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A Year of Transition and Opportunity

What a thrill it is to be the interim president of Lake Erie College. And what an honor to provide a bridge between the magnificent work that President Michael Victor did and the work of a leader who will carry our traditions into a vibrant future.

My role, a special one, is to prepare the College for new leadership. We are neither changing course nor marking time. Instead, we are polishing the gem that is Lake Erie College, always thinking about what we can do to attract the right person for our next sparkling chapter.

For me, that translates into a number of concrete goals for the year.

One Vision. I want to work with the board, faculty and staff to ensure that we have a common understanding of our challenges and opportunities, so that the next president can work within an institutional setting that is coherent and cohesive. Each member of our community must understand his or her special role and how that role supports the work of every other person.

Signature Educational Philosophy. I will work with the faculty to further define the intellectual attributes and interpersonal skills that characterize a Lake Erie College education. When our programs revolve around a common set of educational values, we can move in many directions from one intellectual platform, making our campus a magnet for students with outstanding academic potential.

Presidential Treasure Chest. I want to harness the collective power of our 10,000 alumni to present the new president with opportunities to call on the many strengths of our graduates. This will be embodied in a special fundraising appeal that will provide the new president with the resources needed for the next stage of our growth. But the initiative goes far beyond simply raising money; for the new president must be able to call on the wisdom, energy and commitment of each graduate. My message to graduates is: get involved; help make us even more special.

Wrap-Around Education. We expect students to be learning and growing in all of their campus activities, inside the classroom and out. We will be forming peer groups, supporting campus discussions and using campus clubs as teaching laboratories, all designed to produce an irresistible magnet for learning. Coaches, faculty and staff are agents for personal growth, and we want to capture their energy to transform our students’ lives.

Opportunity Options. Based on the discussions I will be having with all of our stakeholders, and careful study by experts, I will present the new president with options for building on our considerable resource base. The president will then match his or her personal vision with the many options we have and move us toward the vibrant future we have worked so hard to earn.

A time of transition is a time of opportunity – for recommitment, reconnection and revitalization. I challenge each member of the Lake Erie College community to get behind this pivotal effort to launch our new chapter from a position of cohesiveness, clarity and confidence.

Sincerely,

Peter M. Gerhart, Interim President

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When Michael T. Victor took over the presidency of Lake Erie College in July 2006, the College, as he described it, was “tired.” It needed a transformation, and Victor set out to provide exactly that.

Through a series of changes he called “The Perfect Storm,” Victor transformed Lake Erie College from a sleepy, female-dominated college to a leading coeducational institution that now attracts record numbers of students. These changes came throughout the entire fabric of the College.

Victor left his position as president of LEC on July 31, 2015 to become the 12th president of Mercyhurst University in his hometown of Erie, Pa. Just as he begins a new chapter in his life, so does Lake Erie College start a new era in its long, proud history. Peter Gerhart, former dean of CWRU School of Law, has begun his tenure as interim president, and a search committee has begun the important task of finding the 12th president of Lake Erie College.
A look back

From the time he first stepped on campus, Victor embraced the vision of respecting the College’s history while moving forward to ensure its successes in the future. In his inaugural address, which he delivered Sept. 21, 2007, he said, “The charge I accepted one year ago and reaffirm today is to make sure Lake Erie College will be stronger at the end of my service than it is now at the beginning.” He called on all members of the College to work together to make this happen. “A united Lake Erie College will endure and prosper,” he said.

Victor went on to talk more specifically about how his vision would be achieved. “Together, we will continue to be highly selective with a national reach and recruit the best and brightest students . . . Together, we will continue to grow the academic reputation of this institution through the efforts of our talented faculty and staff . . . Together, we will take on the hard projects, like renovating and constructing new buildings and starting new programs . . . Together, we will continue to make Lake Erie College known as one of the crown jewels of the Western Reserve.”

As one walks across campus today, it is obvious that Victor’s vision has been realized. Stately brick gates, landscaped walkways and a picturesque fountain create an inviting entrance. The completely rebuilt Austin Hall of Science, with its Georgian architecture and state-of-the-art laboratories and classrooms, College Hall, with its inviting main floor and elegant social parlor, and Morley Memorial Music Building, with its beautifully appointed auditorium and glorious Skinner organ, all sparkle anew.

Buildings such as the Arthur S. Holden Center, Garfield Center, Jerome T. Osborne Family Athletic & Wellness Center, Kilcawley Hall, Mathews House, Royce Hall for the Fine and Performing Arts and Ritchie Athletic Training Center have all received extensive facelifts, including the creation of a state-of-the-art physician assistant suite. Renovations will soon be complete for the James F. Lincoln Library. Campus walkways have been resurfaced, parking lots have been repaved, landscaping has been revamped and trees have been pruned, all to create a beautiful 53-acre oasis in the center of Painesville.

Six miles from the main campus at the George M. Humphrey Equestrian Center sits a wonderfully appointed learning center with a new façade and state-of-the-art classrooms, attracting equestrian students from all over the country. Also on the grounds of the Morley Farm, the Victor Manor House was improved inside and out to reflect its grandeur and historic significance.

Victor’s legacy at LEC goes far beyond external appearances. In his time here, he launched new majors, including a master of physician assistant studies program in partnership with University Hospitals; established partnerships with other colleges; grew the athletics program from 11 to 23 (now 19) varsity sports (including football) and made the transition from a NCAA Division III to a Division II school; led the College to record enrollment, essentially doubling its size; secured more than $40 million in contributions; reestablished some sacred traditions and developed new ones; achieved superior national rankings; and created international brand awareness.

Victor considers the excellence and visibility of the College to be his greatest accomplishments. Lake Erie College is now well regarded as a peer among other institutions of higher education and is a top selection by more and more students looking for a place to pursue their degrees. Victor’s fondest desire is that the College will continue to prosper and grow in the direction he set.

And what does he miss the most? “The people! Lake Erie College is a place where faculty, staff and students know and support one another in all aspects of their lives. It is a big family, where caring comes before anything, and I am honored to have been a part of it.”

We will miss Michael Victor’s leadership and caring but wish him the best for continued success.
A look ahead

Upon the strong foundation that Victor established, Lake Erie College is poised to continue its forward progress. A new, vibrant spirit permeates the entire College community – all of us need to embrace, celebrate and work within it as we move forward under the interim presidency of Peter Gerhart and await the appointment of the next president of Lake Erie College in 2016.

Shortly after Gerhart was named interim president of Lake Erie College, he said, “I am thrilled to be able to spend this time with the men and women of Lake Erie College as we celebrate the College's accomplishments under President Victor and prepare for a vibrant future under new leadership. No human endeavor is more important than education, and few are as passionate about quality education as the people of the LEC community.”

Continuing this thought, Gerhart emphasized, “All of us associated with Lake Erie College are driven by the knowledge that we hold in our hands a precious gem – an institution whose future reflects a sparkling past. We do not expect to disappoint those who have put their trust in us.”

He then talked about the values of Excellence, Tradition and Service that provide the backbone of a Lake Erie College education. “To express those values, I ask every member of our community to redouble their efforts to support the educational goals of our present and prospective students,” he said. “It will be a good year, and we will make sure that our collective energies are focused, reinforcing and productive.”

As the fall semester unfolds, Gerhart encourages the students, faculty and staff to make the most of this important “bridge” year and to continue making the College as strong as it can be to prepare for the tenure of the 12th president.

“Each member of the campus community bears some measure of responsibility for creating an environment in which we all feel safe to be ourselves, to discover ourselves, to develop ourselves and to share ourselves with others,” Gerhart said. “Let’s make this year a good one!”
Lake Erie College is poised for a bright future

by Dr. Bryan DePoy

While I came to my career in higher education administration through a rather logical and traditional sequence, hardly a day goes by without reflecting on how fortunate I am to have followed my passion by choosing music as my academic pathway. I am a strong proponent of majoring in something that you love and are excited about. While I had a few errant attempts at altering my academic direction early in my undergraduate education, each change of major solidified that music was to be my best conduit for intellectual, personal and professional development.

Even though I deeply enjoy my work in the world of higher education administration, my years of formally studying music, working as a professional musician and serving as a faculty member were, by far, the best years of my professional life. Many of the lessons and experiences during my earlier career, especially those as a working musician, shaped and informed who I am today. I often find myself drawing parallels between those experiences and Lake Erie College and to many like institutions.

Among the most important attributes I learned along the way are the importance of invention and the avoidance of musical stagnation. For example, during my career as a performer, I was often called upon to play the same piece of music multiple times. To demonstrate, I estimate I have performed Franz Joseph Haydn's *Concerto for Trumpet* at least 50 times in various settings. A command of the music performance industry is the ability to perform standard pieces of the literature on relatively short notice. Interestingly, something fascinating happens when one performs the same piece over time. A transformation process begins: you realize that it is fun to perform it at a bit different tempo, or perhaps dramatically alter the dynamics, or use a different type of vibrato. One begins to take more risks and experiment a bit more.

The reasons for these nuances go well beyond the prevention of boredom; rather, it keeps the music fresh in your mind, your audience recognizes the variance in interpretation, and it is a way to view a work of music from a different perspective. Most of us have experienced something like this; for instance, you can listen to many different recordings of great symphonic works, such as Beethoven's *Fifth Symphony*, and every interpretation is different. The notes and the spirit of the music, however, remain the same.

Academically speaking, I am of the opinion that higher education can learn much from stalwarts of the music literature. Through each performance, the notes remain unchanged, but the nuance, perspective and interpretation keep the piece interesting and relevant. Like notes on a page, great institutions with grand history, such as Lake Erie College, can retain core values and principles, while embracing transformation and opportunities.

Like an oft-performed, great piece of music, I would encourage all of you with a stake in Lake Erie College, regardless of your affiliating group, to take a fresh look at how you view academics at YOUR institution. To faculty and others in a direct role to influence student learning, I ask: how are we ensuring a culture of excellence and innovation to prepare students for careers that may not even exist yet? Alumni, how could you uniquely engage with Lake Erie College in meaningful ways to propel us into the future? Consider mentoring a current Lake Erie College student or supporting the institution in a way that is distinctive and impactful. Students, how are you utilizing the vast intellectual resources of our extraordinary faculty, and their collective dedication and wisdom, to ensure you are prepared to embrace an ever-evolving world?

The notes on the page of Lake Erie College’s great “symphony” will remain the same; however, with a renewed focus on how we view our respective roles, we can approach them differently to ensure, together, a very bright future for our great institution.
Tracy Dickinson ‘78

In her search for a small college to attend, Tracy Dickinson found Lake Erie College to be the perfect fit. The College had an undergraduate class of 200 women at the time she applied and boasted a student-faculty ratio of 7:1, not to mention a charming campus.

As Dickinson pursued her bachelor’s degree with a major in music and a minor in Spanish, her advisor, Harold Fink, grew to be her favorite professor. She had a passion for music history and Fink taught her how to listen, a skill which she has found invaluable while communicating with others in the real world.

Dickinson’s years at LEC provided her with many memories, ranging from her Winter Term Abroad experience in Salamanca, Spain to her time serving as a waitress and scullery maid for Prince Charles when he visited Cleveland. She took most of her classes in Morley Music Building and lived in College Hall all four years, though she loved many different buildings on campus.

After graduation, Dickinson’s career led her primarily to the healthcare field where she worked in various capacities. She served as a board-certified respiratory therapist for six years, a board-certified surgical technician for one year and an EMT for Allendale Ambulance Corps in New Jersey for 20 years, where she is a lifetime member. She also worked as an EMT at another ambulance corps for 10 years, a purser on a cruise ship, a surgical technician for a veterinarian and a matron in a police department.

“My Lake Erie College education taught me how to handle different situations, whether good or bad,” said Dickinson. “The College taught me how to prepare for and how to survive different situations in life.” One such situation involved the World Trade Center bombing on Feb. 26, 1993, where Dickinson gave first aid as the only EMT in an ambulance carrying four patients.

Other experiences Dickinson remembers fondly include serving as an extra in the movie “Jaws,” working as an associate producer of anti-bullying DVDs in Bergen County, New Jersey and driving a NASCAR racing car at Charlotte Motor Speedway in North Carolina.

In addition to her career pursuits, Dickinson served on the Board of Directors for the Endometriosis Association for 27 years, the Grounds for Sculpture Board of Directors for three years and has been on the Lake Erie College Board of Directors since 1991.

Dickinson’s favorite part of serving as a trustee for Lake Erie College is the decision-making capacity and getting to watch the College flourish. Though LEC is now coed and larger in size than in the 1970s, Dickinson appreciates that it remains a tradition-rich, liberal arts college as it was when she attended, and she admires the expanded healthcare education options that are now available.

When asked to give advice to current students, Dickinson reminds everyone, “Whatever you do in your life, always do some volunteer work, because the rewards are great.”
Susan (Bevan) Gall ’73

After completing her freshman year of college at the University of Rochester, Susan Gall found herself feeling unsettled. The shootings at Kent State University had just taken place, and she was unsure of what she wanted to do for a career.

Rather than taking time off, Gall’s father suggested she take classes at Lake Erie College while she figured things out. “I was quickly and completely drawn into campus life,” she said. “Even though I was a commuter student, my classmates were welcoming, the faculty members were supportive and interested in me, and the idea of the Winter Term Abroad was irresistible.”

As she pursued her degree in elementary education with an interest in special education, Gall’s fellow classmates and her supportive professors helped her integrate into the Lake Erie community. She was drawn to the many internship opportunities that Lake Erie offered and spent many afternoons discussing the possibilities with Gladys Haddad, the internship supervisor. In the summer after her first year at LEC, Gall interned at the Crotched Mountain School in N.H., a school for students with disabilities. She spent the following two summers at the Holden Arboretum, first developing a pilot program for horticultural therapy and then securing funding for a full-time horticultural therapist position, which she herself would later fill.

While Gall has many fond memories from her time in Painesville, such as driving the getaway car in a pumpkin heist one Halloween, her best memories came from studying abroad as part of a small group that traveled to Kibbutz Shaar Haamakim in Israel. For Gall, the most rewarding aspect of her college years was the opportunity to be a part of a close-knit community. “A small college reveals the value of friends—studying, living and traveling with a small group of people,” she said.

After graduating from LEC, Gall worked at the Holden Arboretum for six years, eventually becoming the director of education. She left to pursue her MBA at Case Western Reserve University before joining the American Society for Metals where she oversaw the development of training programs for metallurgists. It was there that she met her husband, and she continued working there part-time as the couple raised their children.

In 1992, Gall and her husband began a company to develop reference works for large publishers, which evolved to include multivolume reference works for schools and libraries as well as online content. By 2013, they published their last paper book and became fully committed to their online product line.

Though she lost touch with Lake Erie College over the years, Gall began seeing “Get In. Stand Out.” billboards around Cleveland several years ago and soon became a member of the board. “I’ve since had the opportunity to interact with students in several different settings and to get to know members of our dedicated faculty and staff,” she said. “The students I’ve met have been articulate, open and friendly—they seem to value what I treasure most about my Lake Erie memories, the feeling of being part of a tight-knit and supportive community.”

While the greatest similarity Gall sees between the College now and when she attended is the family atmosphere, the biggest difference is the composition of the student body itself. The College is now coed and boasts many athletic programs, yet Gall credits these changes for bringing a new kind of energy to campus.

Gall advises current students to take advantage of the leadership opportunities that are available on campus, as these are great preparation for work life. “Stay in touch after graduation and become an active alum,” she said. “And remember to give back to your alma mater!”
Jean (Marcossan) Perloff ’65

A member of the class of 1965, Jean Perloff chose to attend Lake Erie College because she wanted a liberal arts education. She worked her way through college while living at home. When asked who her favorite professor was, Perloff has trouble choosing. “I loved Dr. Falbo, or Mister Falbo as he preferred to be known, but Harold Fink was also inspiring and charismatic,” she said.

An Italian major, Perloff’s favorite memory as a student was traveling to Europe through the College’s study abroad program. She is grateful that her years as a student equipped her with the self-confidence necessary to succeed.

Following graduation, Perloff received a Chancellor’s Teaching Fellowship to UCLA where she earned her master’s in Italian. She taught Italian at UCSB for several years before deciding to go to law school instead of pursuing a Ph.D. in language. She had married by then and, as her husband had a medical practice in Santa Barbara and Ventura, was tied to her community.
Jason Weybrecht ’95

Jason Weybrecht attended Lake Erie College after Sam Corabi, the basketball coach at the time, recruited him to play for the Storm. Weybrecht appreciated the personalized attention he received both on the court and in the classroom, which gave him a network of alumni to learn from as he entered the investment field.

As he progressed through his coursework with a major in business administration, Weybrecht grew to have many favorite professors who taught him valuable lessons. His coach, Corabi, taught him that if you can’t be on time, be early. He also learned valuable lessons from Dr. Mary Kay McManamon, such as how to get an answer, and Dr. Richard Szorady, about how to climb the corporate ladder.

Weybrecht’s favorite memory from college is when his team beat Division II Slippery Rock in basketball and went on to the national tournament. “So many teachers and students traveled to LEC events together,” he said. “There was a sense of unity. All the basketball players went to EQ events and vice versa.”

As far as the best tool he took away from his Lake Erie education, Weybrecht is grateful to be well-versed in the liberal arts. Listening to music and appreciating the arts equipped him with the skills to build connections with clients who have varied interests and backgrounds.

Following graduation, Weybrecht worked for Spero-Smith Investment Advisors in Cleveland from 1995-2006 as vice president and portfolio manager. Since 2006, he has been an investment advisory relationship manager and is now regional vice president for American Funds Distributors, Inc., one of the nation’s oldest and largest mutual fund families. He deals with consultants working with defined benefit plans, defined contribution plans and endowments. In addition, he works with bank trusts and large registered investment advisors serving high net worth individuals.

Weybrecht joined the Board of Directors at LEC in 2010 because he believes in the College and was inspired by the board’s mission. “What the current admissions team is doing is exciting,” he said. “President Victor did a lot to make LEC a better place.”

As for advice to current students, Weybrecht stresses the value and importance of networking and encourages everyone to reach out and ask for help from others. “Enjoy the process of learning in any role you have,” he said. “Realize that your best learning potential comes in your mid-30s to 40s. Think big and enjoy the process!”

As a member of the LEC Board of Directors, Perloff enjoys remaining connected to the College and seeing “what great young people are students now.” She believes that the greatest difference between the College now compared to when she attended is the focus on business and international studies. “When I attended, the emphasis was more on traditional liberal arts,” she said. “The College today is still as vibrant as ever, though.”

Perloff advises current students to seize the opportunities that surround them. “Do not be afraid to try new things,” she said. “You don’t have to have a complete life plan when you graduate!”

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Though she works in education, Associate Professor of Early Childhood Education Dr. Katharine Delavan has always been passionate about history. She earned a bachelor’s degree in history from The University of Michigan and was torn between pursuing a career in that discipline or education. Ultimately, she chose to become an educator as a way to combine her two interests.

Outside of her work at Lake Erie College, Dr. Delavan constantly strives to learn more about the history of Painesville. She believes that our local history is an invaluable educational resource. “I am especially drawn to the stories about real people facing courageous decisions and standing up for their beliefs,” she said. “It is too easy for the past to be forgotten. There are some amazing stories of Painesville history that should be seen as a unique, valuable community resource.”
Dr. Delavan’s focus on local Underground Railroad history began with an interest in abolitionist activities. As she accumulated more hard evidence of these activities in Painesville, she began patching together stories of individual citizens who were not so well known in their efforts. This in turn led to a focus on the women’s suffrage movement, which was born out of the abolitionists’ efforts.

“Many of the local abolitionists were women,” she said. “In fact, I’ve discovered that most of the famous abolitionist men were encouraged first by their wives or mothers to participate in actions to support the abolishment of slavery.”

Some of the most interesting facts Dr. Delavan has unearthed involve famous speakers who visited Painesville. These internationally-known figures included Frederick Douglass, Sojourner Truth and Theodore Weld, to name a few.

Most of Dr. Delavan’s research has centered on primary and secondary documents at the Western Reserve Historical Society, the Lake County History Center and in digital archives such as the Wilbur Siebert Digital Collection at the Ohio Historical Society. She also spends time digging through the deeds at the City of Painesville and surfing through the Painesville Telegraph on microfilm. “I like to look for evidence others have not found and to look at the history from a different perspective,” she said.

Most recently, Dr. Delavan has begun looking at connections between communities on the lakeshore such as those in Cleveland, Madison and Ashtabula to see how they worked together in the abolitionist and suffragist movements.

Above all, Dr. Delavan hopes to spark others’ interests in Painesville’s history. “It is important to know that in a difficult time, the citizens of Painesville stood up for their beliefs and showed great courage and resolve,” she said. “Many of their homes are still standing today! You may drive by them every day and not know the amazing events that took place inside.”

Dr. Delavan has presented this history at several national conferences as well as for numerous groups, and she provides tours of local sites.

On page 12, Dr. Delavan is pictured in front of Liberty Hollow. When Eber Howe was the owner of this house, built in the 1820s, it became a stop on the Underground Railroad and was locally given this name. From this site, escaped slaves traveled north to Painesville and crossed Lake Erie to “liberty.” The house, located in Concord Township, is now part of Lake Metroparks.
Herb Dill named Outstanding Staff Employee of the Year

Herb Dill, director of the Lake Erie College physical plant, was named the recipient of the 2014-15 Outstanding Staff Employee of the Year Award at the faculty/staff reception held May 6, 2015. Dill has held his current position since November 2006.

Dill and his staff are responsible for maintaining the buildings and grounds of the Lake Erie College campus in order to make sure all students, employees and visitors always have a clean, safe and comfortable environment. One nominee wrote, “The entire College community takes great comfort in knowing that whether it is a leaky roof, a steam leak, a broken water pipe, rodents, insects, clogged drains, fallen trees, HVAC temperature issues, snow removal, etc... the problem is usually identified and addressed before anyone has a chance to contact (Herb) or his department.”

Before naming the recipient, President Victor read a few quotes from the nominations submitted. “He can be found digging a trench to replace water lines, repairing a boiler and answering the call for emergency repairs – often on weekends and in the wee hours of the morning. And of course, he keeps our beautiful grounds in pristine condition.”

One nominee wrote, “Herb is a tremendous asset to the College. He is incredibly reliable, knowledgeable and always accomplishes his tasks. He leads his staff by example and has developed a very strong team. His exemplary dedication, hard work and leadership should make us all proud to work with him. Herb possesses tremendous leadership qualities. He is dependable, honest, hard-working and respectful of others.”

“We can all rest easier knowing that Herb Dill will be on campus each morning to ensure that we can fulfill our duties and responsibilities a little easier,” said one nominee.

Julie Ziemak receives Dean’s Pillar Award

Assistant Professor of Accounting Julie Ziemak was honored at the faculty/staff reception held May 6, 2015 as the recipient of the 2014-15 Dean’s Pillar Award. Ziemak has been teaching accounting courses at the College since 1997 and through the years has inspired many students to enter and be successful in this in-demand field.

The Dean’s Pillar Award recognizes a member of the Lake Erie College faculty who best represents the three pillars of the College – Excellence, Tradition and Service. The recipient is selected from among the many different academic disciplines and rich diversity of education, experience and interests represented by the faculty at the College. The recipient is value-centered, passionate, creative, caring and dedicated to LEC students and their success.

Ziemak has taught courses in accounting principles, intermediate accounting, forensic accounting, advanced accounting, tax and culture clinic and federal income taxation. She co-directs Lake Erie College’s Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, secures and supervises all accounting internships and arranges for her students to teach important money skills to local elementary students through the FETCH program.

When introducing Ziemak, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Bryan DePoy read some of the comments that had been written about her by students and faculty members. DePoy read, “She is consistently in control of her priorities – and those priorities always involve students. She is quick to give credit and slow to take it. Things are never about her. Her humility is a lesson for all of us.”

Perhaps what one student wrote on a course evaluation best expresses what Ziemak means to those she instructs: “She is an amazing teacher – the best I’ve ever had!”
The 158th commencement ceremony at Lake Erie College took place on Sunday, May 10, 2015 in the Jerome T. Osborne Family Athletic & Wellness Center. A graduating class of 129 students received bachelor of arts, bachelor of fine arts, bachelor of science, master of business administration and master of education degrees during the ceremony.

Following opening remarks from President Victor, Stacy M. Woodford presented a legacy from the Class of 2015. In his speech, Woodford outlined three valuable lessons he learned in his years at Lake Erie: the value of relationships, the liberating power of choice and the importance of stepping outside of the box. “We have the power to choose how we respond in any circumstance, and we can influence our circumstances with our attitudes,” he said. “Living selflessly and purposefully will make our lives more fulfilling.”

In the charge from the faculty, Nancy Prudic, associate professor of visual arts, encouraged the graduating class to always live the creative life. She advised the
graduates to be flexible, think creatively, be persistent and to always “jump off cliffs,” meaning to take risks. “Don’t be afraid that you’re not good enough! You are or you wouldn’t be here,” she said. “Go out and do what you haven’t done before.”

Dana Dennis ’76, chairman of the Lake Erie College Board of Directors, followed Prudic by congratulating the class of 2015 for earning their places in the LEC community of scholars. “You have distinguished yourselves in your service as LEC students, and we know you will continue to bring great pride back to LEC as alumni,” he said. “You will always have a home here. We hope you will come back often.”

For the commencement address, the crowd had the pleasure of hearing from David Hume Kennerly, an internationally renowned, Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer. Noting early on that he never graduated from college, Kennerly applauded the graduates for already surpassing his academic accomplishments. He offered five key tips to the graduates to guide them in their lives, the first of which, “curiosity is the fuel for your creative engine,” echoed Prudic’s sentiments. Kennerly credited his inherent curiosity for leading him toward photography, and encouraged the audience to similarly pursue their creative passions.

Second, Kennerly advised the graduates to help others along the way. “Even when you’re being competitive you should inspire others and be kindhearted,” he said. “Don’t let the competition consume you.” His third tip, relatedly, was to take criticism and make no excuses. In his work as a photographer, he learned early on that “you can’t print excuses,” so it is always best to accept and learn from your mistakes.

Fourth, Kennerly assured the audience that overcoming fear is part of everyday life. “We have to beat back and conquer our fears, large or small, almost on a daily basis,” he said. Finally, he encouraged the graduating class to “speak your piece to power.” “The only way to get what you want is to ask,” he explained, using an example of himself negotiating his job as the official photographer to President Gerald R. Ford. “Never be afraid to ask.” Kennerly finished with a word about humility and humanity, urging the graduates to “thank the people in your lives for shaping you into the people you are.”

To conclude the commencement ceremony, Adam Foxx, president of the Lake Erie College Young Alumni Association, welcomed the Class of 2015 into the ranks of Lake Erie College alumni. “Be proud of who you are,” he said. “Follow your dreams, go past the roadblocks and remember that your relationship with LEC doesn’t have to end today.”

We are incredibly proud of the Class of 2015 and look forward to hearing about their accomplishments as they continue to do great things!
Photographer David Hume Kennerly awarded honorary doctorate

David Hume Kennerly was presented an honorary doctor of fine arts degree during the May 2015 commencement ceremony. Kennerly has been shooting on the frontlines of history for over four decades. He has photographed eight wars, as many U.S. presidents and has traveled to dozens of countries.

At age 25, he won the 1972 Pulitzer Prize in Journalism for Feature Photography for his previous year’s work that included photos of the Vietnam, Cambodia and India-Pakistan Wars, as well as the Ali-Frazier fight in Madison Square Garden.

From 1974-1977, Kennerly served as the personal photographer of President Gerald R. Ford, a position that afforded him access to many world leaders and events. During this time, he received two first prizes in the World Press photography contest for pictures from the final days of Cambodia.

He has been presented with numerous other honors as well, including the Overseas Press Club’s Olivier Rebbot Award for Best Photographic Reporting from Abroad. This honor stemmed from his coverage of Reagan and Gorbachev’s historic first summit meeting in Geneva. Kennerly was also named one of the 100 Most Important People in Photography by American Photo Magazine.

Kennerly has shot more than 50 major magazine covers over the course of his career. Kennerly is the author of seven books and has achieved success as a television executive producer. A directing graduate of the American Film Institute’s Center for Advanced Film and Television Studies, he was nominated for a Primetime Emmy as executive producer of NBC’s The Taking of Flight 847. He also served as writer and executive producer of a two-hour NBC pilot, Shooter, which won the Emmy for Outstanding Cinematography.

Kennerly joins a list of distinguished individuals who have received honorary degrees from Lake Erie College. We are pleased to call him one of our own.
Faculty, staff, family and friends gathered in the Helen Rockwell Morley Memorial Music Building on Friday, May 8, 2015 to recognize members of the graduating class for their academic successes in the annual Honors Convocation.

Dr. Bryan DePoy, vice president for academic affairs and chief academic officer, delivered the convocation address. He stressed the importance of three main qualities that should guide the graduates in their lives: perseverance, courage and vision.

Using the example of a fellow musician in the early 1990s who auditioned over forty times before making the Metropolitan Opera Orchestra, DePoy explained that, even when we are not the most talented in the room, those of us who work hard and learn from our experiences can achieve our goals. He also spoke of the American Indians’ “seventh generation principle,” urging the graduates to embrace the vision that the decisions we make today should result in a sustainable world seven generations into the future.

Following Dr. DePoy’s address, academic excellence awards were presented to the following students: Zora Patton, School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences; Iley (Alex) Fedai, School of Business; Barbara Payson, School of Equine Studies; Melanie Richards, School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; and Samantha Schwendeman, School of Education and Professional Studies.

Students receiving Latin Honors and members of Mortar Board and the Scholars Program were also recognized in the ceremony, as were this year’s Scholar Athlete award recipients, Grace Ferut and Justin Goodwin.

Billie Dunn, vice president for student affairs, presented the Jane White Lincoln Dean’s Award to Vanessa Dunne, perhaps one of the best known members of the Lake Erie College Class of 2015. In her time here, Dunne excelled academically and was actively involved in many campus clubs and organizations, holding various leadership positions and working in many offices on campus. “Her peers definitely see her as the ‘go to’ or ‘utility player,’ and I suspect there are a few staff and faculty who have engaged with Vanessa in that same spirit,” said Dunn. “She is a phenomenal young woman of whom I am personally so proud.”

To conclude the award presentations, President Victor presented the prestigious President’s Award to Willy Cognee, an education major, student ambassador and four-year student-athlete who arrived from Canada as a freshman at Lake Erie when he was only 16. A member of the soccer team and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Cognee is well known for his award-winning smile and his positive outlook on life. “We are proud of all that Willy has accomplished during his time at Lake Erie and know that he will continue to represent us well as he prepares for his future,” said Victor.

President Victor left the graduates with some sage advice: “You’re all on your way to joining the ranks of our most distinguished graduates who walked before you,” he said. “Act on your dreams. Turn bad into good and good into great. Your ideas and your actions will produce the continuous change we all need.”
Graduates celebrate together during Senior Week

Graduating seniors joined together in various social activities throughout the week leading up to commencement, from May 4 through May 10, 2015. These activities included wine tours and tastings, a golf outing, visits to the Horseshoe Casino and a Cleveland Indians game, a cookout on campus, and the traditional black-tie reception (this year held at the Kirtland Country Club) and Senior Ladies’ Tea at the Victor Manor House. Friendships were celebrated and memories created during these special end-of-college events.
James A. Garfield celebrates his 49th birthday at Lake Erie College

by Holly Menzie MBA ’06

Born on a frontier farm outside of Cleveland on Nov. 19, 1831, James A. Garfield always loved the outdoors. He purchased his farm in Mentor in 1876, while he served in the U.S. House of Representatives, as a permanent residence for his large family. Lawnfield, as it was named by reporters during the front porch campaign in 1880, was located a short six and a half miles away from Lake Erie Female Seminary.

Four months before his inauguration as president and 10 months before his death, President-elect James A. Garfield traveled from Lawnfield to Lake Erie Female Seminary for tea and a birthday celebration. Several representatives of the Seminary had invited Garfield and his wife Lucretia (Crete) for the occasion earlier in the fall. The group had traveled west on Mentor Avenue to Lawnfield to deliver the invitation in person. The date chosen was Nov. 18, 1880, the day before Garfield’s 49th birthday.

The young ladies enrolled in the Seminary had decorated the common rooms of College Hall with garlands of evergreens and banners with sayings cut from individual letters. The banners read, “Honor,” “To the Teacher - Hiram,” “To the Soldier - Chickamauga,” and “To the Statesman - 1859-1880.” Flowers and plants containing ribbons of red, white and blue were arranged on the tables in the drawing room.

The Garfields arrived by sleigh at six o’clock and were welcomed by lights illuminating the building from basement to tower. Trustees, friends, teachers and senior class students welcomed the guests in the drawing room (now the Louise Price Social Parlor) and escorted them to the dining room. Here all the students stood in rank by class and sang while the guests of honor took their places.

The Garfields dined on scalloped oysters, ham salad, biscuits, graham bread, coffee and cake and then returned back to the drawing room for performances in gymnastics and music. The young ladies of the Seminary also entertained their guests with a fan drill, which was pictured shortly after in “Leslie’s Illustrated Newspaper.”

When the Garfields departed at the end of the evening, lights in red and blue shined over College Hall, very patriotic when shown against the white of the snow that covered the ground.

Following his visit, Garfield wrote a note of appreciation to Mary Evans, principal of the Seminary. The note read as follows:

Dear Miss Evans:

Please accept for yourself and express to your associate Teachers and to the young ladies of your Seminary, my heartfelt thanks for the very kind reception you gave me last evening.

I can hardly expect that any other birthday of my life will come to me with such a bright and beautiful welcome. The exercises, the decoration, the whole evening brought back very vivid memories of my teacher life and I enjoyed again the pleasure of seeing the hand of hopeful, happy youth, offering me its helpful blessings.

Mrs. Garfield joins me in thanking you all for your kindness.

Very truly yours,

James A. Garfield
Garfield was inaugurated in March 1881 and shortly after moved into the White House with Crete and his five children. He was stalked for a number of weeks by a disappointed office seeker, Charles J. Guiteau, who shot him at a railroad station in Washington, D.C. on July 2, 1881. Garfield died of his wounds on Sept. 19, 1881, after serving as president for only six months. 

Ironically, many of the same seminary students who had entertained Garfield the previous November probably watched as the train carrying the president’s remains passed through Painesville enroute to its final destination in Cleveland. James A. Garfield was buried in Lakeview Cemetery after what was termed “the Funeral of the Century.”

Garfield’s name has lived on at Lake Erie College in several ways. Garfield Center, now the center for academic life on campus, bears his name. His son James R. Garfield served as chairman of the Board of Trustees of Lake Erie College for 40 years, while his son Abram Garfield designed three of the College’s buildings – Kilcawley Hall, the Ritchie Gymnasium and the Helen Rockwell Morley Memorial Music Building.

The connection between President Garfield and Lake Erie College also remains strong today in the person of Rudolph (Bob) Garfield, who is the great-grandson of the president. Bob, a resident of Mentor, attended the dedication of the Garfield Senior College Garden located on the east side of campus in October 2012. He has also attended other events on campus and supports the College in various ways.

*Editor’s Note: This is the second in a series of articles about the ties between Lake Erie College and the presidents of the United States. In the next issue we will focus on William McKinley.*
Charles E. Kinney Jr. Family Jump Barn dedicated

by Pam Palermo

Lake Erie College hosted the 47th annual Prix de Villes for Hunter/Jumpers from April 10-12 and for Dressage from April 18-19, 2015. The event on April 10 was particularly special with the dedication of the Charles E. Kinney Jr. Family Jump Barn.

Longtime friend and former adjunct faculty member Charles E. “Chuck” Kinney passed away in December 2013, but the impact of this well-renowned Cleveland horseman is still being felt in a big way. He taught generations of Lake Erie College students, designed jumper and hunter courses for many Prix de Villes events and left many hoofprints in the dirt of the equestrian learning center.

Shortly following Chuck’s death, his nephews Dr. William Kinney and Sam Kinney, Jr. began working with Dr. Pamela Hess, dean of the School of Equine Studies, and the Department of Institutional Advancement to ensure that the extraordinary collection of jumps, standards, poles and gates their uncle left in the care of the College would have a proper place to reside.

Over the course of several months, College faculty and staff worked with the Kinney family to secure the necessary funding to construct a storage facility where the collection could be securely stored and maintained.
This newly constructed facility has ample storage for the jump collection, a dedicated space where the jumps can be properly maintained and a specially designed hay loft where hay can be stored and accessed easily when needed.

Prior to the start of the Prix de Villes, family, friends, competitors and spectators gathered in the jump barn for a dedication ceremony. President Michael T. Victor thanked the Kinney family for their generosity and read a special resolution from the Board of Directors. Dr. William Kinney spoke on behalf of the family and expressed their delight with the facility. Sam Kinney exclaimed that “Chuck’s jumps have never had it so good!”

Following the dedication, the 47th annual Prix de Villes commenced with the collection of jumps adorning the riding ring, waiting for horse and rider to meet the challenge. “We couldn’t be more pleased. To see Chuck’s jumps in the ring at such a prestigious event makes us very happy. Chuck would be happy, too,” said Dr. William Kinney.

“The Kinneys made this gift to the College because of their strong belief in Lake Erie College, our School of Equine Studies and the legacy their uncle established so many years ago. Lake Erie College is proud to have the Kinney family as a strong partner in the mission and vision of this institution. By allowing us to add the Kinney name to this facility, the Kinney family demonstrates to the Lake Erie College family and community that they believe in the College and our students,” said President Victor. “In my humble opinion, this is the greatest gift anyone can make.”

Annual giving keeps Lake Erie College strong

Annual giving is the lifeblood of Lake Erie College, but not only for the money. The financial support we receive from alumni, friends, parents and trustees keeps the College strong and vibrant, of course. Annual fund gifts, by definition, are gifts that are expended in the same year they are received. Most are unrestricted gifts, which give us the flexibility to use the money where we think it will have the greatest benefit. But if you have a passion for a particular program, whether it be arts education or the sciences, we can put your donation to good use.

As important as the resources are, just as important is the bond between donor and the College that the gift represents. That bond is a concrete reminder that our work is important and that there are people out there who are cheering us on. Gifts remind us that our mission touches not only the lives of the people on campus but also the community of people who are willing to help us decrease the cost of private higher education, invest in innovative teaching and attract young people who will benefit from a Lake Erie education.

As you think about the amount you would like to give, think about the student who needs scholarship support to stay in school, the faculty member whose expertise goes further as we invest in the latest technologies and the staff member who can increase her output if we are able to invest in new digital technology. And think about the many communities our graduates will serve as they take their Lake Erie College education to leadership positions in a variety of fields.

How fortunate we are that our expanding resources challenge us to do more with more, for our opportunities are great, and small investments have large payoffs. With 15 percent more donors and 32 percent more gifts than the previous fiscal year, the annual fund is on an upward trajectory. This is an ideal time to ride the wave of Lake Erie rising by making sure that these numbers keep increasing and that the cost of even higher quality private education keeps decreasing.

Lake Erie College alumni comprise a special group of people who have a great affinity for the College. With concerted efforts for continued outreach and engagement, annual fund giving and support should continue to grow and allow the College to do the same.

If you are interested in making a gift to the annual fund, please contact Pam Palermo at 440.375.7225 or at ppalermo@lec.edu.
Class scholarships help students

Establishing a legacy in recognition of 50th class reunions has been a tradition at Lake Erie College for many years. Creating an endowed scholarship fund is a wonderful way for classes to “pay it forward” and leave a footprint of generosity for generations of future students. Scholarships ease students’ financial burdens of paying for college and allow them to focus on academics, resulting in the ability to achieve their dreams of earning a degree.

The Class of 1960 was the first class to establish an endowed scholarship fund in honor of its 50th anniversary; this scholarship is now fully endowed and is awarded to a deserving student each year. Three classes have followed the example of the Class of 1960 and have recently established new endowed scholarship funds:

**Class of 1962 Endowed Scholarship Fund**

Class members Peggy (Weisner) Pontious, Deborah (Bryant) Hirschey, and Caroline (Quinby) McElroy spearheaded the effort to establish their class legacy at Lake Erie College. Classmates responded with an incredible outpouring of gifts. With the initiative beginning in April 2013, the fund has reached the required minimum endowment threshold of $50,000, and has received contributions totaling $53,751.82. The Class of 1962 Endowed Scholarship Fund will be awarded based on financial need.

**Class of 1965 Endowed Scholarship Fund**

Class members Raquel (Garcia) Lauritzten, Pam (Craig) Duchaine, Bonnie (Jennings) Kerr and Jane (Anderson) Lentz have stepped forward and are leading the charge to establish their class legacy at Lake Erie College. With the class celebrating its 50th anniversary at this year’s Homecoming Alumni Weekend, these classmates steered a collective effort to have a scholarship endowed by the time of this milestone celebration. Dubbed the “50 for 50” campaign, this effort is bold and determined. But what else would you expect from Lake Erie College alumni? The purpose and award criteria for this scholarship fund have not yet been established.

**Class of 1968 Carolyn (Terrell) Coatoam Endowed Scholarship Fund**

Following in the footsteps of tradition, classmates Elizabeth “Bette” (Havens) Abraham, Maryann Schulten, Marilyn Schutz and Sue (Cox) Wilson will be leading the initiative to endow this fund in honor of Carolyn (Terrell) Coatoam ’68 for her many years of service on the LEC Board of Directors and for her dedication to the College. The fund was started with an initial gift of $6,215 from an anonymous donor. To date, the fund has received contributions totaling $9,569.80. This scholarship fund will be awarded to female students and restricted for study abroad.

If you would like to make a gift to any of these funds or establish a fund of your own, please contact Pam Palermo, director of development, at 440.375.7225 or ppalermo@lec.edu.

Development Briefs

**Tribute gifts recognize others**

Do you have fond memories of a special professor? Perhaps you would like to express your sympathy in a special way. Tribute and memorial gifts are a wonderful way to honor or remember someone. If you are interested in making a tribute or memorial gift to the College, please contact Pam Palermo, director of development, at 440.375.7225 or ppalermo@lec.edu. You can also make your gift online at www.lec.edu/giving.

**Schell Foundation makes a big impact**

The Charles E. Schell Foundation, Fifth Third Bank, Trustee has made a great impact at Lake Erie College by awarding $100,000 in support of student scholarships. This award was given to Lake Erie College to set up student loan programs that provide interest-free loans to full-time students enrolled at the College who are from Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio or adjoining states. The loan funds are paid back to the College and used to make additional loans to future students. Lake Erie College wishes to thank the Charles E. Schell Foundation for this major gift that will continue to impact students for generations to come!
Challenge issued to equine alumni

Were you a recipient of the Equine Studies Book Award? If you answered yes, then you should know that donor and alumna Mary-Lu Bonte Elias ’76 would like to extend a giving challenge to you. In fact, she extends the challenge to all Lake Erie College School of Equine Studies alumni. The Equine Studies Book Award established by Elias in 2003 has provided a book, valued at $100.00, to an equestrian studies major for more than ten years. Award recipients used the award funds to purchase equine-related books for their personal libraries.

Recently, Elias contacted the Office of Institutional Advancement to make some modifications to her fund. Working with Director of Development Pam Palermo, Elias has established the FairMount Farm Equine Therapeutic Horsemanship Scholarship Fund to support scholarships that will be awarded to a full-time student pursuing a major in equine therapeutic horsemanship.

The School of Equine Studies announced this new major in April 2015. Lake Erie College’s newest major began being offered to the incoming class of freshmen in fall 2015. Therapeutic horsemanship is a broad description of the ways in which professionals partner with horses to positively affect the quality of life of individuals with special needs.

The new major in the School of Equine Studies is a very unique offering. “Only a handful of colleges nationwide provide four year degrees in EAAT and the industry clamors for more highly qualified, credentialed professionals,” said Kathy Alm, CEO of the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International (PATH Intl.). PATH Intl. is the organization that promotes safety and optimal outcomes in EAAT for individuals with special needs by defining and delivering methods of best practice.

Elias was delighted at the opportunity to support not only Lake Erie College students but also a program for which she has a great deal of passion. “Therapeutic horsemanship is what I love, and the field is growing very fast. I am thrilled that the School of Equine Studies at Lake Erie College will be offering this as a major,” she said.

The FairMount Farm Equine Therapeutic Horsemanship Scholarship Fund is designed as a planned gift from Elias and is established through a whole life insurance policy, with Lake Erie College as the owner and beneficiary. Contributions can be made to the fund by contacting Pam Palermo, director of development, at 440.375.7225 or ppalermo@lec.edu or online at www.lec.edu/giving. If making a gift online, please designate the FairMount Farm Equine Therapeutic Horsemanship Scholarship Fund in the comment box.

Judy Wicks – entrepreneur, activist and pioneer

by Holly Menzie MBA ’06

One of the most difficult things a person can do in life is to pursue his or her true passion. Judy Wicks ’69 is one of those rare individuals who has turned her passion into reality.

Since founding the legendary White Dog Café in downtown Philadelphia in 1983, Wicks has spent the past 30 years leading the local living economies movement, seeking an alternative to corporate globalization by bringing power back to local communities. Wicks’ award-winning book, Good Morning, Beautiful Business: The Unexpected Journey of an Activist Entrepreneur and Local Economy Pioneer, published in 2013, beautifully describes her journey from relative obscurity to international influence.

On April 8, 2015, Wicks returned to her alma mater to present a lecture on her life’s work. She quickly inspired the audience of students, faculty and staff members with her personal story of an American dream turned into action.

Her initial venture into the business world occurred in 1952 in Ingomar, Pa., when a young Wicks set up a child-sized table with two chairs at the end of her driveway as a makeshift restaurant. She ran extension cords to her house so she could play “How Much Is That Doggie in the Window?” on a toy record player, hoping to attract customers.

By the time she finished high school, Wicks, who had a passion for riding horses, selected Lake Erie College in part because of its strong equestrian program. “I never owned a horse, but I used to ride double behind my neighbor on her horse. We both applied to Lake Erie; she didn’t get in, but I did,” she said.

Wicks has fond memories of her years as a student at Lake Erie College in the late 1960s. “To a certain extent Lake Erie was like Girl Scout camp,” she said. “It was filled with fun, camaraderie and tricks. I loved it here.”
She and her friends lived in Ritter Hall during their freshman and sophomore years, causing them to be dubbed the “Ritter Critters.” They have remained close over the years and recently celebrated a mini-reunion, complete with a campfire, in honor of their 60th birthdays.

Wicks said LEC was culturally very strict when she was a student here. “It was the times,” she explained. “Parents expected the College to take care of you.” The Honor System was in place, and rules were closely followed by all the students.

Wicks’ favorite memories as a student are of her Junior Term Abroad, which she spent in Valencia, Spain. She recalls vividly her five-day trip across the Atlantic Ocean on the SS United States in 1968, before international air travel was commonplace. “There were activities 24/7 – we often tried to sneak into the upperclass section,” she said. Since the trip took place in January, the sea was sometimes rough. Ropes were fastened across open spaces to provide handholds for passengers’ safety, and Wicks even remembers sliding across the dance floor on several occasions when the ship pitched.

Students participating in the Junior Term Abroad were required to keep daily journals. Wicks said her advisor wrote in hers, “What an incredible love of life you have!” She hitchhiked around Europe, learning more from these experiences than what she gleaned from her classes in Valencia, all of which were conducted in Spanish.

During her time at Lake Erie College, Wicks witnessed the construction of the Lincoln Library. She joined with other students in protesting not being permitted to put their feet on the coffee tables located in front of the new couches. “We had a sit-in,” she said, “with our feet on the tables. I just wish my first protest had been over civil rights or peace!”

After graduation, Wicks’ unexpected journey took her first to an Eskimo village in remote Chefornak, Alaska as part of Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA). Using a stipend she and her then-husband received from VISTA, she applied the concepts she learned from the Eskimos to open a general store in Philadelphia. The Free People’s Store (which soon became the original Urban Outfitters), designed for the under-30 college-age population, had shelves created from discarded wood, a couch by the cash register, a bulletin board announcing community events (including anti-war demonstrations) and a place in back where the couple lived.

Wicks and her husband separated and, soon after, she had a chance encounter with an employee of La Terrasse, a Bohemian-style French café. She accepted a job as a waitress at the café, and this provided her first experience in the food industry. She soon became general manager and partner in the business and stayed for ten years, all while tending to two young children.

In 1983, Wicks opened what she considers her greatest love, the White Dog Café, on the first floor of her home in a Victorian

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Brownstone rowhouse. The café was initially a muffin shop, offering fresh-squeezed orange juice, soup and homemade breads. “I wanted a cozy place for people to gather, where I could serve simple dishes like my mother made from locally grown produce,” she said.

In the beginning, the café’s kitchen and restrooms were in Wicks’ living quarters located above the restaurant, with hot food coming from a grill in her backyard. A full-service restaurant was in operation after only a year and, through a gradual evolution, grew to become a 250-seat restaurant, a socially responsible business that she ran for 26 years.

As the owner of the White Dog Café, Wicks was a pioneer in the living economies movement, purchasing all produce in season from local organic family gardens, all meat and poultry from free-range farms, all fish and seafood from sustainable fisheries and electricity from wind power sources. She also opened an adjacent gift store, the Black Cat, in 1989, featuring local and fair trade crafts.

During her years running the White Dog Café, Wicks became an international leader in the local living economies movement. She founded Fair Food, Sustainable Business Network of Greater Philadelphia and the nationwide Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE), all of which tout fair trade, sustainability and transformation of business for a livable future.

She sold the White Dog in 2009 (although keeping ownership of the name), choosing to focus her energies on addressing climate change and advocating for a sustainable, people-centered economy. She urges all consumers to buy local food and renewable electricity. “We need to put as much energy as possible into a non-carbon world,” Wicks said.

As for her visit to Lake Erie College, Wicks was impressed with the students’ interest, questions and plans for the future. “I hope more students will start small businesses in their communities and take responsibility for this planet that is their home,” she said.

We can all be inspired by Judy Wicks’ story of passion turned into reality. She is not only a successful Lake Erie College alumna but also a model for one person’s ability to make a difference.

For additional information about Wicks or to purchase her memoir, go to www.judywicks.com or order from your favorite local independent bookstore. The book is also available on Kindle from Amazon.
Men’s lacrosse achieves unprecedented success

by Jeremy Smith MBA ’14

In what looked like a scene straight from the movies, the Lake Erie College men’s lacrosse team opened its season against Roberts Wesleyan College on Feb. 25, 2015 on a field surrounded by six-foot tall walls of snow. Throughout the week, the Storm players and coaching staff worked tirelessly to clear the field in time for the game. The Storm went on to win 14-6, launching the beginning of their best season to date.

“It was a unique start to our season with weather and scrimmage cancellations prior to the game,” said first-year Storm head coach Steve Gartelman, who was elevated to the head position after serving two years as a graduate assistant. “Mother Nature gave us her best shot, and the guys knew the only way we could play the game was if we cleared the field. It was an early testament to the heart of the program.”

Three days later, the Storm traveled to New York to face perennial national contender and second-ranked Le Moyne College. It was that day that the Storm did something that had not been done since 2001: hand the Dolphins a non-conference, home loss. With a close 7-6 win, the Storm established themselves as one of the top teams in the country.

The Storm’s next challenge was against top-ranked and defending Division-II National Champion Limestone College. In a hard-fought contest in which the lead was in jeopardy several times, the Lake Erie men held strong, picking up their biggest win in program history, a 14-12 victory over the top-ranked team in the country.

“The whole nation started to notice after this win,” Gartelman said. Indeed, when the polls were released shortly after, the Storm found themselves sitting at the top, the first time any Lake Erie College Storm athletics team sat atop of its respective poll.

“It was an honor to earn that ranking. As a young program, it was great to see how far we came in a relatively short amount of time,” Gartelman said.

The Storm then collected 19-0 and 16-3 wins over Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) foes Ohio Valley University and Alderson-Broaddus University. In Painesville on April 1, the team went against 2014 national semifinalist and ninth-ranked University of Tampa. In front of an excited crowd at Jack Britt Memorial Stadium, the Storm defeated the Spartans 13-7.

After a close 7-6 win over ECAC rival Wheeling Jesuit University, the Storm suffered their first loss of the season. At home on April 11, the Storm fell to eighth-ranked Seton Hill University.

The Storm did not have a long time to dwell on the loss as they welcomed perennial powerhouse Mercyhurst University four days later in Painesville. The season of firsts continued for the Storm, as they collected their first win in program history over the 13th-ranked Lakers, 9-7.

The Storm finished out the regular season with wins over Lindenwood University and Walsh University while suffering a one-goal setback at Queens University in the regular season finale.

On May 1, the Storm entered the ECAC Semifinals as the second seed in a rematch with Mercyhurst. For the second time in the season, the Storm handed the Lakers a loss, advancing to the ECAC Championship game for the third straight year.

In the finals, the Storm faced 11th-ranked Lindenwood University, capturing their second-straight ECAC Championship with
an 11-8 victory. “It was great for our senior class to defend the ECAC Championship against some of the best competition in the country,” Gartelman said.

With a week of preparation, the Storm took the field on May 9 in front of nearly 500 fans in Painesville for a chance to reach the NCAA Semifinals for the first time in the program’s young history. The Storm did not disappoint the fans, as they rolled to a 15-7 win over the Spartans.

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“As a coach, I was really proud that we were able to do what we did on the field. Fittingly, ten minutes after the game ended, a thunderstorm hit Painesville,” Gartelman said.

The celebration was short, as the Storm prepared for a rematch at Limestone the following week. On May 17, the Storm took the field at Limestone for the second time against the top-ranked and top-seeded Saints. That day, the Saints ended the Storm’s dreams of a national championship with a 16-6 win.

Despite that loss, the Storm’s season was outstanding overall, and early indications look promising for the 2016 season as well.
SPRING RECAPS

Men’s Golf
The men’s golf team finished its 2014-15 schedule with five spring tournaments. At the season-ending GLIAC South Event, Jimmy Wild led the Storm with a 25th-place finish. Nick Bubon and Ian Hardesty earned GLIAC All-Academic honors.

Women’s Golf
The women’s golf team competed in a pair of tournaments this spring to conclude their year-long season. Joan Graziano and Emily Long were named to the GLIAC All-Academic Excellence Team.

Track & Field
Three members of the track & field team qualified for the 2015 NCAA Division-II Outdoor National Championships. Destiny Prusky finished 13th in the high jump while Douglas Moorer placed 16th in the discus. After capturing the Indoor Triple Jump National Championship earlier in the year, Joe Postwaite finished seventh in the event to earn All-American honors. In the high jump, Postwaite earned Second-Team All-American honors by placing 12th.

Men’s Lacrosse
The men’s lacrosse team achieved its first number one ranking and a trip to the NCAA Semifinals in 2015. Three players earned All-American honors for the Storm. Seniors Justin Goodwin and Reagan Harding earned First-Team All-American honors. Goodwin was also named Division-II Outstanding Defensive Player of the Year. Freshman Lucas Shafer was named an All-American Honorable Mention. Senior goalie Nicholas Simonetti led the NCAA in goals-against average, allowing just 6.89 per game.

Baseball
The baseball team fought adverse weather conditions in 2015 to finish with a 20-20 overall record and a 17-15 mark in the GLIAC. Four players were named to All-GLIAC squads. Aaron Lindgren led the honorees with a spot on the All-GLIAC First Team. Zak DeCamp earned Second-Team All-GLIAC honors while Brandon Grunda and Louie Peterlin were All-GLIAC Honorable Mentions.

Women’s Lacrosse
The women’s lacrosse team earned its third-straight trip to the GLIAC playoffs in 2015. Freshman Taylor Mathis was named GLIAC Freshman of the Year, headlining five All-GLIAC honors for the Storm. Freshmen Taylor Izzo, Anastasia Crawford and Emma Manning earned Second-Team All-GLIAC honors while senior Samantha Gryba earned an All-GLIAC Honorable Mention.

Softball
The softball team continued to show improvement under head coach Stephanie Smith, picking up 13 wins, including seven GLIAC victories in 2015. Jessacca Gironda earned First-Team All-GLIAC honors for the Storm. Elizabeth Karako and Savannah Karako earned Second-Team All-GLIAC honors while Dawn Ondercin and Allyson Hajinosz earned All-GLIAC Honorable Mentions. Savannah Karako also earned the NCAA Statistical Title for “Toughest to Strikeout,” going 112 at-bats without striking out.

Women’s Lacrosse
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Tibbys Award Banquet

On April 21, 2015, Lake Erie College and LEC Athletics hosted the inaugural Tibbys award banquet at LaMalfa Party Center in Mentor. The evening of celebration honored the College’s 385 student-athletes, all of its teams and an outstanding year of accomplishments.

LEC student-athletes Russ Hogue, a senior baseball player, and Mikaela Lengal, a senior volleyball player, served as hosts for the evening. Select individual and team accomplishments were highlighted along with several other notable acknowledgments.

**Recipients of the various Tibbys over the course of the evening included:**

- **Community Service Award**
  Women’s Lacrosse

- **Coach of the Year**
  Kevin Hoogenboom (wrestling)

- **Faculty Member of the Year**
  Julie Ziemak (accounting)

- **Highest Team GPA**
  Men’s and Women’s Basketball

- **Best Dressed Team of the Night**
  Softball and Men’s Lacrosse

- **Most Improved Athlete**
  Zev Green (wrestling)

**Awards were also given for the following categories:**

- **Blooper of the Year**
  Liz Karko (softball)

- **Best Uniform**
  Football, for their new charcoal grey uniforms

- **Play of the Year**
  Anthony Bilal (football), for the consensus All-American’s 67-yard touchdown run in the second half, breaking several tackles and helping the Storm pick up the conference win

Videos of the Tibbys award banquet can be found at www.youtube.com/lakeeriestorm.

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Alzheimer’s Exhibit/Panel

Art Interprets Alzheimer’s, an exhibit featuring the artwork of Cleveland Archived Artists George Roby and Herbert Ascherman, was displayed in the B.K. Smith Gallery in Royce Hall for the Fine and Performing Arts from Feb. 12 to March 12, 2015. Presented by the Archived Artists of the Western Reserve, the exhibit included a collection of captivating photographs and stunning ceramic sculptures in the effort to promote awareness of Alzheimer’s disease, support research for a cure and portray its effects on patients, caregivers and the community.

The exhibit included two discussion panels, one targeted toward healthcare providers on Wednesday, Feb. 25 and the other targeted toward community members on Wednesday, March 11.

Council for Secular Humanism lecture

The Lake Erie College Honors Program and the School of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences welcomed Tom Flynn, executive director of the Center for Inquiry’s Council for Secular Humanism, to campus on March 12, 2015. Flynn’s presentation, “Who Are These Doubters, Anyway? The Demographics of Unbelief,” was structured to address various religion polls in regard to how sociologists and pollsters measure religious belief and unbelief in the United States.

Located in Amherst, N.Y., the Council for Secular Humanism is North America’s leading organization for non-religious people and supports a wide range of activities to meet the needs of people who find meaning and value in life without looking to religion. In addition to his role as executive director, Flynn is the editor of the Council’s magazine, Free Inquiry, and speaks across the country on the Council’s behalf to promote reason, science and freedom of inquiry in every human endeavor.

In his speech, Flynn presented the results of many nationwide polls on religion, arguing that the numbers vary depending on who is asking and what is being asked. Specifically, he explained that we heavily rely on private sector groups for information on individuals’ religious beliefs, and polls such as the Gallup poll have structured questions on religion in a way that is often misleading.

“Secular humanists, atheists, agnostics and free thinkers too often feel like they’re on the outside looking in,” said Flynn. “Regardless, they have always performed, created and influenced society far out of proportion to their numbers. The rise in their numbers, as we’ve seen in recent decades, will continue to be a topic worth investigation in the years to come.”

Storm Shelter Opening

Storm Shelter, the newly renovated student lounge on the lower level of the Arthur S. Holden Center, officially opened on Feb. 13, 2015. Students spent the day socializing, eating popcorn and enjoying the new facilities. The name for the lounge was selected via a contest over Facebook, with the name Storm Shelter garnering 54 percent of the votes.
BFA Student Exhibition

The annual spring Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) student exhibition took place from April 16 to May 10, 2015 in the B.K. Smith Gallery in Royce Hall for the Fine and Performing Arts. The opening reception included presentations from the featured artists, seniors Zora Patton and Kelly Roush.

For her project, Patton developed a series of paper mache sculptures of various animals, combining her academic focuses and illustrating the psychological components of relationships through the anthropomorphism of the animals themselves. Using a different medium, Roush illustrated a digital cartoon depicting a modern-day fairytale with “a feminist twist” to capture the complexities of the modern-day girl. Both students were responsible for all curatorial and preparatory tasks for the exhibition, as well as for designing publicity materials and planning the reception.

2015 NEW Leadership Ohio

Heather McLaughlin, a part-time political science major at LEC, took part in 2015 NEW Leadership Ohio, a national, bipartisan leadership program held at the John Glenn School of Public Affairs at Ohio State University. From May 18-22, McLaughlin and her peers engaged in a three-part process of education, exploration and reflection, all tailored to help participants apply their leadership skills on their home campuses and consider running for public office in the future.

IdeaLabs 2015

Over 30 students representing a variety of majors participated in the preliminary IdeaLabs New Concept Competition held March 20, 2015. Finalists competed again for cash prizes provided by the Lake Erie College Center for Entrepreneurship and the Burton D. Morgan Foundation in the 2015 ideaLabs Finals held March 24 in the Dickinson Lecture Hall in Austin Hall of Science.

First-place winner was Namanja Josic for Jarvis University. Second-place team winners were Dana Garred and Lindsey Matthews for The Bute Bit, and third-place winner was Kailey Bast for Meal Magician. Elise Bealer, creator of EHB Equine Bodyworks LLC, took first place in the Launched Business Category. Josic represented Lake Erie College at the NEO ideaLabs Entrepreneurship Education Consortium (EEC) Finals on March 31 at Lorain County Community College.

Bronze Casting

Students in Professor Nancy Prudic’s sculpture class had the opportunity to participate in a bronze casting project with a visiting artist on March 25, 2015. The liquid metal reached 2,200° F! Students were able to create plaster molds beforehand in which to cast the bronze.
AROUND Campus

Prix de Villes

Lake Erie College hosted the 47th annual Prix de Villes for Hunter/Jumpers from April 10-12 and for Dressage from April 18-19, 2015. The High Performance Hunter Derby was held on April 10, beginning shortly after the dedication of the new Charles E. Kinney Jr. Family Jump Barn. (See related story on page 24.) An evening of musical freestyles returned to the Dressage event on April 18; spectators watched from the viewing area of the equestrian learning center while enjoying a glass of wine during the wine and cheese social. Attendees also honored former dressage show manager and dressage professional Veronica Holt, who passed away in December 2014.

National Equestrian Competitors

Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA) team members from around the country gathered in West Springfield, Mass. from April 30-May 3, 2015 to compete for team and individual national titles. IHSA currently has over 9,000 active members on approximately 400 college teams in the U.S. and Canada. Only the top 16 riders from each division compete at IHSA Nationals. Sophomore Sophie Sahutske represented Lake Erie College and Zone VI in the novice fences division where she took 8th place in the nation. Junior Tatiana Eagles finished the season at Nationals as the Zone VI, Region I High Point Open rider and was one of 38 top open collegiate riders who competed for the prestigious Cacchione Cup. Mary Pardee, assistant professor of equine studies and director of riding, and Courtney Newby ’13 coached the teams and riders throughout the year.
National Challenge Bowl

Members of the Lake Erie College physician assistant program attended the American Academy of Physician Assistants (AAPA) Conference in San Francisco, Calif. from May 23-27, 2015 to compete in the National Medical Challenge Bowl, a friendly competition coordinated by the Student Academy of the AAPA. With only one year of training under their belts, the LEC students faced off against teams from 80 other schools and were one of 32 teams to advance to the quarterfinals.

Team members were Jackie McCloskey, Julie Stupi and Morgan Conwell with alternates John Anderson and Carrie Lockard. These students earned their spots on the team after eight months of internal competitions culminating with the Lake Erie College Challenge Bowl on May 18, wherein McCloskey was crowned the winner. The students were accompanied by Sean Kramer, clinical assistant professor and academic coordinator of the PA program, as well as Assistant Professor Jennifer Sample.

Honors Senior Research Colloquium

As part of their participation in the Lake Erie College Honors program, seniors are required to present summaries of their senior research projects. Participants in the Senior Research Colloquium held May 1, 2015 in the Dickinson Lecture Hall in Austin Hall of Science were Rebecca Sibinga (Homes for the Homeless); Barbara Payson (Working for the Knights of Valour); Melanie Richards (Modified T-cell Chimeric Antigen Receptors – A New Treatment for Acute Myeloid Leukemia); Kalista Braughton (The Brain Gut Connection); Rebekah Smoldt (Amyloid Beta Involvement in Alzheimer’s disease-related Neuronal Dysfunction); Amy Funck (Image of Painesville); and Elizabeth Cadorette (K&S Group: the global leading supplier of potash and producer of salt).

Dr. Deborah Schulman, associate professor of biology, is director of the Lake Erie College Honors program. In addition to Schulman, other Lake Erie College faculty and staff members – Peter Apicella, Jeff Eakin, Dr. Darlene Hall, Dr. Steven Reynolds, Ruta Greiner and Jerry Cirino – served as project advisors.

Law and Order Career Day

A number of area law departments were on campus on April 23, 2015 for Law and Order Career Day. The purpose of this event was to expose students to many different facets of public service, including emergency response, investigation and law enforcement, and to provide networking opportunities. Departments represented included the Willoughby Hills Police Department, Painesville Police Department, Lake County Narcotics Unit, Mentor Police Department, Lake County Sheriff’s office, Lake County FBI office and MetroHealth LifeFlight.
Spring Dance Performance

The Dance Department presented its annual Spring Dance Performance in the C. K. Rickel Theatre in Royce Hall on April 23 and 24, 2015. The performance featured choreography by faculty member and artistic director Nick Carlisle as well as DANCEVERT, a Cleveland-based professional dance company. The show afforded Lake Erie College students, local high school students and members of the community an opportunity to perform a variety of dance styles in a semi-formal production.

“The Shape of Things”

The Lake Erie College Theatre Department presented “The Shape of Things,” written by Neil Labute and directed by Associate Professor of Theatre Dr. Jerry Jaffe, from April 9-12, 2015. Staged at a fictional liberal arts college, the play told the story of the romance between Adam, played by junior Connor McCarthy, and Evelyn, played by Jesse Gobel. Other cast members included Nicky Buckel and Alexis Grice. Lighting design was by adjunct professor L. Michael Breeze, and alumna Julie Harter served as technical director and designer. The stage managers were Rebecca Siblinga and Sarah Escandon.
Spring Musical Arts Concert

The Department of Music presented its annual Spring Musical Arts Concert in Morley Music Building on April 26, 2015. The concert included performances by the Lake Erie College Student and Community Chorus, under the direction of Mary Crow with Sanni Kearns as collaborative pianist; the Lake Erie College Flute Choir, under the direction of Judith Elias; Dr. Mark Bell, College organist emeritus; bass/baritone Robert Godfrey; and soprano Kailey Bast ’15. Dr. Jerry Jaffe, associate professor of theatre, presented a reading from Shakespeare.

Apollo’s Fire

Apollo’s Fire, the Cleveland Baroque Orchestra, performed Vivaldi’s Four Seasons on campus April 23, 2015 in the Paul S. Weaver Auditorium in the Helen Rockwell Morley Memorial Music Building. The concert featured dynamic violinist Olivier Brault and the colorful sonorities of plucked instruments. The concert was made possible in part by the support of the Lake Geauga Fund of The Cleveland Foundation.

Thank you to the following sponsors of this concert: Lake-Geauga Fund of the Cleveland Foundation, Al and Elizabeth Abraham, Janet and Paul Havener, Lake Health, Lake National Bank, National Alumni Board of Lake Erie College, Robert and Carole Zappitelli and one anonymous donor.
Greetings

Message from the National Alumni Board

The historic Steele Mansion – formerly known as Mentor House – is completely restored and open for business! Area alumni – along with a few out-of-towners – joined together to tour the mansion while enjoying wonderful appetizers and refreshing offerings from their well-stocked bar. Several alumni shared stories of living, dining or meeting in the mansion when it was owned by the College. We hope you will join us when we gather there again in the near future.

Who doesn’t love a great play – especially when it is directed by a LEC grad! Peter Davis ’80 was in town this summer to direct Jacques Brel is Alive and Well and Living in Paris at the Rabbit Run Community Theater in Madison, Ohio. Carley (Cumberworth) Hosler ’72 assisted as stage manager. Close to 30 alumni gathered at the historic barn theater to reconnect and reminisce while also supporting local community theater. We had a great time before the event at the dinner, silent auction and 50/50 raffle (which was won by alumna Laura Whalen ’68!). Farthest to travel to the event were Mary Rodenboh ’74 from Arizona and Melissa (Harper) Dempsey ’78 from the state of Washington!

The Alumni Office and National Alumni Board will continue to offer great opportunities for networking while supporting local businesses and the arts. Watch for announcements of future events.

National Alumni Board hosts Midwinter Night’s Feast

Twinkling lights woven throughout grapevine wreaths and warm candles glowing in lanterns embellished with gold and bronze berries . . . the Holden Center was turned into a magical setting for a Midwinter Night’s Feast on Feb. 28, 2015.

For the 2015 signature event of the National Alumni Board, chefs from local restaurants as well as the College’s own Abigail Petry created delicious appetizers at their stations for the guests. Fabulous silent auction items included a week in a condo on Sanibel Island donated by alumni Dana ’76 and Sherry ’03 Dennis, a gourmet dinner and sunset cruise on Lake Erie provided by alumni Margy (Pfeifer) Ladd ’74 and Debra (Blanchard) Remington ’74, an enormous fruit and wine basket from Sun Plum Market’s owner, Nick Teriaca ’10, and several other top dollar items donated by area alumni.

The event also included a wonderful Chinese auction, a wine pull and tastings from South River Winery in Madison, Ohio. The entertainment for the evening was provided by local pianist Brint Learned. Proceeds from the Midwinter Night’s Feast support alumni initiatives including scholarship programs.

Plans are underway for the 2016 event, so watch for a notice – it’s an event not to be missed!
Online Engagement

In today’s increasingly mediated world, social media outlets offer a great way to both stay in the loop with and display your support for various organizations. We encourage you to connect with us on our official Lake Erie College social media pages! Through these pages, we provide real-time engagement to connect with our students before, during and after their time on campus. Like us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/lakeeriecollege), follow us on Twitter (@lakeeriecollege) and connect with us on LinkedIn to get the latest news on what's happening at LEC.

We also encourage you to engage with the new and improved Lake Erie College website! After many months of preparation, we are proud to soon launch a new website to offer users enhanced information and navigation abilities to provide easy access to all things “LEC.”

Alumni Director’s Message

Lake Erie College is going on the road! The Presidential Caravan is on the move, sharing the exciting news of your alma mater – it’s time to reconnect with LEC!

Interim President Gerhart will be traveling to several cities across the country to update you on the College: what's in store for the coming year, what's happening now and how we can all prepare to welcome our new president. I hope you will take this opportunity to meet with other alumni in your area while learning about plans to continue the dynamic growth of our college!

The Presidential Caravan will be visiting Florida in February, Arizona and California in March, New York City and Philadelphia in April and Chicago in May. (See detailed schedule on page 47.) So, make sure you have great weather to greet us – and come ready to be excited about the future of Lake Erie College!

Deb Blanchard Remington ’74
Director of Alumni Relations and Events
**CLASS OF 1948**

**VIRGINIA (LANDERS) CUMMINGS**, Maple Springs, N.Y., celebrated her 90th birthday in June at Letchworth State Park. Her friend, CAROLINE “BONNIE” (LORE) BYER ’48, Sugar Grove, Pa., was present at the celebration. Cummings has three grandchildren: Kathryn, aged five, and twins Brady and Isabel, aged two.

**Class of 1957**

**CAROLINE (SEWARD) HOLLADAY**, Conroe, Texas, writes: “It seems impossible that in two more years will be our class’s 60th anniversary. This year in October marks my 80th birthday. Time flies! I will always remember my wonderful four years at LEC with Dr. Weaver as our president.”

**Class of 1958**

**JOY (RUTENSCHROER) ZIEGLER**, Fort Worth, Texas, had back surgery in 2014. She lost her son, Brent, in 2014; he was 45 years old. She has three great grandsons.

**Class of 1959**

**SUE (SCHOEDINGER) ELLIS, M.S.E. ’87**, Concord, Ohio has been widowed since December 2012. She serves on the boards of United Church Homes, Andrews Osborne Academy and the Lake Erie College National Alumni Board and is active in church, the Western Reserve Junior Service League and smaller groups. Her grandson, Colin Ellis, graduated from high school and began at American University this fall. Her oldest grandson, Ian, is a Gonzaga cheerleader and toured the British Isles with her in summer 2015. Her youngest grandson will enter middle school and will continue playing the French horn. Ellis moved to a free-standing condo in summer 2014.

**Class of 1969**

**JODY WHELDEN**, Monona, Wis., is the author of *Stopping by the Side of the Road; A Story about Dying*, published by Radiant Heart Press in 2015. The book offers comfort and peace to those experiencing the process of dying – their own or of loved ones. It is available on Amazon.com and in select bookstores. For more information about Whelden, visit her website at www.jodywhelden.com.

**Class of 1970**

**SALLY (WEISSENT) BULLARD**, Lake Bluff, Ill., and her husband, Bob, retired in June after a combined total of close to 80 years as teachers and administrators at Lake Forest Country Day School. They moved to Brewster, Mass. on Cape Cod over the summer, where they plan to volunteer at the Cape Cod Museum of Natural History and enjoy visits from their six grandchildren.

**Class of 1972**

**PAULA (SIEGEL) BARONE**, Mount Vernon, Ohio, is a retired educator in the Mount Vernon City Schools. She transferred from Lake Erie College to Kenyon College.

**Class of 1975**

**SARAH HOLLISTER**, Colrain, Mass., informed the College about an old Geauga and Lake County map that is available in reprint through Etsy.com. The map shows the names of property owners and streets located in Painesville, and it also includes an illustration of the original Seminary building (now called College Hall).

**Class of 1977**

**JUDITH ANN SIGMUND**, Marblehead, Mass., completed medical school and a residency in psychiatry. While in residency, she also obtained her master’s degree in specialized ministry and a certificate in pastoral counseling. She recently completed one unit of clinical pastoral education (CPE), learning the skills of a hospital chaplain. Sigmund now works part-time as a hospital psychiatrist as she heads toward retirement. She volunteers her time teaching in the CPE program and also at the Boston University School of Medicine. In addition, surrounded by the beauty of the North Shore of Boston, she has developed an interest in watercolor.
and acrylic painting and has had several exhibits of her work in local galleries.

MARGARET “MEG” SONDEY, Willoughby Hills, Ohio, and her husband, Bill Hines, now have two employed, college-graduated adult children. Eva is an analyst at C4ADS in Washington, D.C., and Jake is finishing up his fourth summer at Cheley Colorado Camps and will then be employed full-time at Disney World as an entertainment stage technician.

Class of 1985

KATE (BASSLER) GRESS, Noblesville, Ind., has been the organizer of the Penny Oaks Horse Trials, a United States Equestrian Federation and United States Eventing Association sanctioned event, for 17 years. This year’s event, held May 2-3, 2015 on the grounds of the Hoosier Horse Park (site of the 1988 Pam Am Games), hosted 266 riders from 12 states. Gress has owned and operated Penny Oaks Stables in Noblesville, Ind., since 1988. For more information, visit www.pennyoaksstables.com.

Class of 1992

HEATHER KINNEY, DVM, Wooster, Ohio, recently did a demonstration on equine chiropractic at the 2015 Equine Affaire in Columbus, Ohio. Kinney earned her degree at The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine and is certified in animal chiropractic by the International Veterinary Chiropractic Association. She continues to enjoy trail riding and camping with her family and horses and often takes her five-year-old son along on rides.

KELLY (KNOWLES) MALAY, Arlington, Texas, is a first-grade teacher in Waxahachie Independent School District in Texas. She has two children, Alexander (14) and Tabitha (5).

Class of 1993

ERIC JANKE, Verona, Wis., is team leader for Oxford International in Madison, Wis. He is a member of the Knights of Columbus and St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Class of 1995

DENNIS DEMPSEY, Madison, Ohio, owns the Craft & Antique Co-op in Painesville; the business just celebrated 12 years on March 1, 2015. Dempsey’s new business, Dempsey Auctions, had a successful first year and is looking forward to other great years to come.

Class of 1998

AMANDA KINSE-R-VINS, northeast Ohio, and her husband, Wes, are proud to announce a new addition to their family. Harrison Wesley Vins joined his big sisters Katherine and Mariska by arriving healthy and happy on July 7, 2015. Kinser-Vins writes, “We are still raising Welsh ponies and organic chickens, turkeys, cattle and pigs and organic hay on our Ohio farm. Loving every day with our beautiful family!”

MICHELE PRATT, Smithville, Ohio, is a truck driver for Catrone Trucking in Orrville, Ohio.

Class of 1999

MARTHA (WOLFGANG) TUTTLE, MBA ’04, Ashtabula, Ohio, recently received her Doctor of Ministry degree from West Coast Bible College and Seminary. She is regional capital analyst for Cristal USA in Ashtabula, Ohio.

Class of 2003

MAGEN (PLANTS) CORBETT, Madison, Ohio, is a marketing coordinator for Shop Supply & Tool Company in Mentor, Ohio.

MELISSA MCCUE-MCGRATH, Somerville, Mass., published her first book, Considerations for the City Dog: The Urban Dog Owners’ Handbook, in June 2015. In the book she pays homage to her professors Dr. Steve Yachanin, Dr. James Eisenberg and Dr. Dennis McDermot, as well as Professor Paul Gothard III and Sunni Gothard, who all pushed her to do better. McCue-McGrath uses her psychology degree every day working with dogs and their owners in urban centers, like Boston. She is the co-training director of the oldest AKC obedience club in the country and blogs for NPR’s Car Talk as a professional consultant for pets and travel.

Class of 2006

KELLY J. SLOCUM, MBA, Geneva, Ohio, is chief financial officer at Eaton Family Credit Union in Euclid, Ohio.

Class of 2007

DEMETRIUS WILLIAMS, Milwaukee, Wis., is residence life coordinator for the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.
Class of 2009

JUSTIN DRAPP, Middlefield, Ohio, is a social studies teacher and baseball coach for Warren City Schools in Warren, Ohio. He and his wife, Kelli, were married in Andover, Ohio. They have a daughter, Harper Ann, who was born Feb. 25, 2014.

ALLISON ENEGUESS, M.Ed. ‘11, Lexington, Ky., is assistant director of jumper programs for the United States Hunter Jumper Association in Lexington.

TRACEY STONEBRIDGE, Charlotte, N.C., graduated from Kansas State University in May 2015 as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. She is a veterinarian and small animal rotating intern at Carolina Veterinary Specialists in Charlotte.

Class of 2010

BRIAN TURK, Windsor, Ohio, is a shift supervisor at Glenbeigh Hospital in Rock Creek, Ohio. Turk received his state license as a chemical dependency counselor in March 2015. He is entering his final year of Case Western Reserve University’s Master of Science in Social Administration program, from which he will graduate in May 2016.

Class of 2011

DEVON KLINGENSMITH, Ellwood City, Pa., received her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from the Ohio State University School of Veterinary Medicine in May 2015. She is working as a veterinarian at Hermitage Veterinary Hospital and as a relief veterinarian for surgery for the Animal Rescue League of Pittsburgh. Klingensmith has a special interest in birds and pocket pets.

DANIELLE (ROSICA) SUKYS, Concord Twp., Ohio, and her husband, Kyle Sukys, were married on Feb. 13, 2015.

Class of 2012

STEPHANIE (TAMBLYN) ANDERSON, Wickliffe, Ohio, is a Title I reading teacher for the Euclid City Schools. She and her husband, George Anderson, were married on Oct. 17, 2014.

MITCH BROWN, Mentor, Ohio, has accepted an offer to join the Ph.D. program in experimental psychology at the University of Southern Mississippi.

CAMERON CROSSAN, Lexington, Ky., is a health fitness specialist for MediFit, corporate sponsor Humana Inc., in Louisville, Ky. Crossan previously was the web designer-developer and coordinator of donor services for Lake Erie College.

MARCO GAUDIO ’12, MBA ’14, Mentor, Ohio, is the assistant director of international recruitment at Lake Erie College.

ALLISON HEMING, Johnson City, Tenn., is an assessment coordinator for East Tennessee State University. She graduated with her M.S. in mathematics and received the Chancellor’s Commission for LGBT Student Leadership Award.

NICHOLAS LOVICK, Ashtabula, Ohio, is a financial analyst at Chromaflo Technologies in Ashtabula, Ohio.

STEPHANIE PAPAIS, Arlington, Va., is a human capital analyst at Deloitte Consulting in Arlington.

HALEY M. (CARTER) RODGERS, Columbus, Ohio, was married Aug. 5, 2014 and bought a house.

RACHEL SMALLWOOD, Carlisle, Ohio, graduated from the Salmon P. Chase College of Law (Northern Kentucky University) in May 2015.

Class of 2013

ANNE-MARIE MORGAN, Homestead, Fla., is the equestrian director for YMCA Camp Gorham in Eagle Bay, N.Y.

LOGAN NORDQUIST, Alliance, Ohio, has been accepted into the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Indiana State University.

Class of 2014


JESSICA MEYER, Lexington, Ky., is a laboratory/pharmacy technician at Park Equine Hospital in Lexington.
Dawn Powell ’18 posthumously inducted into New York State Writers Hall of Fame

Lake Erie College alumna Dawn Powell (1896-1965) was inducted into the New York State Writers Hall of Fame in a ceremony held June 2, 2015 at the Princeton Club of New York. Other inductees were Isaac Asimov, Alan Ginsburg, Ezra Jack Keats, Francine Prose, David Remnick and Colm Toibin.

Established in 2010 by the Empire State Center for the Book and the Empire State Book Festival, the NYS Writers Hall of Fame was created to “highlight the rich literary heritage of New York State and recognize the legacy of individual New York State writers.” Past inductees include Walt Whitman, Joyce Carol Oates, James Baldwin, James Thurber, Toni Morrison and Kurt Vonnegut.

Marcy Smith, a biographer of Dawn Powell’s life, introduced Powell at the induction ceremony. “Powell’s satiric works capture the characters and lifestyle of New York City from the 1920s, when young hopefuls rushed from the Midwest to the big city, hoping to take it by storm, into the early 1960s, when Powell’s beloved Greenwich Village had undergone a sea of change, from bohemian to beatnik,” said Smith. “Powell’s novels allowed her to denounce the prevailing evils of the world while maintaining the comic equilibrium necessary to continue living in a perpetually fragmenting world.”

Scott Evans, senior vice president for institutional advancement and chief of the president’s staff, attended the ceremony to accept the award on Powell’s behalf. “Lake Erie College never has and never will forget Dawn Powell,” Evans said. “She was awarded an honorary Doctor of Literature degree 55 years ago this month. As for the plaque given tonight, it will be hung in the Louise Price Social Parlor of the spookily handsome College Hall where Dawn lived, studied and worked as a student.”

Powell attended Lake Erie College from 1914-1918, graduating in 1918 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. During her time at LEC, she edited and wrote for the College’s literary publication and was active in theater. After graduation, she moved to New York City, where she settled in Greenwich Village and became immersed in the bohemian culture of the famous neighborhood. Despite many tragedies during her life, Powell wrote 16 novels, nine plays and numerous short stories and reviews; her work has experienced a rebirth in recent years.
We extend our deepest sympathy to the families and friends of the following persons.

**Class of 1937**

**MARY (HOSSLER) FEY JENKINS**, Wilmington, Del., passed away Jan. 13, 2015 at age 100. While at Lake Erie, she had the pleasure of hosting Amelia Earhart, who spoke on campus on Oct. 28, 1936. She valued healthy eating, strong family values, education and volunteering and had a positive outlook on life.

**RUTH (GROW) FRILEY**, Winter Haven, Fla., died March 6, 2015. She taught physical education at Antioch College from 1941 to 1944 and then, while raising her boys and later in life, taught exercise classes, tennis and swimming. She was past president of the Lake Rosalie Property Owners Association, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. She was a past president of the College’s Aviation Club and one of the students who obtained her pilot’s license through training on campus and at Lost Nation Airport. In 1939 she and two other Lake Erie students were the only women who attended the Fifth National Intercolligate Flying Conference in Washington, D.C. Her daughter, Sarah “Sally” (Knowles) Aamot, graduated from Lake Erie College in 1967.

**ELIZABETH “LIBBY” (CASEY) KUHN**, Tucson, Ariz., died April 19, 2015. She and her late husband, artist Robert Kuhn, lived for 50 years in Roxbury, Conn., where they raised their family. They moved to Tucson 20 years ago. Kuhn was engaged in many creative endeavors, including designing a beautiful home where she welcomed family and friends with style and grace. She was a member of DeWitt Community Church and enjoyed golfing, entertaining, doing craft work and reading and loved good food, especially seafood. She was interested in politics and current events and was the family historian.

**CYNTHIA (SEWALL) BAKER**, Oxford, Ohio, died Feb. 25, 2015. She continued her studies in ceramics at the Cleveland Museum of Art and secretarial training in Cleveland. She devoted her married life primarily to her family and volunteer church activities such as Sunday school teaching, women’s Bible study leadership, youth group leadership with her husband, various church committees and boards, and church secretary. She was a pastor’s wife during her husband’s pastoral career at the Palo Congregational Church in Aurora, Minn. from 1980 to 1993. The couple retired there on the shore of Loon Lake until they entered their 80s, when they moved to be closer to family in Oxford, Ohio.

**ANNE (CREVELING) ALLEN**, M.S.E. ’82, Perry, Ohio, passed away June 29, 2015. She taught English for 16 years at Kirtland Middle School. She was an involved member of the St. Andrew Episcopal Church in Mentor and was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She loved to play and watch tennis and work crossword puzzles, and she was an avid reader who loved murder mysteries. Her son, John W. Allen, graduated from Lake Erie College in 1980.

**LAURA (SMILEY) MILLER**, Bay Village, Ohio, passed away Jan. 27, 2015. After graduating from LEC, she received a master’s degree in education from Case Western Reserve University. She taught for over 30 years in Maryland, Texas and Ohio and retired in 1981 after 20 years with the Lakewood, Ohio school system. She was a member of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Delta Kappa Gamma, the Embroiderer’s Guild of Cleveland, the Cleveland Yachting Club and the Women’s Equity Action League and was a charter member of the Unity of the Crossroads. She received many honors through her membership with the AAUW, including a Research and Projects Endowment that was established in her name in 1985 at the Educational Foundation of the AAUW.

**ANN (HARNETT) HOEFER**, Bettendorf, Iowa, died July 4, 2015. Hoefer majored in chemistry at Lake Erie and was president of her graduating class. She and her late husband, Carl Hoefer Jr., lived at various times in New York, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Jersey and Florida. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend to many. She enjoyed shopping, cooking, entertaining, doing craft work and reading and loved good food, especially seafood. She was interested in politics and current events and was the family historian.

**NANCY L. JOHNSON**, Mentor, Ohio, died April 5, 2015. After graduating from Lake Erie, she received her master’s degree in education from Kent State University. Her teaching career spanned 32 years, including two years in the Willoughby-Eastlake School District and 30 years in the Painesville Township School District. She was honored several times throughout her career for her teaching skills and was a recipient of the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation Scholar award. She was a member of Mentor United Methodist Church, The Colonial Dames of the 17th Century, Daughters of the American Revolution, Women’s Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Boston Artillery and The First Families of Ohio. She was a 50-year member of Delta Kappa Gamma and a member of Kappa Delta Pi Sorority. In her retirement years, she pursued her lifelong interests in American history and genealogy.

**LUCILLE (JOHNS) DREW**, Morgantown, W. Va., passed away April 17, 2015. She was a teacher for many years and a member of Harner Chapel. She was a volunteer at Ruby Memorial Hospital Cancer Center, where she was known as the tea lady and was awarded the Volunteer of the Year Award.
Class of 1958

JAYNE (NEUMANN) SHINDLER, Arden, N.C., died May 22, 2015. She taught third grade in Hampden, Mass. from 1957-77 and was an active member of the Massachusetts Teachers Association, serving on its board of directors for more than a decade; she was also president of the Hamden County Teachers Association. After she married her late husband, Ralph Shindler, in 1977, she moved with him to the Asheville, N.C. area. She then worked in the retail clothing business for nearly 20 years and volunteered at the Lutheran Church of the Nativity, where she directed its Christmas Sharing fundraiser for three years.

SANDRA (STOLLIE) LAWLOR, Farmington, Conn., passed away June 12, 2015. She worked as a billing representative at Charles House in Unionville and as an admissions administrator at Hughes Health Care in West Hartford. She was a devoted mother, grandmother and friend and never forgot a birthday, anniversary or holiday. She enjoyed literature, classical music and, especially, her beloved bichon frise of many years, Teddy.

Class of 1961

LINDA (RHINEHART) ORR, Rutland, Vt., died Feb. 13, 2015. After attending Lake Erie, she graduated from the University of Rochester with a bachelor’s degree in education. She was a kindergarten teacher, substitute teacher, realtor and partner in Coldwell Banker Accent Realty in Rutland. Orr was also a dedicated participant in Welcome Wagon, Habitat for Humanity, Relay for Life and the Community Cupboard. She served for many years on the board for the Vermont Achievement Center, was an active member of Grace Congregational United Church of Christ and an enthusiastic supporter of school and community arts and music programs. She enjoyed people, travel, painting, sailing and spending time with her family, friends and pets.

EMILIE (TILP) CARRIS, Pittsburgh, Pa., passed away Oct. 26, 2012; the College was only recently notified of her death. She loved spending time with her husband Dave, three children and five grandchildren, gardening and playing with her two golden retrievers. She bravely battled head and neck cancer for 18 years.

Class of 1962

LOLA (FALCONE) ROSSO, Painesville, Ohio, died April 13, 2015 at age 100. After graduating from Lake Erie, she received her master’s degree in education from John Carroll University. She was involved with the Painesville City School District for 34 years, teaching second grade at St. Clair Street School and fourth grade enrichment classes at Lathrop School. She then served as counselor, assistant principal and principal at Hobart Middle School and became director of education and curriculum for the district. On several occasions, she assisted the State Department of Education on many of their teaching projects. Toward the end of her career, she was the gifted and talented coordinator for Painesville City Schools.

Class of 1959

MARY (COSTIN) STULL, Gulfport, Fla., died April 24, 2015. She was a lifelong teacher, working in many schools, libraries and museums, but her proudest accomplishment was being a mother and raising her four children through many different states and adventures. In Florida, she worked for Pages Books helping to pick children’s books for book fairs, and later she worked until retirement in the library at Stetson Law School. After retirement, she volunteered as a tutor with the local school district, participated in special programs at her church, took classes at the local colleges and worked part-time as a fan host at Tropicana Stadium. She also served on the City Council of Gulfport for several years as an elected council member.

LAURA (CRAMER) WILES, Concord, Ohio, passed away May 9, 2015. After graduating from Lake Erie, she earned her master’s degree in education from Cleveland State University. She was a teacher, administrator and counselor at Madison Public Schools for 34 years and retired from Lakeland Community College after 16 years as a counselor. She was a member of Painesville United Methodist Church, RSVP volunteers, Delta Delta Delta sorority and the Music and Drama Club. Her hobbies included cooking, traveling, entertaining and spending time with her family and friends.

Class of 1967

EVA (DRAVES) KULITI, B.S.E. ’67, M.S.E. ’76, Palm Harbor, Fla., died March 9, 2015. She taught elementary school for 26 years before retiring to Florida with her husband Adolph in 1984. The couple spent many summers at their former home on Lake Road in Conneaut, Ohio until Adolph’s death in 2001.

PATRICIA (TERRELL) BENSCH, Painesville, Ohio, died March 4, 2015. After graduating from Lake Erie, she received her master’s degree from Edinboro University. She was a teacher at St. Mary Magdalene School and for the Wickliffe Board of Education for 30 years, retiring in 1988. She loved reading and travel and had stayed at over 80 Elderhostels.

Class of 1968

BEVERLY (SWANSON) FREEMAN, West Hartford, Conn., died April 17, 2015. She was a devoted wife and mother to her husband, Bob, four children and eight grandchildren. She gave countless hours of service to her church, Bethany Covenant, where she held numerous positions of leadership including three years as the first female chair of the church. Freeman worked in the office of the East Coast Conference of the Evangelical Covenant Church from 2000 until her retirement in 2011. She enjoyed summers with her family at their cottage at Toulisset Point, Warren, R.I.

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Class of 1965

BETTY (CAMPBELL) GENTILE, passed away Dec. 22, 2014. She is survived by her sons, Drew and Kevin Gentile.

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**Class of 1975**

**CAROL (PEARSON) McHALE**, Naples, Fla., passed away June 1, 2015. After graduating from Lake Erie, McHale earned her M.S.W. degree from John Carroll University in Cleveland. She was a mental health professional at Family Planning and Lake County Mental Health Center, both in Lake County, Ohio, where she counseled women reentering the work place. After she and her husband, Warren, moved to Naples, McHale volunteered at the Cleveland Clinic and Physicians Regional Hospital. She was active in the Pelican Bay Women’s Club and the First Thursday’s Book Club. She and Warren were greatly involved in raising awareness and funds for lung cancer research, creating the Cleveland Clinic Lung Cancer Research Funding Challenge to support the lung cancer researchers at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

**Class of 1981**

**BARBARA (SNELL) DAVIS**, M.S.E. ’81, Mentor, Ohio, died June 11, 2015. She was director of publicity for Lake Erie College from 1954-59 and beginning in 1972 taught grades 2 and 4 at Mentor Headlands Elementary School. In 1986 she was named principal at Center Street Elementary School until her retirement in 1997, when she became an adjunct professor and field director at Lake Erie College. Davis was an accomplished author, having written many articles relating to education as well as two books, *Who Says You Can’t Change the World and Roses to Retail: Growing up with Mentor*. She received many honors including induction into the Mentor High School Alumni Hall of Fame, recognition as a Phi Delta Kappa Educator of the Year and recognition by President George H. W. Bush as principal of a Blue Ribbon Elementary School. She was awarded the Excellence in Teaching Award from the Mentor Board of Education and was a Martha Holden Jennings Scholar.

**Class of 1983**

**JEFFREY A. REESE**, Chardon, Ohio, passed away July 4, 2015. He worked at the Mentor, Ohio Police Department for 37 years before retiring as a captain in 2011. While a police officer, he established and supervised the pistol range program and their SWAT team and was integral to the city’s development of its computer system. Reese was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police and a U.S. Marine Corps veteran, serving during Vietnam. He enjoyed fishing, target shooting and his animals.

**Class of 1986**


**FRIENDS**

**JAMES A. BROWN**, Waite Hill, Ohio, died July 29, 2015. Founder of the Classic Auto Group in Mentor, Ohio, he was a highly regarded and well respected business leader who gave much to his community. He was an advocate for aviation in Lake County and supported the Lake County Captains minor league baseball team by obtaining the naming rights for the Eastlake ballpark known as Classic Park. He was a donor and sponsor to numerous charitable organizations and scholarship programs throughout northeast Ohio, including local children’s and seniors’ sports teams and programs. He received the Mentor Area Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year Award in 2014, the Salvation Army William Booth Award in 2013, and he was named the NAACP Citizen of the Year in 2008.

Brown was an emeritus trustee of Lake Erie College, having served as a member of the board from 1988 to 2003 and as vice chairman from 1989 to 1999. He received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the College in 2004 and was named a Sesquicentennial Fellow in 2001. The classroom on the second floor of Austin Hall is named in recognition of Brown for his many contributions to the College both individually and through the Classic Auto Group.

**PAUL LARSEN**, Port Charlotte, Fla., passed away Dec. 17, 2014. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II, where he participated in the campaigns of Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes and Central Europe. He received the European African Middle Eastern Theater Medal with four Bronze Stars, as well as a Good Conduct Medal. He was honorably discharged in October 1945, with a certificate of disability for injuries sustained in the war. After his discharge, he went on to earn an undergraduate degree from Gannon College, and later a master’s degree. He was comptroller at Lake Erie College and more recently worked for the University of Miami, where he was an accountant/comptroller, retiring in May 1984.

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10 Avery Street  

**Alumna Hostess:**  
Joan Gay ’60

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Cross Street – 2nd and D N.E.  

**Alumna Hostess:**  
Janet Bullinger ’60

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**Florida**

- **Monday, Feb. 15**  
  Orlando  
- **Tuesday, Feb. 16**  
  West Palm Beach  
- **Thursday, Feb. 18**  
  Naples  

**Arizona**

- **Friday, March 11**  
  Phoenix

**California**

- **Monday, March 14**  
  San Diego  
- **Tuesday, March 15**  
  Los Angeles  
- **Thursday, March 17**  
  San Francisco

**New York**

- **Tuesday, April 12**  
  New York City  
- **Pennsylvania**
  - **Wednesday, April 13**  
    Philadelphia
- **Illinois**
  - **Thursday, May 12**  
    Chicago
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