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It doesn't seem that long ago that we were sending off the debut publication of WILMCOLL. to the printer; now, here we are, wrapping up our second issue. Wasn't it just last week I was telling the staff here in College Relations that we had several months until the next issue and not to get in a panic about deadlines? Oh, well, I guess the year just flew by. And it was an exciting year for Wilmington College.

We have been evolving as an institution and are continuing to do so. We are beginning to offer more classes online, we are exploring new territory in areas that are currently underserved in higher education, we recently constructed a studio and editing suite, and we continue to expand our partnerships with community colleges, high schools and local businesses to ensure that everyone has an equal opportunity to earn a quality education. In the next year, we all will be steering Wilmington College into new and exciting seas and, here in College Relations, we hope to create for you a first-class accommodation to enjoy the view.

It's also a time of evolution for many of you personally. Each year at commencement time, it is our happy pleasure to help our students enter a new chapter in their lives. Maybe you are utilizing what you have learned here to discover new heights in your career.



Susan L. Gregg

Maybe you're exploring the shoals of subjects that have always fascinated you, to simply expand your world view or life skills. Or perhaps this commencement is just the first leg of a lifelong wanderlust through the world of education. What-

ever your story, we hope it has been an exciting adventure and, as it comes to a conclusion, we wish you will remember your time here fondly.

I would also like to thank all of you for your kind words in regard to our debut issue. So many of you have called or dropped by to share with us your thoughts about WILMCOLL. that it prompted me to think how nice it would be to share your words with the rest of the College community.

Therefore, I would like to invite you to write to us by e-mailing wilmcollmag@wilmcoll.edu. We would be delighted to hear from you and will try to publish as many letters as we can in our fall issue. Please include your name and address so we can drop a little thank you in the mail for your participation.

Once again, congratulations to all our graduates and may you all have a wonderful summer!

Christopher Griffin Pitcher
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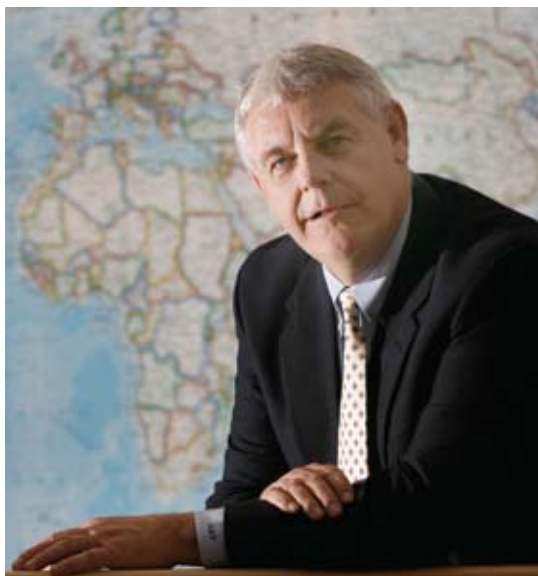
LEGAL STUDIES HAS BEEN GRANTED a chapter in Lambda Epsilon Chi, a national honor society for paralegal/legal studies students. There are approximately 94 chapters throughout the United States with well over 1,000 inductees. Wilmington College inducted its first members in April 2007.

WCNOTES

ADJUNCT PROFESSOR PRESENTS AT CONVENTIONS

DR. JAMES VANSCIVER, adjunct professor in the doctoral and masters programs in education, presented “Ethical Decision Making” at the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development’s national convention at Anaheim, Calif., in March. In February, he presented “Avoiding the Pitfalls of Teacher Appraisals” at the National Association of Secondary School Principals convention in Las Vegas, Nev. He has now made 112 presentations at state, regional and national conferences and conventions.

Dr. VanSciver has also authored 100 articles in regional and national educational journals, and is under contract with Eye on Education to finish a book dealing with communication and educational leadership by August. He has published three fiction books for juveniles, “Close Play at Home,” “Carnage of a Curveball” and “Running on Empty.” Dr. VanSciver also does workshops across the country dealing with ethical decision making.



Tim Schaeffer

ENGLISH TEACHER HOSTS CONFERENCE, WINS AWARD



Susan L. Gregg

Wilmington College English teacher **BILLIE TRAVALINI** coordinated the New Castle Writers’ Conference held at Wilmington College on April 14, 2007.

The conference included a number of writers’ sessions and panel discussions such as “Poetry: Technique Does Matter,” “Fiction to Nonfiction: You can Do It All” and “Knowing Your Audience Makes Sales.”

Travalini, the director of the Delaware Literacy Connection, was also one of 16 Delaware artists to receive the 2007 Individual Artist Fellowship from the Delaware Division of the Arts. Awards are based on the excellence of the artists’ work as judged by out-of-state experts in their respective artistic fields.

WILMINGTON COLLEGE STUDENTS CONTINUE TO IMPACT SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

Student Teaching, Practicum Experiences and Internships are requirements for our educational majors at Wilmington College, but the benefit for our students and the community far exceeds the credits toward degree completion.

Currently, Wilmington College has approximately 750 students representing the college in more than 40 school districts and 130 schools across the states of Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The supervised field experience has a required time commitment and students are placed with individual mentor teachers, counselors, or administrators in approved clinical settings. Placement priority is given to settings that serve culturally, linguistically and socio-economically diverse student populations.

During field-based placements, students are gaining real-world experience in educational settings and are given the

opportunity to analyze the educational environment in relation to current research; practically apply essential content and pedagogical knowledge related to the components of professional practice; are offered opportunities to observe, describe, interpret and understand the educational environment; and are able to reflect on the personal and professional attributes required for success as a professional educator.

However, what is really exciting is the impact our students are having in the local schools. Recently an Early Education supervisor said, "My experience with Wilmington College students has been excellent. They are hard-working students, well grounded in reality and have excellent skills."

While we are always proud of our students who successfully complete an educational degree at Wilmington College, we are equally excited about their service in the local community.



NURSING FACULTY NEWS



DR. DOT BAKER continues to present nursing as a career choice to middle and high school students throughout lower Delaware.

VERONICA WILBUR successfully defended her dissertation proposal in November 2006 at Widener University School of Nursing.

SHEILA SHARBAUGH, BSN coordinator, and **TISH GALLAGHER**, dean of Nursing & Allied Health,

both successfully passed the NLN certification examination for Nurse Educators (CNE) in 2006. Gallagher presented at the annual research conference, which is co-presented by the Delaware Nurses' Association and the Delaware Sigma Theta Tau International chapters.

DR. MARGARET JOPP presented at a conference at Johns Hopkins University in February, 2007. The topic of her presentation was "Geriatric Assessment."

VERONICA WILBUR presented in Denver, Colo., in March 2007 at the National Organization of Nurse Practitioner Faculty conference.

SHEILA SHARBAUGH and **SALLIE REISSMAN** of the Educational Technology department were co-presenters at the Association for the Advancement of Computing in Education conference in Honolulu, Hawaii, in November 2006.

ATHLETICS

WILMINGTON COLLEGE ATHLETES TEAM UP TO FIGHT BREAST CANCER

Members of the Wilmington College Athletic Department participated in the American Cancer Society's annual Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk held at the Wilmington Riverfront on Sunday, Oct. 15, 2006.

The Student Athletic Advisory Committee (SAAC) was instrumental in gathering all of the

student-athletes together to participate for such a worthy cause. A total of 40 members of the Athletic Department participated in the walk. Staff and student-athletes from the softball and volleyball teams raised more than \$1,000.

The walk, in only its fourth year, had more than 5,100 participants and raised a total of over \$335,000 to help fight breast cancer. The softball team printed and sold t-shirts to increase their contributions.

Wilmington College's participation in the event was organized by Dr. Clint Robertson, faculty athletics representative; Erin Harvey, sports information director and softball coach; and Monica Hofmann, SAAC president. The event was deemed a huge success.

Wilmington's Athletic Director, Frank Aiello, states, "It has been a great experience to see our student-athletes give back and know that they can contribute on and off the playing field."



VOLLEYBALL: Back row (left to right), Katie Mason (FR), Jenny Todd (SR), Missy Morgan (JR), Kristin Wiedeman (SR), Shannon Freel (JR), Katy Hickman (SR); Front row, Head Coach Kim Huggins



SOFTBALL: Back row (left to right), Head Coach Erin Harvey; Amanda Mucaria (SR), Kelly Schirmer, (SO), Shustine Wilson (JR), Nicole Hays (JR), Heather Bush (FR), Nikki Johnson (JR), Kim Lawrence (FR), Jaime Hurlock (FR), Alyssa Bagnoli (SR), Nikki Shallcross (SR), Assistant Coach Melissa Zebley; Middle row, Lindsay Frye (SO), Jaclyn Temple (SR), Kristen Clark (SR), Lindsay Watson (FR), Katie Turner (FR), Tracey Nepi (SR); Front row, Assistant Coach Dana Travis, Brooke Shallcross (FR)

DEBUS EARNS CROSS-COUNTRY ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN HONORS

Susan L. Gregg



“From his first day of pre-season practice, Joe displayed maturity, integrity and an exceptional commitment to his running and his academics.”

Wilmington College freshman Joe Debus (Charter HS/Middletown, Del.) has been named to the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association Academic All-American Team for the 2006 season.

To qualify for this honor an individual must have a cumulative grade point average through the semester of competition of a 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. An athlete must have competed in at least 50 percent of his team’s cross country competitions and finish in the top 30 percent at the NCAA Regional meet. The individual’s coach must also be a member of the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association. Debus is the first athlete at Wilmington College to be awarded such

an honor since the institution joined Division II.

Debus was named Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) Rookie of the Week seven times during the 2006 season and placed second at the CACC Championships in Wilmington with a time of 28:11.05, garnering him CACC Rookie of the Year honors. He finished the season by placing 70th at the NCAA East Regional meet. Debus set a Wilmington record for an 8K course by finishing in 26:55 at the Salisbury Invitational on Sept. 2.

“Joe’s work ethic and dedication to the sport of running should be applauded,” said Head Cross Country Coach Keith Jones. “From his first day of pre-season practice, Joe displayed maturity, integrity and an exceptional commitment to his running and his academics.”

MEN’S SOCCER SIGNS 19 NEW PLAYERS FOR THE 2007 SEASON

The Wilmington College men’s soccer team just got better. Coming off an 11-5-4 season that had the Wildcats ranked as high as sixth in the NCAA New England Region, **HEAD COACH NICK PAPANICOLAS** has added 19 new players to his already improved soccer program.

On Feb. 10, Papanicolas and his staff invited their recruits that had committed verbally to the auditorium of the New Castle Campus to officially sign letters of intent to join the soccer program.

His recruiting class, which includes high school seniors, junior college transfers and international students, stems from four surrounding states, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland. His high school seniors include five forwards. Four new players will strengthen the midfield, and to help replenish the defense, where the Wildcats graduated three starters, Papanicolas signed 10 new players. He also signed five transfers from local colleges and two new goaltenders.



Coach Nick Papanicolas welcomes new Wildcat Mohamed Camara

LADY WILDCAT DUO EARNS ALL-REGION HONORS

COLBY BUGDA (Bel Air HS/Abingdon, Md.) and **BEGUM MALALI** (Absegami HS/Galloway, N.J.) were named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Region second team for their performances this past season. The All-Region teams were chosen by the head coaches in the New England Region, which includes teams in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) and the Northeast 10 Conference.

COLBY BUGDA and **BEGUM MALALI** were named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Region second team for their performances this past season.

BUGDA, a first-team All-CACC selection, was second on the team in goals, first in assists and second in the conference in points, points per game and assists. She ended the regular season leading the CACC in assists and ranked 16th nationally in NCAA Division II in assists per game. Bugda closed out her collegiate career with

40 goals and 35 assists, ranking second in Wilmington College history in goals and points, and first in assists.

MALALI, a junior forward, led all players in the conference in goals scored with 18 and in points scored with 40. Malali finished first in the CACC in points, shots (81), points per game (2.35), goals, goals per game (1.06) and game-winning goals (4). A three-time first-team All-CACC selection, she was ranked eighth nationally

in NCAA Division II in goals per game and 11th in points per game. Despite being only a junior, Malali holds Wilmington College's career record in goals (53) and points (117).

The Wildcats finished the regular season with a 4-6 record in the CACC and an overall record of 10-9.



In Memoriam

MEN'S SOCCER ALUMNUS PASSES AWAY.

BRIAN SCHOLL ('04), passed away on Jan. 23 after battling cancer for a year and a half. His soccer career started at a very young age and he eventually ended up playing his high school soccer at Glasgow High School in Delaware. After



a stellar career in high school he attended one year at Virginia Wesleyan College before joining the Wildcats in 2001.

Scholl was instrumental in the Wilmington program. During his senior year, playing under current Head Coach Nick Papanicolas, he was the captain of a team that won the

regular season conference championship.

Scholl was a tremendous leader and had an unbelievable passion for the game. He was a winner in everything he did. An award will be given in his honor every year to a current Wilmington men's soccer player for showing courage, leadership and passion. Scholl will always be remembered as one of the Wildcat's best leaders.

JESSICA (PHIPPS) WELLER INDUCTED INTO WILDCAT HALL OF FAME

Jessica (Phipps) Weller was inducted into the College's Athletics Hall of Fame on Oct. 4, 2006.

From 1996-1999, Weller starred on the Wildcat volleyball team, leading her squads to a combined record of 103-32 during those four seasons. She guided Wilmington College to the NAIA National Tournament in 1999, and was named the Wildcats' Most Valuable Player in each of her four years. She was awarded NAIA All-America honors twice, and was named to the NAIA Academic All-American teams in 1998 and 1999. A four-year starter, she was a four-time, first-team All-Conference selection as well as a three-time NAIA Region X Player of the Year.

A graduate of Newark High School, Weller graduated from Wilmington College in 2000 with a bachelor of science degree in Primary Education. She later went on to receive her master's degree in Special Education from Wilmington, and currently teaches third grade in the Christina School District. Weller has stayed involved in the volleyball community, and is presently the head coach at Newark High School.



Jessica (Phipps) Weller pictured with Craig Wolfe, former volleyball coach and athletic director at Wilmington College

WILMINGTON MEN AWARDED ALL-REGION SOCCER HONORS

Men's soccer standouts **DAN MANGAT** (St. Mark's HS/ Newark, Del.) and **SARGBAH TARPEH** (Overbrook HS/ Philadelphia, Pa.) were named to the National Soccer Coaches Association of America All-Region second team for their performances this past season. The All-Region teams were chosen by the head coaches in the New England Region, which includes teams in the Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference (CACC) and the Northeast 10 Conference.

TARPEH, a freshman forward, was the catalyst of the Wildcat offense. Not only was he voted CACC Rookie of the Year and first-team All-Conference, but he also was



the only freshman voted to the All-Region team. Tarpeh led the Wildcats in almost every offensive category, and also tied for fourth in the conference in total points (28), points per game (1.47) and shots per game (4.05). He tied for second in goals scored with 12.

MANGAT, a junior goalkeeper, was also a first-team All-CACC selection. He led the conference in saves per game (7.42) and save percentage (.849). He was second in saves (141) and shutouts (4), and he finished fourth in goals against average (1.22). Mangat's 141 saves ranked him fourth nationally in NCAA Division II.

Wilmington College finished the 2006 season with a 5-1-2 record in the CACC and an overall record of 11-5-4. The Wildcats lost in the semifinals of the CACC Playoffs, and were ranked as high as sixth in the NCAA Division II Northeast Region rankings, the highest ranking in school and program history.

By Katie O'Brian

College Relations CONSTRUCTS NEW STUDIO

College Relations recently completed a state-of-the-art recording studio at the Wilson Graduate Center that will facilitate the production of commercials for the college and the WC Podcast.

The WC Podcast is a Web-based audio broadcast, accessed through the Internet with college news, events, sports and entertainment. Hosted by Chris Pitcher, college relations director, the show is posted online twice a month and often features special guests.

The WC Podcast gives listeners a chance to meet new people and find more detailed information on news, events and opportunities at the college, Pitcher says.

The studio is also used to produce high-quality audio recordings for radio advertisements and voiceovers for television commercials.

"The studio has an optimum

balance of analog and digital equipment to produce the best sound," says Paul Patton, college relations associate and WC Podcast producer.

With a versatile selection of microphones, the studio accommodates a wide range of voices. Analog microphone preamplifiers improve sound quality by preparing the signal for further amplification or processing.

"A digital mixer controls the software more efficiently," Patton says. "Like a remote control for the computer."

Apple's Logic Pro, a computer application that enhances the studio's capabilities with a comprehensive collection of tools, runs on a Macintosh G5 dual-processor computer with dual display monitors and two musical instrument digital interfaces to add special effects, music and other prerecorded material.

"We were able to economically construct a sound-proof, temperature-controlled studio with industry-leading equipment that enhances workflow and produces a very professional finished product in a very efficient manner," Patton says.

The WC Podcast is available on the Web at www.wilmcoll.edu/podcast. Listeners can subscribe to the show through Apple's iTunes Music Store or listen on the WC Podcast MySpace at www.myspace.com/wcpodcast. The WC Podcast even has a Facebook group, where listeners can discuss topics from the show.

"The WC Podcast is a great way for the college community to stay informed, get to know people from the college and keep in touch," says Patton. "The service is free and convenient for listeners." ■



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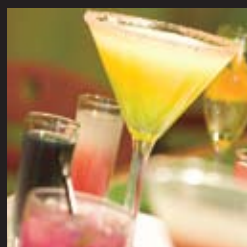
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By Dr. Steve LeShay

A Soft Walk Through VIETNAM

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HEN JOE HOLLER DISCOVERED THE

opportunity in his doctoral program for a deeply personal and significant world experience, he knew he had to go to Vietnam.

Holler, M.S. in Management program coordinator and assistant professor, reflected on his reasons for visiting Southeast Asia in the summer of 2005.

First, Holler, who is studying for a doctorate in organizational change at Pepperdine University, thought the trip to Vietnam via the Philippines would be an excellent opportunity to observe some of the changes

that have taken place in the region while also meeting with a fellow doctoral student and friend living in the Philippines.

While there, Holler gave presentations at De La Salle Lipa University and two local businesses. In fact, his first audience waited four hours for his delayed flight to Manila, the capital of the Philippines. He also visited World War II memorials and met Romy Yap, former commanding general of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, who served in Vietnam during the war.



“Simple acts of kindness and smiles have incredible power. I always felt safe traveling alone and I felt very welcomed by the Vietnamese people.”



The second reason for his visit was much deeper and more moving. Holler and his brother-in-law David both received their U.S. Army commissions from Pennsylvania Military College. David served in Vietnam and was killed in a roadside ambush near An Khe, on the edge of the Central Highlands during the Tet offensive in 1968. He posthumously received the Silver Star.

“By going to Vietnam, I wanted to honor David’s memory and honor our country’s men and women and the people of Vietnam,” Holler said. “I believe the world is good because its people are good. Problems in the world are the difficult pieces in the assembly of a larger puzzle.”

The flight to the Philippines took Holler 32 hours from the East Coast

of the United States. After a three-day visit, he flew to Hong Kong before arriving in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. From there, he went to the Mekong Delta and took a 19-hour train ride to Hue, where he stayed with a Vietnamese family.

Next, he went to Quy Nhon and traveled west to An Khe. There, Holler placed a small, homemade wooden plaque by the mountain where his brother-in-law died 37 years earlier and took “a soft walk” as he thought about David’s ultimate sacrifice.

Holler’s trip concluded with visits to Da Nang, Hanoi and Ha Long Bay. He had many interesting experiences during his travels, from attempting to cross the motorbike-congested streets

of Ho Chi Minh City to sharing sweet, tough chicken knee-to-knee in a train compartment with travelers who spoke no English to total immersion in the history and culture of Vietnam and the Philippines. Throughout these experiences, Holler continuously looked for cues to reinforce or challenge his assumptions.

“Simple acts of kindness and smiles have incredible power,” he said. “I always felt safe traveling alone and I felt very welcomed by the Vietnamese people. By looking back on this experience while honoring the past and present, I have been able to enact a more optimistic and hopeful view for our planet.” ■

JUSTICE FOR ALL AT SEMINAR

Third annual Women in Criminal Justice gathering focuses on females' contributions to and futures in the judiciary, forensics and law enforcement professions.



THE THIRD ANNUAL Women in Criminal Justice Leadership Seminar proved to be the most successful thus far. The event, held on March 30 at the New Castle Campus, was sponsored by the Wilmington College Criminal Justice Program in partnership with Allyn & Bacon Publishing. The seminar featured women leaders representing the judiciary, forensics and law enforcement professions.

The seminar opened with a keynote address by Delaware Secretary of State Harriet Smith Windsor, who provided insight on the leadership traits that allow her to successfully lead a diverse workforce. The secretary's presentation was followed by a panel discussion of attorneys including Chief Assistant United States Attorney Beth Moskow-Schnoll, Professor Daria Latorre, J.D., and Rosemary Killian, J.D.

The forensics panel consisted of Dr. Adrienne Sekula Perlman, Delaware's assistant state medical examiner; Donna Fontana, forensic anthropologist for the New Jersey State Police; and Catherine McBride, deputy laboratory director for the Philadelphia Police Department.

The afternoon keynote address was provided by Lt. Col. Ruth Irwin, com-

WELCOME to Dr. Adrienne Bey

Adrienne M. Bey, Ph.D., LCSW, joined the Behavioral Science Division in January 2007 as the coordinator of the Master of Science in the Administration of Human Services program (AHS). The AHS degree premiered at Wilmington College in September 2006

mander of the 31st Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team. Lt. Col. Irwin described the responsibilities of her National Guard team during a weapons of mass destruction event and offered recommendations for women leading “in a man’s world.”

Her presentation was followed by the final panel discussion of the day featuring women leaders in law enforcement. This lively panel discussion featured Supervisory Special Agent Jayne Challman of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Capt. Belinda Baker of the Delaware State University Police Department and Special Agent Veronica Hnat of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

To round out the event, recruitment officers from 12 criminal justice agencies in the region provided information on law enforcement, forensics and military employment opportunities.

The seminar committee of Postal Inspector Yvette Thomas, New Castle County Police Sgt. Laura O’Sullivan, and Delaware State Police Lt. Melissa Zebley received positive feedback from the more than 150 attendees who enjoyed the unique opportunity to hear about the successful practices of women leaders in a variety of Criminal Justice professions. We look forward to 2008.



and currently has more than 50 students enrolled in the program. Dr. Bey received her doctorate from the University of Delaware’s College of Human Services, Education and Public Policy in 2005. Her dissertation focused on the role of urban, African-American churches and faith-based

CONGRATULATIONS TO DR. THOMAS CUPPLES

The dean of the Behavioral Science Division, Thomas B. Cupples, has a new title – doctor. Dean Cupples received his Ed.D. in Counseling Psychology from the School of Psychology and Behavioral Sciences at Argosy University in Sarasota, Fla., in January.

His dissertation topic, “The Experience of Female Rape Victimization: A Phenomenological Approach,” explored the experiences of rape victims through

interviews with individuals who were selected through a designed screening process.

The qualitative study allows victims to tell their story in their own words. As a result of his work, a grounded theory of rape victimization was discovered that focused on the concept of giving rape victims voice. The study can be used as a springboard for establishing a training protocol for individuals who deal with rape victims in social service



Dean of the Behavioral Sciences Division has new title.

and criminal justice arenas. Overall, the research makes a welcome contribution to victimology literature and has

promise for future research in this area.

“I was impressed by the openness and frankness of the victims and their ability to talk about their experience as a rape victim,” commented Dr. Cupples.

Dr. Cupples expressed gratitude to Polli Funk, public policy director of the Sexual Assault Network of Delaware, who was instrumental

in the selection of victims as well as in providing an emotionally safe environment in which the interviews were conducted.

Dr. Cupples joined Wilmington College in 2001 as the coordinator of the Criminal Justice program. He established the Master of Science in the Administration of Justice program while working as the coordinator. He has been the dean of the Behavioral Science Division since 2004.

organizations in sex education.

As a licensed clinical social worker, Dr. Bey worked as a master family service specialist and juvenile probation officer for Delaware’s Children’s Department. Through the U.S Department of Justice’s federal Weed and Seed Program, Dr. Bey served as the site director for this community development initiative in the city of Wilmington.

She has consulted with local schools in the

area of parental involvement, has worked as a family life counselor for at-risk youth and families and has been a life coach and parent educator. Dr. Bey has been involved as a facilitator, developer and consultant to faith-based human service programs.

Prior to joining the Behavioral Science Division, Dr. Bey was adjunct faculty for Wilmington College’s Division of Education, Graduate School Counseling Program.

REACHING OUT TO NEW JERSEY

It's good for business when professors Fuller and Narvell devise workshops, and establish a cooperative relationship with Salem Community College.



LYNDA K. FULLER, business management program coordinator and assistant professor, and Stephanie B. Narvell, PHR, human resource management coordinator and associate professor, recently delivered a series of workshops for faculty and staff at Salem Community College in New Jersey.

“It is clear that these workshops will become a vital part of the college’s professional development,” Narvell said.

Topics included “The Importance of Customer Service to Employees and Students,” “Meeting Behavior, Multi-tasking and Setting Priorities” and “Management vs. Leadership.”

“The workshops helped establish a positive relationship between Salem and Wilmington College,” Narvell said.

Both colleges recently developed articulation agreements for various majors, including those of the Business Division.

NEW IN BUSINESS

- The new Accelerated BS/MBA/MSM Program is slated to begin in Fall 2007. It will allow undergraduates majoring in Division of Business programs to earn their bachelor of science (BS) degree and their master of business administration (MBA) or master of science in management (MSM) degree in just five years.
- Also, two new marketing electives – Services Marketing and Logistics: Physical Distribution – have been added to the current undergraduate marketing curriculum and will be offered for the first time in Summer 2007.

HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTS 28 STUDENTS

Twenty-eight Wilmington College business students were inducted into Sigma Beta Delta, the international honor society for business, management and administration, at a special ceremony at the New Castle Campus. Bob Haddock, marketing adjunct faculty member and president of Brandywine Corporate Development, Inc., was the guest speaker for the event.

This year's undergraduate inductees include: Earl H. Blansfield, Allison M. Brennan, Jacqueline L. Cannon, Melissa M. Casale, Lori A. Crosier, Lilly Derrickson, Judy L. DiBetta, Charlotte R. Gibson, Deborah M. Lingo, Stephanie R. Murray, John A. Norton, Marsha Rogers and Colen T. Waters.



Keynote speaker Bob Haddock; students stand for induction into SBD.

Graduate inductees include: Vanessa S. Deloach, Simone M. George, Bernice U. Hering-Whaley, John A. Hoehn, Charlene D. Kellum-Jackson, Sean P. Kilgore, Mahendra Kumar, Sharon

Keynote speaker Bob Haddock tells students, "Remarkable achievements can occur if one has the willingness and the desire to take action; in short, have the right stuff."

P. Lucernoni, Paul T. Morgan, LaTannia B. Neal, Carolyn Petrak, Erich J. Poch, Lisa A. Sadorf, Cathryn L. Trego and Tanya D. Turner.

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

MARKETING MBA LAUNCHES THIS SUMMER

The Business Division will launch a new master of business administration graduate program with a concentration in marketing management this summer.

"Career opportunities in marketing and sales are growing, especially in sales management, market research and marketing communications," said Dr. Clint Robertson, MBA coordinator and professor.

The new MBA Marketing Management Curriculum will include courses in Global Marketing, Marketing Communications, Salesmanship and Customer Service, and Marketing Research and Consumer Behavior. In addition, students will choose two marketing electives from the following courses: New Business Ventures, Business to Business and Government Marketing, Supply Chain Management, and Marketing Simulation.

The MBA program is now in its 28th year at Wilmington College. The degree is offered at three sites in Delaware and has more than 350 students enrolled. In addition to the traditional MBA, there are concentrations in Finance, Health Care Administration, Transportation and Business Logistics, Management Information Systems, and a combined MBA/Master of Science in Nursing.

"Career opportunities in marketing and sales are growing, especially in sales management, market research and marketing communications."

LOVE OF NATURE DRIVES WILLIS

Author/illustrator from Middletown, who received a Master of Business Administration from Wilmington College, migrates to new iTAC teaching assignment.



Pat Crowe

ADJUNCT INSTRUCTOR Nancy Carol Willis teaches art classes at Wilmington College. She is scheduled to teach DSN 308 Illustration, a new class in the iTAC Division, in Fall 2007.

To spend time with Willis of Middletown, Del., is to feel as though you've stumbled into the discovery room of a natural history museum, where collectors fill windowsills and bookshelves with snakeskins, animal skulls, owl pellets, geodes, seashells and other natural curiosities.

One of her early influences was neighborhood artist and hermit William D. White, who told tales of the Welsh stonemasons and Brandywine School artists he had known. White gave Willis books such as "Walden" by Henry David Thoreau and "Gift from the Sea" by Anne Morrow Lindbergh.

These experiences grew into a profound love of art, nature and books. However, Willis worked for two decades in the graphic and fine arts before deciding she had her own stories to tell.

She had been working as a volunteer rehabilitator at Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research in Newark, Del., helping to raise and care for injured, orphaned or oiled native birds from bald eagles to hummingbirds. At home one day, Nancy startled a brooding robin from her nest in a boxwood bush and began keeping a journal of bird activity in her yard. Her first book, "The Robins In Your Backyard," received the Parent Council Seal as outstanding from a learning perspective.

Willis' current book project traces the 20,000-mile annual migration of a shorebird called a red knot. The bird

stops along the shores of Delaware Bay near Willis' home to feed on the eggs of the horseshoe crab.

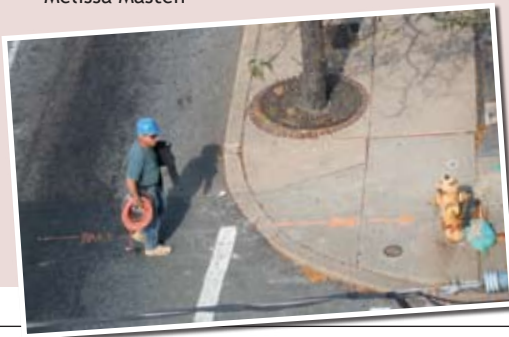
A Native Delawarean, Willis holds a bachelor's degree in graphic and advertising design from the University of Delaware and a Master of Business Administration from Wilmington College. After 13 years of employment in the graphic design industry, she left her job as design supervisor for the DuPont Company to pursue a career as a fine artist. She exhibited in nationally juried exhibitions and served as president of the Council of Delaware Artists from 1992-1995.

In 1998, Willis created Birdsong Books (www.BirdsongBooks.com), a small independent publisher of natural science books that encourage children to "delight in the discovery" of the world around them.

PHOTO FINALISTS

Photographer's Forum magazine announced finalists of its annual Student Photography Contest. Out of 28,000 entries, 13 are Wilmington College students:

Robert Aiken	Jacob Pitman
Catherine Ashley	LaNette Rainey
Kathleen Bocchino	Katie Reynolds
Matthew Bullock	Jeff Scott
Molly Fouracre	Jamie Varsalona
Christine Healey	Amy Weber.
Melissa Masten	



Winners will be published in the Best of College Photography Annual 2007.

Samples from a few of our photo finalists include Kathleen Bocchino, top; Melissa Masten, above; and Christine Healey, left.

INTERNING WITH DISNEY



Jamie Varsalona

My first day working as an intern with the Disney Design Group was one of the most overwhelming days ever. To be a thousand miles away from home is one thing, but walking in the footsteps of giants is something that frightens me even more. As if wearing a Disney nametag isn't cool enough, to actually work inside the building where "Lilo and Stitch," "Mulan" and "Brother Bear" were animated is an amazing feeling. It is the Feature Animation Building located at the Disney MGM Studios.

The Disney Design Group creates virtually everything that is sold in Disney World, Disneyland and Hong Kong Disney, from pins to clothing to toys to works of original art. DDG, as we are called, consists of about 60 designers divided into six teams, all working on different aspects of merchandise and design. I began my internship in June 2006. I am assigned to the Affinity Team, which is responsible for creating products

for all four Disney World theme parks, two water parks, all special events, Disney Cruise Line, sports and ESPN. We are a large team with diverse responsibilities.

One of my first projects was to create a personalized "Backstage Pass" for the Rock'n Roller Coaster Starring Aerosmith. This was a huge project because the band had to approve my art, which took a of couple months.

Another significant program that I was in charge of was revamping the Jedi Training Academy logo, which is incorporated in many products. My logo had to be approved by Lucasfilm, which was a six-month process. They liked my logo and actually trademarked it, which means they can use it internationally on anything!

Working with the Disney Design Group the past nine months has been such a great experience. There are so many talented artists that work here, and some of these people could actually be Disney legends someday. I am so happy to be able to take creative guidance from them. I never thought I could be a Disney artist, but with some hard work, I guess a lot is possible.

Kyle Price is a senior in Interactive Multimedia Design & Communications within the iTAC Division.

FOR PATIENTS, DRAMATIC TURN

*Collaboration between iTAC and Division
of Nursing & Allied Health provides win-win experiences
for Wilmington College students.*



THE UNDERGRADUATE drama students and the graduate nurse practitioner (NP) students appear to be unlikely candidates for collaborative study but at Wilmington College that is exactly what happens!

New Castle NP Program Coordinator Veronica Wilbur had a need to provide some controlled practice opportunities for her students and Joel Tau, an adjunct professor of communications in iTAC, had drama students looking for opportunities to display their dramatic skills. Thus was born the standardized patient collaboration in which actors portray patients to help NP students learn to diagnose and manage a variety of acute and chronic conditions.

Remember the “Seinfeld” episode where Kramer made some extra money by portraying a patient with a venereal disease at the local medical school? The standardized patient concept has been growing in popularity in medical and nursing programs across the United States.

The standardized patient activity provides NP students with the chance to diagnose and plan treatment for many common problems that they may or may not have exposure to during clinical experiences. It allows nursing faculty the opportunity to observe NP student behaviors and decision-making in a controlled setting without the chaos and sense of urgency that may be found in some practitioner’s offices.

Nursing faculty are able to observe the entire “patient” encounter and review the written notes of that encounter, thus obtaining a more holistic view of the interaction than is sometimes possible in medical offices or clinics. In addi-

tion, the actor “patients” can add to NP student learning by sharing how they felt during the encounter and how NP student questions and behaviors made them feel.

The drama students receive a script of their illness and a list of symptoms to use during the encounter but the experience gives them the opportunity

to use their improvisational skills as well. Drama instructors and other actors can evaluate their performances as well. Debriefing sessions work equally well for both the drama and the NP students.

In October 2005, AstraZeneca awarded \$5,000 to the Wilmington Drama League to support the continued development of this collaborative

program. The Wilmington Drama League’s core mission includes production, education, and community outreach — and this project encompasses all three!

Student learning, community involvement, and improved health care for our citizens — what collaboration could ask for more?

THE MSN IN NURSING LEADERSHIP COLLOQUIUM

The colloquium is the crowning event of the Master of Science in Nursing Leadership program. Each student completes a capstone consisting of a thesis, a project or a practicum. Research is a part of any of these choices and, in research, you aren’t finished until you have shared what you have learned. Thus, the Division of Nursing & Allied Health has a colloquium every fall and spring and all students completing the capstone present what they did and what they learned.

The colloquium is always an extremely satisfying event as we see the growth and professionalism displayed by our students. Each student also completes a scholarly paper describing his or her capstone and related research - these are placed in the library.

Seventeen students presented at the Dec. 19 colloquium. Earlier in December, three students presented at a similar event in Georgetown.

EXAMPLES OF THE CAPSTONES PRESENTED

- Students completing the Legal Nurse Consultant track must do a practicum, and they reported on experiences with the attorney general’s office, the medical examiner’s office and with private practice attorneys and legal nurse consultants. **KAREN ROLLO** worked on a high-profile case during her practicum and gained valuable experience in the field as a result.

- Several students in the Nurse Educator track also completed practica. For example, **BARBARA VISCONTI** worked with Sheila Sharbaugh, the BSN program coordinator, as a mentor and helped teach the undergraduate introductory nursing course. **ANGELA STEELE-TILTON** worked with an instructor at Beebe Hospital School of Nursing as her mentor - she has since been hired by them to teach in their nursing program and will be sending her students on to us for the BSN.

- **KATHLEEN HEACOCK**, a nurse educator student at the Georgetown Campus, worked with students at Delaware Tech-Owens on identifying and learning how to deal with test anxiety. **DELANE SAXTON**, a school nurse in Sussex County, prepared a reference book for teachers in a school for special needs children.

- **MUZELLA HAYES** completed a reflective review of her life and her career in nursing. **ANITA MURPHY** did a thesis and completed a survey of practicing nurses to determine if nurses from different generations (baby boomers, Generation Xers, millennials) responded to different institutional retention strategies.

The instructors in the Division of Nursing & Allied Health are very proud to have them represent us as graduates of Wilmington College.

NINE COMPLETE DEGREE PROGRAM

Inaugural class of Master of Arts in Teaching Program provides qualified secondary instructors in Delaware, surrounding states.



Susan L. Gregg

CONGRATULATIONS are in order to the nine teacher candidates who recently completed the Master of Arts in Teaching program at Wilmington College this past January.

In Fall 2005, Wilmington College enrolled its inaugural class of teacher candidates in a master's program in secondary education with the design of teaching various content areas – English, biology and mathematics, for example – in grades 7 through 12.

Referred to as the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT), the program prepares prospective teachers to meet the academic and social needs of the secondary student. The program is built on a model of the teacher as learner, researcher and facilitator of knowledge, and is based on the premises that teachers must be sensitive to varying

MEE GRADUATE WINS

INGER CIERNIAK, a master of education in Elementary Studies graduate, was recently awarded the Trustees' Award for Leadership at the 36th annual Wilmington College Commencement Ceremonies held at the Chase Center on the Riverfront, on Jan. 28, 2007.

CIERNIAK – who lives in Middletown, Del., with her husband, Gene, and two sons, Jacob, 5, and Anders, 3 – earned her undergraduate degree as a student athlete at Duquesne University in Business Administration. She began her career as a consultant for PriceWaterhouse (PWC) and traveled

social demands and expectations; be able to diagnose and address the individual learning and developmental needs of students; be able to use technology in all aspects of their profession; make important decisions about how and what to teach in the face of an overwhelming knowledge explosion; and reach out more effectively to parents and the community.

The MAT degree is designed for individuals with bachelor's and/or master's degrees in content areas taught in the middle and high schools of the region. The program provides individuals with the professional education preparation necessary for licensure and certification as high-quality teachers in the content area(s) of their previous degrees. In Delaware there is an identified shortage in several areas including the sciences, mathematics, English, foreign languages, business education, and

technology education, all areas for which this program has been designed.

To be eligible for the program, a teacher candidate must hold a degree in a secondary content area from a regionally accredited college or university and provide passing scores on the PRAXIS I (or relevant exemption) tests. Prior to graduation from the program, the candidate will also have to pass the appropriate PRAXIS II content area test.

The Master of Arts in Teaching Degree requires the completion of 36 semester hours of coursework, practicum and internship/student teaching experience requiring 60 days of clinical experience working with a clinical supervisor and co-operating teacher in a middle or high school setting. And that's what the 13 recent graduates have completed, and after having begun the program in fall 2005!

Delaware and surrounding states now

have qualified secondary teachers in the area of business, chemistry, English, marketing, mathematics, social sciences and world language/Spanish. And more are to follow. Nine other teacher candidates will be completing their requirements this spring in the area of business, chemistry, English, marketing, general science and social science. In all, a total of more than 175 teacher candidates have currently enrolled in the MAT program since fall 2005 – and more are coming every day.

Members of the Division of Education are excited by the response this program has received. It is anticipated that the initial momentum evidenced will continue as the need for secondary teachers increases as a result of the retirement of the baby boomers.

Wilmington College continues to produce graduates to fill the emerging needs in an ever-changing world.

TRUSTEES' AWARD FOR LEADERSHIP

extensively working on computer systems implementations.

After leaving PWC, she started her own consulting company and contracted to several local firms. She continues to utilize her technology background in the classroom through presentations, Internet work and a Web site to facilitate parent communication. Cierniak received the President's Award as a result of her leadership in the classroom and community and for her willingness to promote the mission of Wilmington College. As a parent volunteer at St. Mary's Preschool,

Cierniak prepared cooking and craft lessons for the children in the 2-year-old and 4-year-old classrooms.

Cierniak has been working with Girl Scout Troop 117 in Newark, Del., for the past eight years and has been active as a certified religious educator at St. Margaret of Scotland Parish in Glasgow, Del., for the past seven years. She teaches classes for fifth-graders as well as ninth-graders.

Regarding the Mission of Wilmington College, Cierniak provided input to instructors, advisory board members, and administrators on how to improve the Wilmington College experience in

the master of education in Elementary Studies program by serving as a student representative on the 2006 Advisory Committee.

CIERNIAK constantly advocates for Wilmington College to teachers and administrators with whom she comes in contact by encouraging them to accept Wilmington College student teachers and practicum teachers.

In the classroom, she has provided technical assistance and guidance to teachers at her recent student teaching placement, sharing information and teaching new skills.

COMMENCEMENT

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2007!

This year, Wilmington College held five commencement ceremonies, two in the winter and three in the spring. The two winter commencement ceremonies and two of the spring ceremonies were held at the Chase Center on the Wilmington Riverfront. One additional ceremony was held in Georgetown. The graduates were part of a student body that is comprised of more than 10,700 students. The Class of 2007 now belongs to an alumni group of more than 20,000 people.

During the winter ceremonies, about four married couples graduated together as well as a number of other relatives. The oldest graduate was 63, the youngest 22. A total of 458 of the graduates are teachers and administrators in public and private schools as well as colleges and universities. Seventy-six are in the banking industry, 92 work in health-related fields and 33 are in the military service.

During the spring ceremonies, approximately 1,061 students



Bridgette Edmondson, Interactive Multimedia Design and Communication and winner of the academic award for the iTAC Division.

graduated. A total of 505 undergraduate students and 556 graduate students were eligible to participate. The final ceremony took place in Georgetown, Del., on May 14, 2007. The entire class of 2007, including graduates from the Winter Commencement ceremonies, consists of about 2,200 students.

At the ceremonies, President Dr. Jack P. Varsalona commended the graduates for their tremendous success and ended his speech expressing the utmost confidence in his students. "We are confident that you will do your share in solving the problems of our communities, our state, and our nation. In doing so, you will lead happy, useful and productive lives," he said.

As a tribute to our graduates, we have devoted the following pages to award winners, commencement speakers and family graduates. We have also highlighted a few very successful graduates who overcame many obstacles to earn their Wilmington College degree. We hope you enjoy as we reflect upon these individuals' accomplishments.

AS ALUMNI, you are now ambassadors of Wilmington College. We value your opinion and your feedback. We ask that you please take a moment to complete an alumni survey by visiting www.wilmcoll.edu/surveys/alumnisurvey.

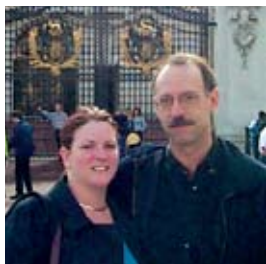
TO LOVE, HONOR AND . . . SUPPORT EACH OTHER WHILE PURSUING GRADUATE DEGREES



This year there were several married couples graduating together from Wilmington College. We've highlighted two couples that shared the joy, the support and a little bit of a challenge as they pursued their master's degrees.

CHRISTINE AND JOHN HOEHN

John and Christine Hoehn of Pennsville, N.J., graduated from Wilmington College together on Sunday, Jan. 28, 2007. They



both graduated from the Master's of Science in Organizational Leadership (MSOL) program with 4.0 GPAs.

"It has made us closer through the shared experience. We were able to help each other stay on task," Christine said. "We would continue

class discussions on the way home. The MSOL program is unique in that we were part of a cohort and in the end we've extended our family to include 18 more people."

John views his experience in the MSOL program as much more than just a degree. "The cohort experience has been a chance of a lifetime. . . . I was skeptical when the program started, whether it was possible to learn how to be a better leader. Now I know this is true. I have seen how each of us has changed, how we improved, how we cared and supported each other. We are and forever will be part of this special family," he said.

It appears that one degree isn't enough for this couple. They currently are enrolled in Wilmington College's Master's in Business Administration (MBA) program and will graduate in May. The Hoehns were actually taking courses for their MBA and MSOL degrees simultaneously. John Hoehn is a senior consultant at IBM. They have two children.

BRIAN AND JANEL WEST

Born and raised in Montana, Janel met Brian while attending school at Montana State University. Just after Brian graduated in May 1997 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering, the couple was married and later that summer moved to the Portland, Ore./Vancouver, Wash., area. It was there that Janel completed her B.A. degree in Fine Art at Marylhurst University.

Upon graduation, Janel opened and operated The Creation Station Fine Art Studio, Vancouver's first and only all-inclusive fine arts educational studio, gallery and framing shop. Shortly after settling in the Newark, Del., area, Janel found an administrative position with nearby Cecil County Public Schools.

Fueled by her entrepreneurial spirit and a desire to cultivate opportunities for career advancement, Janel enrolled in Wilmington College's Weekend MBA Cohort Program in October 2004. During her course of study, Janel became



pregnant with the couple's first child and elected to take a few months off. She completed two classes simultaneously at six months pregnant and after the arrival of their son; Janel finished her last course in October 2006. Janel participated in the January 2007 commencement ceremonies with Brian, an MSOL graduate.

Brian is currently a global technical support engineer for Rohm & Hass Electronic Materials, Chemical Mechanical Planarization Technologies. "I am a change agent for customers and all of the MSOL theory, concepts and tools have allowed me to effectively achieve results," Brian said. "One of the things the program taught me was how to deal with change."

"With words like 'outsourcing' and 'lean manufacturing' becoming commonplace in the work environment, the shift into a new management methodology is needed," Janel said. "Wilmington College has prepared me to meet that need."

SPOTLIGHT ON DOCTORAL STUDENTS

DR. LOU ANN CARLSON

Dr. Lou Ann Carlson was awarded this year's President's Award for Leadership at the January Graduate Commencement Ceremony. The award is presented to a graduating master's or doctoral student for outstanding leadership and dedication to the philosophy and mission of Wilmington College.

Lou Ann completed her doctoral studies with a 3.95 grade point average. She holds both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree from the University of Delaware. Recently appointed assistant superintendent for the Caesar Rodney School District, she also continues to serve as the district's director of instruction, a position she has held since February 2005.

The Wyoming, Del., native began her professional employment in 1978 with the former Newark School District as an elementary special education teacher. Throughout her career with the Caesar Rodney District, which began in 1981, Lou Ann has distinguished herself in a variety of positions of increased



scope and responsibility, including assistant principal, supervisor of reading, supervisor of human resources, and director of instruction.

A dedicated professional and an exceptional motivator of people, she has served on a number of district- and state-level committees. At Wilmington College, she serves on the reading advisory committee and has been an adjunct reading instructor.

Her professional associations are numerous, including the State Action for Education Leadership Project, the International Reading Association, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and the Delaware Association of School Administrators. Lou Ann has been the recipient of a variety of professional awards and honors, including the Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary School Teacher of the Year and the Caesar Rodney School District Teacher of the Year for 1995.

Lou Ann is married with three children.

JESSICA BRADLEY BECOMES ONE OF THE YOUNGEST STUDENTS TO GRADUATE

Nineteen-year-old Jessica Bradley went down in Wilmington College history as one of its youngest graduates ever when she walked in the May 2007 undergraduate commencement ceremony.

Bradley was born in Baltimore, Md. Her father's job required that she and her family move every couple of years. Therefore, Jessica was educated in Maryland, Ohio and Alabama. She attended nine schools in 10 years. She graduated high school at 16. She received numerous national awards, including the United States Achievement Academy National Achievement Award for her scholarship in arts and sciences.

While at Bob Jones High School in Madison, Ala., she combined her schooling with coursework through a distance

education program called the American School. This allowed her to complete high school two years early.

She was accepted through board approval to The University of Alabama. This was a big landmark for her as well as The University of Alabama. They were unsure whether she could handle the pressures of living away from home and adjusting to college life at such a young age. After multiple meetings and excelling in and completing high school, she received her letter of acceptance. She began her first semester living with her sister in an apartment off-campus, while still 16, in August 2004.

Bradley attended Alabama through July 2005, when she decided to move to the Northeast to be closer to her family.

DR. JAMILA RISER

Two years after earning a master's degree in Leadership & Instruction from Wilmington College, Jamila was excited to learn that Wilmington College was beginning a doctoral program at the Dover Campus. She applied for the program, was fortunate enough to be granted an interview, and several weeks later was contacted by the program leadership about entering the doctoral program the following fall.

She originally intended to travel to the Dover Campus for her classes, but her willingness to go to either the Dover or Georgetown campuses permitted other candidates that really wanted to attend the Dover campus to do so. She actually enjoyed her drive from Felton to Georgetown and back each week. A colleague from Jamila's district was also selected to be in cohort 13 and during their drives to the campus and back, they had many engaging conversations about work, class, etc. "Being a part of a cohort is one of the strengths of this program. Our cohort



members became a real support group for each other," Jamila said.

During the three and half years that she took doctoral classes at Wilmington College, Jamila did a great deal of reading, researching and reflecting about educational issues. Her family members were very supportive during the time that she was taking classes. She also says that the professors were extremely helpful.

"The professors in the program worked tirelessly to help us understand the nature of qualitative and quantitative research studies and narrow the scope of our study. I thoroughly enjoyed the research process and our lively classroom discussions helped me grow as an individual," she said.

In January 2007, Jamila received her doctorate in Leadership and Innovation and moved into a new position as executive director of the Delaware Mathematics Coalition. Her experiences at Wilmington College helped her to understand the value of being a lifelong learner.



The Internet helped her narrow her choices, and once on campus she knew that Wilmington College was where she belonged. She felt the educational staff was extremely knowledgeable and challenging yet accommodating.

"The flexible schedule, small class size and small campus, coupled with the convenient location, progressive programs and the beautiful new facilities, were all just what I was looking for," she says.

She began classes at Wilmington College in September

2005. Bradley got through college in just three years by taking summer courses every summer and averaging 18 credits per semester. Last summer, this ambitious teenager took 24 credits.

The psychology major plans on obtaining her master's degree in Elementary Studies from Wilmington College. This summer she is completing an internship at the Attorney General's office in Wilmington.

Bradley says she is very pleased with the Wilmington College experience and feels that the individual attention and excellent education she received have prepared her for future challenges. "I would highly recommend Wilmington College to anyone who is serious about receiving a world-class education. I believe that each student graduates feeling prepared and excited about their future opportunities," she said.

She is newly engaged to fellow Wilmington College student Tyler Hose, who is majoring in business at Wilmington College.

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Winter Commencement



*Congratulations
to the Class of 2007 -
Welcome to the
Alumni Association,
which now totals
more than
23,000
alumni.*

JANUARY 28, 2007

CHASE CENTER ON THE RIVERFRONT

COMMENCEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Student Speaker Graduate	Michael D. Robinson
Student Speaker Undergraduate	William C. Murray
Trustees' Award for Service Graduate	Inger A. Cierniak
Trustees' Award for Service Undergraduate	Debra L. Brown
President's Award for Leadership Graduate	Lou Ann Carlson
Presidents' Award for Leadership Undergraduate	Stephanie R. Murray

ACADEMIC AWARDS - GRADUATE PROGRAM

Master of Science in Business Administration	Erich J. Poch
Master of Science (Business)	Bernice U. Hering-Whaley
Master of Science in Information Systems Technologies	Notse Sabao
Graduate Behavioral Science	Robert J. Soop
Master of Science in Nursing	Delane A. Saxton
Master of Education	Melissa A. Celia
Doctor of Education	Kenneth L. Acker

ACADEMIC AWARDS - UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Division of Behavioral Science	Darrell Fincher
Division of Business	Holly J. Snowden
Division of Education	Martina L. Wilkerson
Division of General Studies	Rodney A. Carson
Division of Information Technology and Advanced Communications	Angel R. Partie
Division of Nursing	Melanie L. Ayers

ACADEMIC AWARDS

Spring Commencement

MAY 8, 2007 & MAY 9, 2007

CHASE CENTER ON THE RIVERFRONT

MAY 14, 2007

GEORGETOWN, DEL.

COMMENCEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Student Speaker Graduate	Lori Sansbury Duerr
Student Speaker Undergraduate	Christina M. Hampton
Trustees' Award for Service Graduate	Nathalie B. Melvin
Trustees' Award for Service Undergraduate	Wenda L. Culin
President's Award for Leadership Graduate	Robert J. Buckley
President's Award for Leadership Undergraduate	Danka Prilepkova

COMMENCEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS

Student Speaker Randall L. Hughes II
Trustees' Award for Service Brittany A. Johnson
President's Award for Leadership Ruth A. Jones

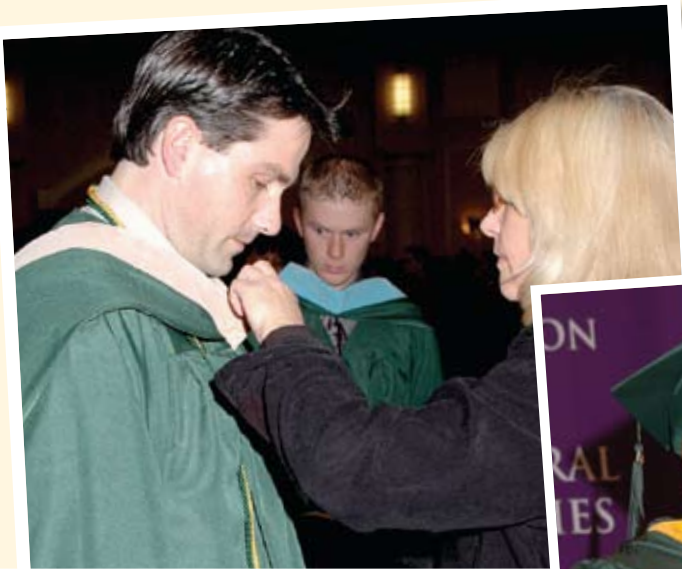
ACADEMIC AWARDS - GRADUATE PROGRAM

Master of Business Administration	Elizabeth S. Anderson
Master of Science (Business)	Randall L. Hughes II
Master of Science in Information Systems Technologies	Robert H. Messner Jr.
Graduate Behavioral Science	Donna T. Angelucci
Master of Science in Nursing	Mary E. Boone
Master of Education	Linda Lee Zoulek
Doctor of Education	Joy P. Dickerson

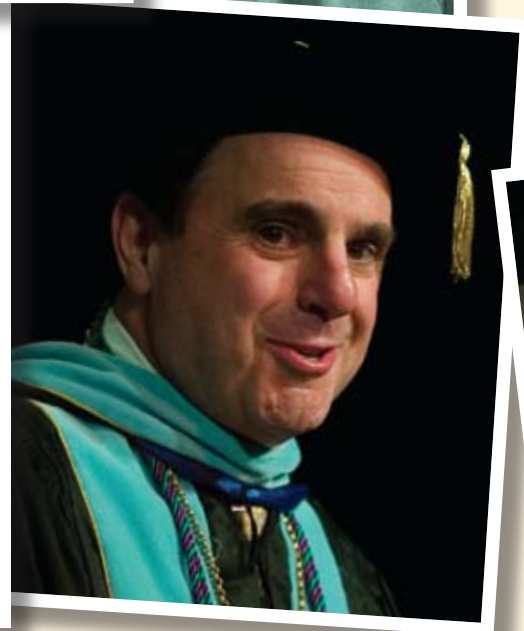
ACADEMIC AWARDS - UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

Division of Behavioral Science	Cheryl A. Wesley
Division of Business	Ann M. Hurst
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COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

At each Wilmington College Commencement ceremony, both graduate and undergraduate, a student speaker is selected to speak of their Wilmington College experience – what they have learned, what they have gained and how they will apply it to life post-graduation.

The following are brief biographies of each chosen speaker.

Winter Commencement Ceremonies – January 28, 2007

Graduate Ceremony Speaker

Michael D. Robinson

Michael D. Robinson graduated with a 3.67 grade point average and a master of science degree in Administration of Justice. He received his bachelor of arts degree in Legal Studies from Morris Brown College in Atlanta, Ga., and has also attended the Federal Executive Institute and the Program for Senior Executive Fellows at Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government.



Michael is currently the special agent in charge for the Philadelphia Field Division in the Office of the Inspector General, Social Security Administration. His federal government career began in 1992 with the Social Security Administration in Baltimore, Md. After serving as a contact representative for five years, he became a special agent with the Office of Investigations, with assignments in Washington, D.C., Baltimore and Philadelphia.

Upon graduation from Morris Brown, he was simultaneously commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Army through the Army ROTC program at Georgia Tech. He has also served in the Maryland Army National Guard. A recipient of numerous government awards for meritorious service, Michael is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and a life member of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives. He and his family are residents of New Castle, Del.

Undergraduate Ceremony Speaker

William C. Murray

William C. Murray completed his bachelor of science degree program in Organizational Management with a 4.0 grade point average. As a member of the second cohort in this Fusion degree completion program, he was able to receive credit for his previous undergraduate work at the University of Mississippi as well as for other prior college-level learning.



Currently a vice president at Bank of America, he is a senior operations manager in product operations/print and finish operations, where he is responsible for project management in North America. William was first hired by Bank of America as a collector in customer assistance in 1986.

He is a member of the board of the Back Creek Maintenance Corporation and a former board member of the New Castle County Library Advisory Board. He is also a member of the Lincoln Club of Delaware, Ducks Unlimited and a former co-chair of the Dino Fanucci/Boys & Girls Club annual golf tournament.

William is currently vice chairman of the 8th Representative District for the Republican Party in Delaware. In 2004, he represented the state of Delaware as part of the state's delegation to the 2004 Republican National Convention in New York City. William's wife, Stephanie, graduated with him from the Organizational Management Fusion program. He and his family are residents of Middletown, Del.

Spring Commencement Speakers – May 8, 2007

Graduate Ceremony

Lori Sansbury Duerr

Lori Sansbury Duerr completed her doctoral studies with a 4.0 grade point average. She received her master of arts



degree in Counseling and her bachelor of science in Elementary Education from West Virginia University in Morgantown, W.Va. Since 2002, she has been employed by the Delaware Department of Education, where she currently serves as an education associate,

a position she assumed in 2005. Her primary areas of responsibility are instructional improvement and professional development, topics addressed in her doctoral dissertation, "Delaware Professional Development Policy Recommendations for Improved Teacher Quality." A former president of the Delaware Board of Licensed Professional Counselors of Mental Health and former co-chair of the Board of Directors of Positive Outcomes Charter School, Inc., Duerr is a member of numerous professional committees, including the Center for Improving Teacher Quality, the Delaware Math Coalition and the Delaware Education Support System.

Undergraduate Ceremony

Christina M. Hampton

Christina M. Hampton graduated with a 3.82 grade point average and a bachelor of science degree in Allied



Health Management. She is one of the first graduates of Wilmington College's new Allied Health completion program. A native of Minnesota, Hampton earned her associate of science degree in Dental Hygiene and her diploma in Health Career Studies from

Delaware Technical and Community College. Wishing to continue her education and pursue a bachelor's degree, she enrolled at Wilmington College as a Marketing major. When the Allied Health completion program was announced, Christina was able to enter the program and quickly complete her degree. She is currently employed as a hygienist in private dental practice and is considering a career as a dentist. Christina and her family are residents of Newark, Del.

Georgetown Ceremony – May 14, 2007

Randall L. Hughes II

Randall L. Hughes II graduated with a 4.0 grade point average and a master of science degree in Management. His



program area of concentration is Public Administration, and he is the Master of Science/Business academic award recipient. Randall received his bachelor of science degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Delaware and is also a graduate of the 200th FBI National Academy

Class. A 22-year member of the Delaware State Police, he currently serves at the rank of major as the administrative officer overseeing the division's budget. As a community service volunteer, Hughes has coached youth soccer teams for River Soccer Club and has been an assistant soccer coach at Sussex Central Middle School. He is a member of the Indian River School Board, presently serving as chairman of the finance committee, and he is also a member of the board of trustees at Hickory Hill United Methodist Church. Hughes and his family are residents of Millsboro, Del.

Alumni SERVING OUR COUNTRY

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college students and alumni have served or are currently serving in the military. We'd like to recognize two alumni serving in the military, Lt. Col. Othell L. Hamlett and Major Rita Wiley as they relay their experiences to us. We know there are many more to be honored of whom we are not aware. Please let us know so that we can recognize you in our next issue.

Lt. Col. Othell L. Hamlett proudly displays the Wilmington College flag in Afghanistan.





LT. COL. OTHELL L. HAMLETT

As I look back over the last six years – where I was on 9/11, where I am now and where I have been since that day – time has moved along at a fast pace. I think 9/11 will be one of those days like December 7, 1941, and people will remember where they were when the planes hit the World Trade Center and then the Pentagon.

I can remember going by my office at Claymont Elementary School, looking at the small TV in my office and seeing a fire in the World Trade Center. I immediately thought that there must be a fire in the building. At that time, I watched the second plane hit the other tower, standing there with disbelief at what I had just seen.

Things became even harder to believe when the news came about the plane striking the Pentagon. I had just returned from summer duty at the Pentagon in early August and had friends whom I knew and who worked close to or in the Pentagon. It was the afternoon of Sept. 17 that I received a phone call saying I needed to report to the Pentagon for duty the following day. I still remember walking through the tunnel that leads to the South Parking Lot of the Pentagon, seeing the damage first-hand and how I felt when I entered the Pentagon itself.

At that time I did not know that I would be on duty for the next years in support of the global war on terrorism, traveling to such locations as Kuwait, Afghanistan, Iraq, Qatar, Uzbekistan, Pakistan and many other locations. My first two and half years were spent at the Pentagon, and then I spent nine months in Kuwait and a year in Afghanistan with other stops in between at the Pentagon.



I look back at the 14- to 16-hour days and the seven-day-a-week schedule and the soldiers that worked with me doing things that we never dreamed we would be doing. We were at war now, and it was time to step up and answer the call of duty.

I would have to say that my time spent in Afghanistan has been the highlight of all my tours of duty and my most rewarding experience. I arrived in Bagram Air Base in April 2005 to serve with the Southern European Task Force from Italy as the senior army reserve advisor for Afghanistan. Afghanistan is a mountainous area of the world where a majority of the population is living as they did hundreds of years in the past.

The most exciting part of my duty was when I had the chance to visit the local schools in the area and hand out school supplies. As I spoke with the children I saw the sparkle in their eyes. My heart and soul went out to them. It was encouraging to witness the new schools and the fact that girls now also had the opportunity to get an education, especially since I was a teacher.

During the winter months we would go to the front gate and hand out coats and shoes to children who would be standing in line for hours in their bare

feet and with no coat in 20-degree weather with snow on the ground.

I have spent 20 months away from home (and my wife has made many sacrifices since I have been called to active duty). I tell people the real heroes are the families that sit and wait and support the soldiers fighting in Iraq or Afghanistan. I spent time with so many heroes who never get the special recognition or who never get the news coverage, but continue to do their duty, day in and day out and make so many sacrifices, along with their families.

I have spent over 36 years in service to my nation, starting in the U.S. Air Force in 1971 to now serving with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Manpower and Reserve Affairs. I have moved from working in the basement to the second floor of the Pentagon.

One thing that I have always stressed to the younger generation is the importance of completing their education and how important it will become as they

move through life. I have to say that the educational opportunities that Wilmington College has given me over the years have impacted my life and what I am doing now. I am one of those folks who can remember the day care next to the main campus that was a hotel at one time and how the school has grown over the years and what impact it has made on so many people and their lives.

Wilmington College was the pioneer in establishing a school for the working person who needed a school to meet the demands of their work schedules. I always joke to people that I have spent enough on tuition that I helped pay for most of the library on the main campus.

My youngest son, 23-year-old Tim, is a member of the Air Force Reserve stationed at Dover AFB and a police officer for the city of Milton, Del. My oldest son, 27-year-old Robbie, works for WaWa as an assistant manager. My wife, Kathy, stays at home with my two dogs and two cats.



MAJOR RITA WILEY

After the tragedy of Sept. 11, it was hard to focus on my employment at MBNA. The United States had been attacked and I was in the military. I didn't know from day to day what part I would play or how I would serve the country, but I realized it was inevitable that the guard and reserve would be utilized in some capacity.

The people at my work realized this fact as well, and almost every day someone would stop me and ask if I had heard anything yet – meaning would I be called to active duty. So, in November when one of the lieutenant colonels I used to work for years ago called me from the

to war in Afghanistan and Iraq.

When I was in my sixth month in the Mobilization Division, I was requested to work in the Front Office as the assistant executive officer for the Director of the Army Operations Center. This job consisted of a myriad of duties and responsibilities that were foreign to me. My strong organizational and interpersonal communication skills were an asset in this busy office. I helped manage the office and three general's calendars, tons of administrative requirements, assist staff officers with actions and tasks, and numerous other functions that came up every day.

“WHEN PEOPLE ASK ME WHY I SERVE IN IRAQ, THE ANSWER MAY SOUND CLICHÉ, BUT IT’S HONEST: DUTY, HONOR AND COUNTRY.”

Pentagon, I wasn't totally surprised.

The surprise came when I found I would be working in the Army Staff Headquarters Department at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. I started on active duty in January 2002.

For the first six months I worked in the Mobilization Division in the Army Operations Center in the basement of the Pentagon. It seemed like I was working in the “Batcave,” one of those places you hear about but never get the chance to see. Here, I alternated from day shift to night shift every other week. At this point, the mission was still focused on Homeland Security efforts, but it wasn't long before the Army began to employ troops for Operation Enduring Freedom and later Operation Iraqi Freedom. During this time, we mobilized and deployed thousands of troops who would be sent

I served at the Pentagon for two years and then went back to my job at MBNA for eight months. I returned to my life prior to Sept. 11, where I would go to work each day and drill once a month with the National Guard. However, life was not the same for me and would never be the same. Our country was at war and while on the surface I was back to work, my mind was not there.

I wanted to be part of what was happening because I started to feel out of touch. I watched the news day and night, but it was so different now having to rely on the news to keep me updated. It is hard to explain, but my heart was not with my career at MBNA and I knew I had changed.

Ironically, several months later, I got a call from the Pentagon. They were short-handed in the Mobilization Division and



needed an officer who could jump right in. I once again answered the call to duty, and again I was away from my family – and again they supported me 100 percent.

When people ask me why I serve in Iraq, the answer may sound cliché, but it's honest: duty, honor and country. I feel so strongly about serving in the Army and serving my country and I am passionate about making a contribution in some small way. I also want to set an example for my girls so they can see a strong female role model. A woman can have a real career, serve in the military and it isn't just fathers who go off to fight in the war.

So many before me have made the ultimate sacrifice; my service is the least I can give. It humbles me to think of my fallen comrades as I sit comfortably at a desk and type this story of why I serve.

“The true measure of a man is not where he stands in comfort and convenience, but where he stands in challenge and controversy.” These words, spoken by Martin Luther King Jr., pretty much sum it all up for my family and me. When I went to Iraq, I wrote these words on my white board, so that on days when I felt frustrated or upset, I read the quote, and somehow it helped me refocus on why I serve. ■

DEVELOPMENT

TURBO DRIVE

As many of you know, Wilmington College has been, for some time now, a fiscally conservative and financially solid institution. We have a leadership that deftly keeps an eye on spending. Our facilities are kept up to date by planning for upgrades and we try to be smart about technology, not just flashy.

We are delighted to report that we are not burdened by large operating debt as is true for many institutions. We do not have a pressing need to tap our alumni to cover improvements, and we never broker corporate sponsorships to fund our daily operations. As you look around at other colleges and universities, fine



a top-notch college education with us. We trust in the level of care and commitment our financial aid officers exhibit. They will continue to get the right resources to the people who qualify for them. Many of you may have been through the financial

aid process here and know all too well how hard that department works.

Like all educational institutions, many of our students currently depend on some form of financial aid. However there are those in our community that fall between the cracks and do not qualify for financial assistance due

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as they may be, we are the exception in this area not the rule.

Every now and then, however, there are issues that we hear of that we feel strongly about. We know that when it comes to providing the best education for our students that we have the staff and resources to make that happen.

We also know that when it comes to financial assistance, those who qualify for aid are able to get the help they need here. The core of Wilmington College's mission is focused on making sure that anyone willing to do the work can get

to their slightly higher income. These folks still struggle to shoulder the weight of tuition or private loan payments just like those who make the cut but are penalized by their income. This has prompted us to initiate what we are calling the "Turbo" drive.

Our intention here is to add that extra kick to our student's financial fuel tanks so that they can get more mileage out of the resources they have earned. We all know that being economically conscious is necessary these days, especially for

those starting out in their careers. That is why we are looking to you, our alumni, who have had the opportunity to benefit from a Wilmington College experience, to remember what it was like as you met your own challenges to complete your degree. It is amazing how little it takes to ease the stress load on a person and how that extra boost of financial confidence can get someone out of the pits and onto the track to win the race.

Now just to make it that much more fun, we have secured some of our own prizes for you as you help others to win their own personal checkered flag. On this page you will see a list of items you will receive, depending on how much you are able to contribute. Please take the time to look over this list and give generously. We all can make a difference!



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SUSSEX COUNTY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION CHAPTER



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Richard R. Pohl (*B.B.A. Business Administration*) of White Hall, Md., is a graduate of the first graduating class of W.C. Richard was in the Air Force stationed at the Dover Air Force Base while he was working toward his degree at W.C. Richard is the owner of Chesapeake Risk Management, Ltd. His company provides professional insurance advisory services and risk management consulting to small and mid-size companies. Richard and his wife of 37 years, Gail, are active in their church and volunteer at the Shrewsbury Lutheran Home. His hobbies are automobiles and golf. Richard and Gail have a home in Bethany Beach, Del., and were pleasantly surprised to see the Wilmington College Rehoboth Beach Information Center.

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Howard Schwed (*B.B.A. Aviation Management*) of Anaheim, Calif., retired from U.S. Airways in March 2005 after 20 years in the maintenance department. Howard is working for Southern Wine & Spirits of Southern California doing video research of products and processing customer claims. Howard and his wife, Sharlene, are ready for a W.C. '70s reunion and look forward to touring the New Castle Campus. Howard still keeps in touch with his W.C. dormitory roommate, Bill Shuman.

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Vanest Freeman-Smith (*B.S. Business Administration*) is currently living in Kansas with her husband Wayman and two adopted sons. Vanest, who has an M.S. in Human Service Administration, has many years of experience working with children as a foster parent, daycare owner and director for Girls, Inc. Vanest and her daughter Varleisha Gibbs opened a therapeutic

preschool in Clifton, N.J., in 2006. Their school, The Child Development Institute at Universal Progressive Therapy, Inc., accepts children with and without special needs. Varleisha is an occupational therapist at the school. Vanest included a note saying, "Thank you, Wilmington College, for giving me the education and experience I needed to begin my career. I also thank the preschool that was on the campus back in the early '80s for providing my daughter, Varleisha, with a positive start in her education." Vanest and her family plan to move back to Delaware to be near her daughter, son-in-law George and two beautiful granddaughters, Janiah and Dakota.

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Portia Sterling (*M.B.A. Business Administration*) retired from Delaware Technical & Community College in Wilmington, Del., and relocated to Las Vegas, Nev., with her husband Rob. Portia is working toward her online master's in theology and biblical studies at Eastern University (Palmer Theological Seminary). She teaches introduction to computers part time at a senior center in Las Vegas. Portia also earned her bachelor's degree in 1981 from W.C. with a major in Criminal Justice. She was involved with student activities at the college and has been an active member of the Alumni Association as a class representative for many years. Portia is missed by all who worked closely with her in the association.

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Angie Rusch (Stevens) (*B.S. Criminal Justice*) of Bothell, Wash., delivered her fifth child on July 11, 2006. Aniston Rose is Angie's first daughter. Angie has four boys, ages 19, 15, 12, and a 2-year-old who was her first-born in her second marriage. Angie's husband has four children, which makes Aniston Rose the ninth child in their blended family. Angie said, "Ani-Rose is our closer and completes our baseball team!"

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Dan Durishan (*M.S. Administrative Management*), a native of Latrobe, Pa., has been hired by the Bernstein Law Firm in Pittsburgh, Pa. Dan is the manager of the firm's creditors' rights practice area. In a press release from the Bernstein Law Firm, Bob

Bernstein, managing partner of the firm stated, "employees like Mr. Durishan, who know the credit industry inside and out, are tremendous assets to our firm."

Cynthia Marshall (Harding) (*B.A. Communication Arts*) of Wilmington, Del., is the publications director for Delaware County Christian School in Newtown, Pa. This ministry position includes writing and designing the school view book. Using a home office, Cynthia is able to continue her role as a stay-at-home mom to Viviana, 8; Josita, 6; and Weston, 5.

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Penelope M. Seiple (*1991 B.S.N. Nursing*) of Hockessin, Del., officially took office as the President of the Delaware Nurses Association in the fall of 1996. Penelope's nursing career began in 1973. She has worked as a staff nurse and a director at Christiana Care Health Services. Currently, she is the vice president of patient care services at the Wilmington campus. She received her master's of science in nursing degree from the University of Delaware.

James E. Shores (*B.S. Business Management*) is a lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps. He is assigned to the Joint Task Force Civil Support in Fort Monroe, Va. Lt. Col. Shores graduated from the Joint & Combined War Fighting School at Joint Forces Staff College in 2006. He has assumed duties as policy and doctrine chief, within the Plans and Policy directorate (J-5).

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Dr. Paul T. Clements (*B.S.N. Nursing*) of Virginia Beach, Va., earned his M.S.N. and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and is widely published in the field of forensic nursing. Dr. Clements teaches and consults from his home in Virginia Beach.

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Tony Lardarello (*M.B.A. Business Administration*) of Dover, Pa., is self-employed. Tony offers non-traditional sales development training to business owners and staff personnel. In 1989, Tony earned his undergraduate degree in Aviation Management from W.C. He is currently working toward his Ph.D. in psychology and is tak-

Ed.D. Team Work

Dr. Gerald Smith (*1998 Ed.D. Educational Leadership*) and **Dr. Paula Topolosky** (*1998 Ed.D. Educational Leadership*) are leading the effort to transition Conrad Schools of Science into a magnet school for biotechnology and health-related professions. The school will open in August 2007 with Dr. Smith as the dean of operations and Dr. Topolosky as the dean of academics. The school will ready students from 6 to 12 for careers in the health profession and academic pursuits. A rigorous curriculum, personal advisors, community service and clinical experiences are critical components of the program.

Business Professionals of America

For the past three years, Wilmington College alumni have participated as judges for the Business Professionals of America (BPA) State Leadership Conference. The BPA Conference was held at the Sheraton Dover Hotel on Feb. 22, 2007. Alumni Association Board Members Arlene Johnson, Marilyn Simpson and George Smith shared their time and expertise with teachers and student delegates throughout the state of Delaware. They were assigned specific judging assignments and joined the students for lunch. Their commitment to business education was greatly appreciated by BPA members.

Sussex County Chapter Association Community Volunteers

The Sussex County Chapter has been representing Wilmington College for the past two years in community service activities. Their volunteer work has been for the Boys & Girls Club in Seaford, Del., where they provide breakfast to the less fortunate during the Thanksgiving holiday. The chapter participates in Cape Henlopen State Park's traditional beach clean-up project. In addition, they worked in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity, Timberland and Lowes for six months to construct a single-family home for the less fortunate. Our thanks to Phil Winder, Shelley Thomas, Gail Jones, Trey Bowden, Trib Singh, Artish Fountain and Dan Gibson for their continued commitment to W.C.

ing online courses at Walden University. Visit Tony at www.kasual.com.

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Joseph Gurcsik (*M.Ed. School Leadership*) of Collingswood, N.J., served four years as principal at Collingswood Middle School. Joseph is now the principal at the William P. Tatem School in Collingswood, N.J.

Dr. Paul L. Stephenson (*Ed.D. Educational Leadership*) of Willingboro, N.J., is a councilman of Willingboro Township, and achieved the distinct honor of induction into the Elected Officials Hall of Fame on January 17, 2007. The New Jersey State League of Municipalities recognized Dr. Stephenson for more than 20 years of public service as a local governing body member. Councilman Stephenson has also served as mayor of Willingboro. Dr. Stephenson retired as superintendent of Camden County Schools.

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Joseph T. Houghton (*B.S. Human Resources Management*) of Newark, Del., has been recalled to active military duty. Master Sergeant Houghton will act as senior enlisted advisor for the Headquarters Army and Air Force Exchange Service within Iraq. His duties are crucial in providing an adequate quality of life for all servicemen and women serving the Southwest Asia theater. Joe has taken a leave of absence as president of the W.C. Alumni Association. The association will miss

his leadership at W.C. and will keep in touch with him through e-mail during his military service.

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Dianne P. Alston-Jones (*M.B.A. Business Administration*) of New Castle, Del., is the executive director of the Joshua Achievement Center. She earned her B.S. in Business Management from W.C. in 1997.

Michael Lee Haring (*M.S. Human Resources Management*) of Cambridge, Md., served as the transportation manager for Dorchester County Public Schools from 1998 to 1996. Effective January 2007, Michael was reassigned to the position of energy and safety manager.

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Robert Lingenfelter (*M.Ed. School Leadership and Instruction*) of Middletown, Del., is an eighth-grade American history teacher and department chair at Skyline Middle School. Robert is an instructor in the Education program at W.C. He completed his B.S. degree in Education at W.C. in 1995. Robert recently began his lifelong dream of playing guitar and writing songs.

Carol Zepke (Kelleher) (*B.S. Human Resources Management*), a native of Wilmington, Del., moved to Santa Barbara, Calif., to accept a position with a regional bank. Carol is now senior vice president and corporate secretary for Pacific Capital Bancorp. Carol speaks at seminars on

governance issues and thrives in her new challenging environment. Carol stated, "Wilmington College offered me the flexibility to attend college during weekends and evenings while working. I graduated in three years and often think of the professors who shared their experiences, knowledge, and can-do attitude with me. My advice is to follow your dream and go for it!"

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Christine M. Price (*M.S.N. Nursing*) of Townsend, Del., works at Bay Health Medical Center and is actively involved in the American Society of Peri-Anesthesia Nurses. Christine earned her B.S.N. degree in Nursing from W.C. in 1991.

Jason Frank Thomas (*B.S. Criminal Justice*) of Felton, Del., is the owner of W.T. Smithers Restaurant. After graduating from W.C., Jason and his brother purchased and established the restaurant in downtown Dover, Del. They are now in their second successful year of operation. Frank stated, "With the knowledge I gained from W.C., the business continues to be successful. Thank you for what you do!" Robert married W.C. graduate Sarah Ann Mickel, class of 2003.

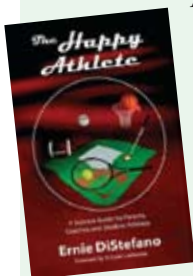
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Phillip S. Blevins, (*M.S. Human Resources Management*) recently relocated to Colorado Springs, Colo. Capt. Blevins is the director of operations at the U.S. Air Force

THE AUTHOR'S CORNER

ERNEST J. DiSTEPHANO (1983 B.S. *Business Management*; 1991 M.S. *Management*) is author of "The Happy

Athlete." Ernest's book is a success guide for parents, coaches and student athletes. The book features two former W.C. athletes, Katie Gallagher and Will Roberts. (Published by LangMarc Publishing, www.langmarc.com)



DARLENE VICTORIA JAMES (PERKINS)

(1997 M.Ed. *School Counseling*) is the author of "Dunleith." This history book gives the reader a glimpse of school days from the 1950s through the early 1970s. The names and pictures of many faculty members who taught and provided educational services during this era have been recorded in this book. It is an exciting historical account depicting how post-World War II African-American life was lived in New Castle County, Del. (Published by Arcadia, www.arcadiapublishing.com)

VIRGINIA C. SEENEY (1985 B.S. *Applied*

Profession; 1989 M.S. *Personnel Management*) is the author of a children's book, "A Summer Surprise." The book is a nostalgic rendition of those summer days Virginia and her brothers spent on their aunt and uncle's farm near the beautiful Chesapeake Bay. One of Virginia's goals is to make a significant contribution to children's literature with stories that depict responsible, courageous children making viable decisions. (Published by Xlibris; www.xlibris.com/SummerSurprise.html)

Academy for the Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps. Capt. Blevins is enrolled in the doctor of education in Organization Leadership program at Argosy University in Denver, Colo.

Lynda Kopishke (*M.S.N. Nursing*) of Newark, Del., is currently president of the National Association of Legal Nurse Consultants. Lynda earned her B.S.N. degree in Nursing from W.C. in 2001.

03

Jerry L. Bennett (*M.Ed. School Counseling*) of Salisbury, Md., retired paramedic supervisor for the city of Salisbury Fire/EMS, has embarked on a new career. Jerry is now a high school counselor at James M. Bennett High School in Salisbury. He also completed his B.S. in Business Management degree at W.C. in 1996.

Julie Burns (Lumb) (*B.S. Interactive Multimedia Design*) of Newark, Del., is a graphic designer for The News Journal. Julie was married in April 2004, had a baby in May 2005 and started teaching at W.C. in January 2006.

Dr. Tony J. Marchio (*Ed.D. Educational Leadership*) of Middletown, Del., is superintendent of the Appoquinimink School District. Dr. Marchio has been named the 2007 Delaware Superintendent of the Year. The award was presented by the American Association of School Administrators at its national conference held in March 2007. This is the second time that Dr. Marchio has received this award.

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Aimee Bordley (Sherwood) (*B.S. Elementary Education*) of Dover, Del., has been teaching full-day kindergarten at the Smyrna Kindergarten Center for three years. Aimee is currently enrolled in the master's in Elementary and Secondary School Counseling program at W.C.

Elizabeth M. Cole Price (*M.S. Administration of Justice*) of Wilmington, Del., is a United States probation officer. Elizabeth was sworn into the Federal System in March 2006 and thanks the staff in the MAJ program for preparing her for her career.

Dr. Bruce Curry (*Ed.D. Educational Leadership*) of Dover, Del., is the principal at Polytech High School. The Delaware Secondary School Principals Association has selected Dr. Curry as the 2007 Delaware Principal of the Year. He will represent Delaware in the National Principal of the Year competition.

Maria Hess (*M.S. Organizational Leadership*) of Wilmington, Del., has been named senior editor of Delaware Today magazine. Maria's 5-year-old son, Benjamin, is extremely proud.

Keith Eugene King (*B.S. General Studies*) of West Grove, Pa., has been accepted to The Medical University of Lublin located in Europe. Keith began his course of study in spring 2007.

Dr. Randy S. Plunkett (*Ed.D. Educational Leadership*) of Rockford, Ill., is the manager of online career services for DeVry University in Illinois.

Joseph Raymond (*B.S. Business Management*) of Wilmington, Del., is the co-owner of GameShape LLC. Joseph (aka Jay) and his wife, Val Whiting, have set up their successful business at the Riverfront in Wilmington, Del. Jay earned a master's degree in Exercise Science with a concentration in performance enhancement and injury prevention and has worked in youth programs for the last decade. Jay and Val have a 5-year-old son, Joseph, and a toddler, Victor. Visit www.valwhiting.com.

05

Lauren Pearl Havens (*M.S. Community Counseling*) of Bear, Del., works for The Mary Campbell Center as a case manager.

William M. Knarr (*M.B.A. Public Administration*) recently moved to Verona, Va., with his wife, Wendy Harshman, an Ohio State graduate. They are enjoying life in Virginia on their six-acre property with a log home on the Middle River. William graduated with his B.S. in Communications from W.C. in 2001. He has an exciting career as an anchor/reporter for WSVB radio.

Catharine MacInnes (Wagstaff) (*M.Ed. Educational Counseling*) of Middletown, Del., is employed by the state of Dela-

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National Board Certification, the highest professional credential, was awarded to 51 Delaware teachers.

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Alicea M. Rosa

(2002 M.Ed. Primary Education K-4)
Wilson Elementary,
English as a New Language/EMC

Julia Emerson

(2001, M.Ed. Applied Educational Technology) Christiana High,
Career & Technical Ed/EAYA

Terri B. Eros

(1996 M.Ed. Elementary Studies)
Richey Elementary, Generalist/
Middle Childhood

Wendy Girnis

(1995 M.Ed. Elementary Studies)
Castle Hills Elementary, Generalist/
Middle Childhood

Dr. Karen Higgins

(2005 Ed.D. Educational Innovation and Leadership)
West Seaford Elementary,
Generalist/Early Childhood

Jill S. Joos

(2000 M.Ed. School Administration)
Brandywine Springs Elementary,
Generalist/Early Childhood

Amy A. Selheimer

(1998 M.Ed. School Administration)
Marshall Elementary, Generalist/
Middle Childhood

Kathi A. Walters

(1997 B.S. Elementary Education 1-8)
Castle Hills Elementary,
Generalist/Early Childhood

ware as a teacher of the blind and visually impaired. Catharine and her husband are the proud parents of Daniel Scott, born in March 2006, and 4-year-old Erin, who loves being the big sister.

Akkitta Wellington (*B.S. Behavioral Science*) relocated to Jacksonville, Fla., where she is a teacher for the Bank of America School Age Program. Akkitta also earned an A.S. in Early Childhood Education in 1990 from W.C. She is looking forward to this new chapter in her life. Akkitta sent a note saying, "Thank you, Wilmington College, for the opportunity to – Achieve Balance, Achieve Success."

06

Christina Coccia (*B.S. Sports Management*) of Perry Hall, Md., is the sourcing operation Coordinator for FILA Inc.

Anis D. El Okbani (*B.S. Business Management*) of Dover, Del., has worked for Comcast for five years. Anis is an applications/systems development engineer. His responsibilities include software development, service video on demand and opera-

tional maintenance procedures.

Geneva F. Espinosa (*B.S. Finance*) of Bear, Del., left the corporate environment to pursue a dream of business ownership. Geneva is president and CEO of Fonda You & Events, Too! LLC, a wedding, events and gifts consultancy. She is pursuing an online MBA in Marketing while traveling, marketing and developing the business. You can reach Geneva at info@fondayou.com.

Candace Moore-Bey (*B.S. Behavioral Science*) of Wilmington, Del., recently started a new career as a disability adjudicator for the state of Delaware. Candace completed a 12-week training period at Social Security Headquarters in Baltimore, Md.

MaryEllen Sittner (*M.Ed. Elementary Education*) of Baltimore, Md., is an English teacher in Baltimore County Public Schools.

07

Jennifer L. Bennett (*M.S. Administration of Justice*) of Dover, Del., was honored as Superior Court Employee of the Year for 2006. This prestigious award included all

of the Superior Courts in the state of Delaware. Jennifer is a judicial case management supervisor for the Criminal Department, sentencing clerk for Judge Herlihy and a paralegal assistant for the Superior Court judges. She received her B.S. degree in Criminal Justice from W.C. in 2005. Jennifer's expertise in her career is a credit to the W.C. Criminal Justice program.

ENGAGEMENTS

Jennifer Benson (*2006 B.S. Business Management*) and Robert Cooke

Susan Wilson (*2007 B.S. Psychology*) and Michael Roberto (*2006 B.S. Business Management*)

MARRIAGES

Kimberly J. Huggins (*2000 M.Ed. School Counseling*) and George W. Habbert on April 14, 2007

Nicole S. Purcell (*2006 A.A. General Studies*) and John S. Rowe IV on April 14, 2007

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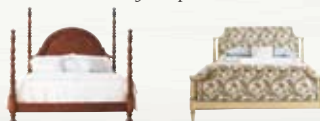
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