in Delaware City and is liaison to the corporate communications staff. Kimberly has recently been appointed to the board of directors for The Food Bank of Delaware.

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KRISTIN M. GREEN (B.S. Business Management) of Royersford, Pa., has been appointed to the board of directors for the Paoli Fire Company. Kristin is the Branch Manager at the Paoli branch of the Bryn Mawr Trust Bank.

Congratulations To Our Delaware Teacher of the Year Nominees

This year 5 out of the 20 Delaware Teacher of the Year 2010 Nominees were Wilmington University alumni! We would like to recognize the following WU alums for their great dedication to providing Delaware youth with a quality education:

- HEATHER S. MOORE – ’04 Master of Education in School Administration
- MARY KATHARINE BALDWIN – ’06 Master of Education in Applied Educational Technology
- AMY J. BOWEN – ’08 Master of Education in Reading
- TOMMI BARRETT-GREENLY – ’03 Bachelor in Primary Education K-4
- ANDREA M. SULLENBERGER – ’05 Bachelor in Primary Education K-4

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LESLEE HAZZARD (B.S. Middle Level Education) of Millsboro, Del., is a third-grade teacher for the Indian River School District. Leslee and her husband Brandon, B.S. ’08, are the proud parents of 2 boys, ages 1 ½ and 9 months old.

REBA E. ALEXANDER (M.S. Human Resource Management, M.S. Transportation and Business Logistics) of Middletown, Del., is a Human Resource Supervisor for UPS Supply Chain Solutions. Reba is pursuing a Ph.D. in industrial/organizational psychology at Walden University.

BRANDON HAZZARD (B.S. Business Management) of Millsboro, Del., is the manager of Hazzard Auto Parts. The family-owned business has been in Millsboro since 1984.

GEORGE BRUYNELL (B.S. Marketing) of Pennsville, N.J., has been in the real estate industry for more than 30 years. He is currently a Branch Manager for Apex Lending, a national retail mortgage company headquartered in Florida. George opened and staffed the Pennsville branch office. He has been accepted at Widener University School of Law.

DIANE RILEY (M.B.A. Finance) of Wilmington, Del., is a Financial Analyst at the Wilmington Trust Company. Diane stated, “I attribute my success to the education I received at WU. The finance classes provided me with the opportunity to develop professionally within the financial services industry.”

DAPHNE ROSEN (M.B.A. Health Care Administration) of Salisbury, Md., has been appointed Director of Marketing at the Anchorage Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Salisbury. Daphne works with health care professionals to identify patients in need of nursing and rehabilitation services. She also coordinates a variety of community outreach activities for the center.

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ACROSS
4. ___ marks
7. Two points!
9. Not a desktop
14. Supporters from sidelines
15. Spire that plays timely tune
18. Book depository
19. _____ Society
22. Now filled with graphite
24. A visual resource
25. First year
26. Vending ______.
30. The highest degree
32. Marks of achievement
34. Place to put your thoughts
36. Worn, it keeps out winter chill

DOWN
1. Hard-working classmate
2. Winter ______.
3. “Store” of knowledge
4. Abbreviated average
5. Ball Point ___
6. Class _______.
8. Boy
10. Three-ring binder contents
11. Last year or citizen
12. “_____ open your books.”
13. Second year
16. ____ Tree
17. Star _____
20. Knowledge from afar
21. A “wily” sports fan
22. Group of peers
27. Team who scores most points
28. Walkway
29. “Taking the ____.”
30. “Hopes and _____”
31. Third year or son

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